

CITY OF SMITHVILLE

JANUARY 13, 2020

COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Mayor Scott Saunders Jr, Councilmembers, Bill Gordon, Joanna Morgan, Sharon Foerster, Cassie Barrientos, Jason Hewitt and City Manager Robert Tamble.

Open Meeting: Call to order: Mayor Saunders called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation: Robert Tamble gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Morgan led the pledge.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations: 4th Grader Averie Zimmerhazel read her essay on Character Trait word "Loyalty". Mayor Saunders read a proclamation for the "It's Texas Time Community Challenge". Mayor Saunders read a proclamation for "Martin Luther King Jr. Day". Mayor Saunders read a Letter of Appreciation he wrote for Brenda Page that he wanted in the official minutes:

January 13, 2020

I Would like to make a statement that I would like to be placed in the Official Minutes for this meeting:

This statement is about a person.

This person, in my opinion, and in the opinion of countless others, is an absolute icon of this city. and one of the reasons I am happy to call this town my home.

I have known this person and their spouse my whole life, and they truly are amazing people.

Sweet, Sweet, Brenda Page, Our City Secretary, Clerk, mom, grandma, storyteller, heart of gold, is retiring....

From a Dispatcher to City Secretary, her 33 years have left a legacy that will last through generations...

She has been dedicated to serving the demands of excellence in Texas' local government and public problem-solving.

She has been ever mindful of her neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all and extended the same treatment she wishes to receive herself;

I think we would all agree that Brenda strives daily to meet and exceed all expectations.

Brenda, we thank you for everything you do. You and Jack have made the city of Smithville your life. And for that we owe you our gratitude, and you know you have our love... Thank you thank you thank you.

Brenda has dedicated her life to service to others, and strives daily to ensure a bright and prosperous future for our community and citizens. From volunteering for Jamboree, where she is a lifetime critter member, to her countless hours on the side line cheering on her kids and grandkids.

To her week every summer when they round up the grandkids and have mee-mee & pop-pop summer camp.

To the stories she tells, and her full body laugh. She truly is a one of a kind character.

You would be hard pressed to find someone that has done more for our community, which is why it is truly fitting that she was named citizen of the year.

She is so good at her job; it is easy to take for granted the things she does. There is never a reason to worry whether or not something will be done correctly. You can always depend on her for anything.

Brenda, you are the matriarch of the City of Smithville. The safe place, the shoulder to lean on, & cry on. You are one of my biggest heroes. My beacon of hope. My Friend. And my Family. To you, I am forever grateful. And the City of Smithville is forever indebted to you.

Thank you, Brenda, we love you.

-Scott A. Saunders Jr.

Administering the Pre-Oath and Oath of Office to City Secretary: Mayor Saunders gave the Pre-Oath and Oath of Office to the newly appointed City Secretary Jennifer Lynch.

Approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2019 Council Meeting and Public Hearing: Councilman Gordon moved to approve all of the minutes. Councilman Hewitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Hear recommendation from Planning and Zoning on a Zone change from Single Family & Duplex District (SF-2) to Mixed Residential (MR) for the entire Block of Bunte Additions, Block 21, except for Lot 1, which will stay Zoned Community Facility (CF). This is being requested by owner Ethel Price, Agent, Harold Price at 306 Gentry Street, Bunte Addition Block 21, Lot 4. This Zone change will change Lots 2-8 in the Bunte Addition, Block 21 to Mixed Residential (MR) which will allow Manufactured Homes to be placed on these lots:

Public Hearing:

Hear Citizens comments on a Zone change from Single Family & Duplex District (SF-2) to Mixed Residential (MR) for the entire Block of Bunte Additions, Block 21, except for Lot 1, which will stay Zoned Community Facility (CF). This is being requested by owner Ethel Price, Agent, Harold Price at 306 Gentry Street, Bunte Addition Block 21, Lot 4. This Zone change will change Lots 2-8 in the Bunte Addition, Block 21 to Mixed Residential (MR) which will allow Manufactured Homes to be placed on these lots: No one signed up to speak for or against this item.

Open Meeting:

Discussion and Action on a Zone change from Single Family & Duplex District (SF-2) to Mixed Residential (MR) for the entire Block of Bunte Additions, Block 21, except for Lot 1, which will stay Zoned Community Facility (CF). This is being requested by owner Ethel Price, Agent, Harold Price at 306 Gentry Street, Bunte Addition Block 21, Lot 4. This Zone change will change Lots 2-8 in the Bunte Addition, Block 21 to Mixed Residential (MR) which will allow Manufactured Homes to be placed on these lots: Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the zone change for the entire block of the Bunte Addition Block 21 lots 1-8 except for lot 1 which will stay Community Facility (CF). Councilman Hewitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: Walter Winslet spoke in favor of this project.

Discussion and Action on the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for The Hill Building at 218 Main Street, owner David Marsh: A local artist (Stefanie Distefano) has been commissioned by Walter & Jeri Nell Winslett and David Marsh to place a mosaic on the Loop 230 side of the building. Carol Snyder spoke about the project and said the HPDS committee voted to approve the COA for this project. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on an amendment to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Section 12.200 Control Devices, Section 12.204 Stop Signs at Turney and NE 1st Street: A traffic survey was conducted. Approving this will allow the city to place a Stop Sign on Turney St. Southbound at NE 1st St., a Stop Sign on Turney St. West bound at NE 1st St. and a Stop Sign on NE 1st St. East bound at Turney St. Councilwoman Barrientos made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amendment. Councilman Gordon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Discussion and Action on the awarding of the Contract Bid for the 4th Avenue Lift Station Improvements: The bid opening for the City of Smithville 4th Avenue Lift Station Improvements project was held on Friday, November 15, 2019. The City received four (4) bids for the project ranging from \$172,498.00 to \$237,360.00 for the total base bid (Items 1-7). The base bid was for the construction of improvements to an existing lift station on 4th Avenue and associated force main improvements. The improvements bring the lift station into compliance with TCEQ requirements. After reviewing the pricing and bid submittals, the lowest responsible base bid was submitted by Jahnz Site Services, LLC in the amount of \$172,498.00. Councilwoman Morgan made a motion to award the bid to Jahnz Site Services, LLC. Councilman Hewitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Discussion and Action on the awarding of the Contract Bid for the 2020 Citywide Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project: The bid opening for the City of Smithville citywide Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation project was held on Friday, January 10, 2020. The City received four (4) bids for the project ranging from \$539,350.00 to \$818,900.00 for the base bid Items 1-43. After reviewing the pricing and bid submittals, the lowest responsible base bid was submitted by CFG Industries, LLC of Magnolia, TX. Alternate and additive bid items were then included bringing the total contract amount to \$879,300.00. Councilwoman Barrientos made a motion to award the bid to CFG Industries, LLC. Councilwoman Morgan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments on: None

Discussion and Action on a Resolution Calling for the May 2, 2020 Municipal General Election: Approving this resolution is required for holding Councilmember and Mayoral elections in May. Three places will be on the ballot: Place 4 - currently held by Joanna Morgan, Place 5 - currently held by Cassie Barrientos, and the Mayor - Scott Saunders, Jr. New and incumbent candidates may file beginning January 15, 2020. The deadline to file is February 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Councilman Gordon made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilwoman Foerster seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action on the Financial Report: Councilwoman Foerster made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Councilman Hewitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: 6:52

Scott Saunders Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary