

**Somerville City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 23, 2018**

The Somerville City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting, on January 23, 2018, at the Somerville Senior Citizens Center. Present were Mayor Ken Tharp; Alderman Don Murray, Alderwoman Kim Camarillo, Alderwoman Angelia Beene, Alderman Joel Brock and Alderman Jeff Schoppe; City Administrator Ben Griffin; City Secretary Rose Rosser; Visitor's Register - on file in the City Secretary's Office.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**6:15 PM** - The meeting was called to Order at this time by Mayor Tharp.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation was given by Alderman Murray. Pledge of Allegiance followed immediately thereafter.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**

All Council Members were present at this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** the Minutes of the December 12, 2017 regular City Council meeting and the December 18, 2017 Special Called Council Meeting. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** the monthly financial report, monthly sales tax report and open invoice report payments. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** unanimously.

**CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

NONE

**PROCLAMATIONS**

NONE

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Maury Jacob with TxDOT gave a presentation to Mayor and City Council on the landscaping project along State Highway 36. The City of Somerville was awarded \$90,000 for this project when awarded the Governors Community Achievement Award in 2016. The project is focused on Heritage Square. Project should go to the contractor in November 2018 and construction should begin in January 2019.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Street Sanitary Sewer Extension**

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** proposal for engineering and surveying services for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Sanitary Sewer Extension. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Camarillo. Motion **carried** unanimously.

### **Placement of Crossing Arms, Warning Signs, and Pavement Markings**

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **table** placement of crossing arms, warning signs and pavement markings at Low Wood Road / Long Bridge Grade Crossing. **Seconded** to **table** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion to **table carried** unanimously.

### **Deed Without Warranty**

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** having the Mayor sign the “Deed Without Warranty” for lot 4, Block 5, Edwards Subdivision, Burleson County, Texas in order to get it back on the tax rolls. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Camarillo. Motion **carried** unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Bulk Trash Item Pick Up**

Administrator Griffin explained to Mayor and the City Council that the City gets a lot of complaints of large items set out on the curbs for the City to pick up. The City has to pay to have these items hauled off. A possible solution to this problem is to put together an ordinance charging a small reasonable fee to the customer for the City to pick up these items. Administrator Griffin will put an ordinance together to present to City Council in February or March 2018.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**6:49 PM** - Executive Session was called to Order at this time by Mayor Tharp, for the purpose of discussing, considering the purchase, lease or value of real property (Section 551.072, Texas Government Code), for discussion of the City’s expired sub-lease at Welch Park. Present in executive session were Mayor Tharp, Administrator Griffin, Alderman Schoppe, Alderman Murray, Alderwoman Beene, Alderwoman Camarillo and Alderman Brock.

**7:07 PM** - Executive Session was reconvened to open session at this time by Mayor Tharp for: Discussion and taking action on Welch Park Sub-lease. Motion was made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** the Welch Park Sub-lease. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion **carried** unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Police Department Activity Report**

Chief Loftin reported on Police Department Activity for the month of December 2017.

**Municipal Court Activity Report**

Report was not available and will be sent out to Administrator Griffin, Mayor and Council Members on 01/24/18.

**Code Enforcement Activity Report**

Kathy Pollock reported on Code Enforcement Activity for the month of December 2017.

**Mayor’s Report and Comments**

Mayor Tharp thanked everyone for helping out in his absence.

**City Administrator’s Report**

Administrator Griffin reported on Gun Range Road Repairs and the Biker Rally Parade.

**Alderman’s Comments**

Alderman Schoppe thanked Sandy Thompson for her patience and is glad that the City and Welch Park Enterprises can move forward.

Alderwoman Camarillo thanked Kathy Pollock, Police Department and TxDOT. She’s glad that the Welch Park Sub-Lease is complete.

Alderwoman Beene is glad that the Welch Park Sub-Lease is complete; welcomed Chief Loftin; thanked Brenda Kolojaco and Kathy Pollock.

Alderman Murray thanked Brenda Kolojaco.

**ADJOURN**

**7:17 PM** - Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** adjourning the meeting at this time. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Camarillo. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Tharp, Mayor

I, Rose Rosser, City Secretary for the City of Somerville, Texas, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the records for the City of Somerville, Texas, and that the above is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on January 23, 2018.

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Rose Rosser, City Secretary

