

Somerville City Council
Regular Meeting
March 13, 2018

The Somerville City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting, on March 13, 2018, in the Somerville Senior Citizens Center. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Don Murray; Alderwoman Angelia Beene and Alderman Joel Brock; City Administrator Ben Griffin; City Secretary Rose Rosser; Visitor's Register - on file in the City Secretary's Office.

CALL TO ORDER

6:20 PM - The meeting was called to Order at this time by Mayor Pro-tem Murray.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Administrator Griffin. Pledge of Allegiance followed immediately thereafter.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion made by Alderman Brock to **approve** the absences of Alderman Jeff Schoppe and Alderwoman Kim Camarillo. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion **carried** unanimously.

RESIGNATION

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve / accept** the resignation of Mayor Ken Tharp. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Maggie Orozco commented that the Senior Center was looking really nice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** the Minutes of the February 13, 2018 regular City 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 the open invoice report payments. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

NONE

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Burleson County Hospital District Medical Clinic Expansion Plans

James Alexander, treasurer of the Burleson County Hospital District Medical Clinic discussed with City Council, plans for the new facility. Asking the City of Somerville to pave 11th Street and Ave C. Alderwoman Beene said that the City could possibly put the cost in the next year budget. Administrator Griffin will put it on the agenda in April 2018 for City Council to take action on as they deem appropriate.

Bulk Trash Pick-up

Administrator Griffin discussed with City Council that one problem is people putting out junk items and the City Workers not always having time to get them picked up quickly because of other job duties. He worked out a plan and gave the proposal to City Council. The money generated from this plan could be earmarked for streets, rental equipment to properly patch pot holes.

ACTION ITEMS

Ordinance Number 18-001 / Abandoning Alleyway

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** Ordinance Number 18-001, an ordinance closing and abandoning a 15 foot wide alley right of way; which runs between Lot 1 of Block 8 and Lot 1 of Block 10, in the Edwards Addition to the town of Somerville, Texas; authorizing conveyance to the abutting property owners in proportion to abutting property ownership; and providing for related matters. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Resolution Number R18-002 / Early Voting Ballot Board

Motion made by Alderman Brock to **approve** Resolution R18-002, a resolution of the City of Somerville, Texas appointing the Early Voting Ballot Board and Central Counting Station Board for the May 5, 2018 City Election. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion **carried** unanimously.

(Resolución número R18-002/votación temprana junta electoral)

Moción hecha por el concejal Brock para aprobar la resolución R18-002, una resolución de la ciudad de Somerville, Texas, nombrando la junta electoral de votación temprana y el tablero central de la estación de conteo para la elección de la ciudad del 5 de mayo de 2018. Secundado por Alderwoman Beene. Movimiento llevado por unanimidad.)

Joint Election Agreement

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** a Joint Election Agreement between the Somerville Independent School District and the City of Somerville for the May 5, 2018 City Election. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

(Acuerdo de elección conjunta)

(La moción hecha por Alderwoman ha sido aprobar un acuerdo de elección conjunta entre el distrito escolar independiente de Somerville y la ciudad de Somerville para la elección de la ciudad del 5 de mayo de 2018. Secundado por el concejal Brock. Movimiento llevado por unanimidad.)

Election Equipment Rental Agreement

Motion made by Alderman Brock to **approve** a Lease Agreement between the City of Somerville and Burleson County for leasing of election equipment for early voting and election day. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion **carried** unanimously.

(Contrato de alquiler de equipos electorales)

(Moción hecha por el concejal Brock para aprobar un contrato de arrendamiento entre la ciudad de Somerville y el Condado de Burleson para el arrendamiento de equipo electoral para la votación anticipada y el día de las elecciones. Secundado por Alderwoman Beene. Movimiento llevado por unanimidad.)

Resolution Number R18-003 / ATMOS Energy

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** Resolution R18-003, a resolution of the City of Somerville, Texas approving a reduction in rates charged by ATMOS Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division and authorizing consent to a reduction in rates charged by ATMOS Pipeline Texas. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Past Due City Expenditure

Motion made by Alderman Brock to **approve** a past due city expenditure to Mustang Rental. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Purchase of New City Software

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** the purchase of new City software. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Order of Special Election

Motion made by Alderman Brock to **disapprove** Issuing and Ordering Notice of a Special Election. **Seconded** to **disapprove** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion to **disapprove** **carried** unanimously.

(Orden de elección especial)

(Moción hecha por el concejal Brock para desaprobar la emisión y la notificación de orden de una elección especial. Secundado a desaprobar por Alderwoman Beene. Moción de desaprobación llevada por unanimidad.)

Donation of Lot

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** accepting the donation of a Lot for use as Park Land. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:03 PM - Executive Session was called by Mayor Pro-tem at this time to discuss personnel pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code and Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation. Present in Executive Session were Mayor Pro-tem Murray, Alderwoman Beene, Alderman Brock, Administrator Griffin.

Reconvene to Open Session

7:26 PM - Executive Session was reconvened at this time by Mayor Pro-tem Murray for the purpose of discussing, considering and approving at Council’s discretion, action to be taken on items discussed in executive session. Motion was made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** having Administrator Griffin bring more information on the pay rates to the April 2018 Council Meeting. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Police Department Activity Report

Chief Loftin reported on Police Department activity for the month of February 2018.

Municipal Court Activity Report

Rose Rosser reported on Municipal Court activity for the month of February 2018.

Code Enforcement Activity Report

Kathy Pollock reported on Code Enforcement activity for the month of February 2018.

Visitor’s Center Activity Report

Brenda Kolojaco reported on Visitor’s Center activity for the month of February 2018.

City Manager’s Report

Administrator Griffin said that Kathy Pollock and Brenda Kolojaco covered everything that he had.

Alderman’s Comments

Alderwoman Beene, good meeting.
Alderman Brock, thanked Mayor Pro-tem Murray.

ADJOURN

7:38 PM - Motion made by Alderman Brock to **approve** adjourning the meeting at this time. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Passed: _____

Mayor Pro-tem, Don Murray

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 March 13, 2018.

Rose Rosser, City Secretary