

Somerville City Council
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2018

The Somerville City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting, on April 10, 2018, in the Somerville Senior Citizens Center. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Don Murray; Alderwoman Angelia Beene, Alderman Joel Brock, Alderman Jeff Schoppe and Alderwoman Kim Camarillo; 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 Pro-tem Murray.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Basel Lister. Pledge of Allegiance followed immediately thereafter.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

All Council Members were present at this meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Del Orozco, Maggie Orozco, Lucinda Murphy and Basel Lister had concerns about the conditions of the streets in Somerville.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Brock to **approve** the Minutes of the March 8, 2018 special called City Council meeting and the March 13, 2018 regularly scheduled City Council meeting. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. 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 Schoppe. Motion **carried** unanimously.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:20 PM - Executive Session was called by Mayor Pro-tem Murray at this time to discuss personnel pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code. Present in Executive Session were Mayor Pro-tem Murray, Alderwoman Beene, Alderman Brock, Alderman Schoppe, Alderwoman Camarillo and Administrator Griffin.

Reconvene to Open Session

7:05 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. No action was taken at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

R.F.P. for Water/Wastewater Operations

Administrator Griffin explained R.F.P. (request for proposal) for Water and Wastewater operations saying that it was worth a try to have someone come in and operate the water/wastewater system for a while since that department is so short handed, and having problems keeping certified employees. City Council agreed that Administrator Griffin should move forward in getting bids for proposals.

Applications for Mayor

Administrator Griffin stated that he is putting information together for accepting applications to fill the vacant seat of Mayor.

GLO-CDBG-DR Grant

The City was awarded the Texas GLO-CDBG-DR Grant in the amount of \$580,000 for the 2015 Texas Flood Damage for repairs to the Anita Heights area.

Street Repairs, Costs and Paying Those Costs

Administrator Griffin said that he is looking into renting some equipment to work on streets. If Water/Wastewater is outsourced then those employees could be free to work on streets. Mayor Pro-tem Murray said that what has been done on streets in the past is not working so the City needs to find something that will. Basel Lister said that the City needs to find out what it will take to fix the streets, inform the citizens of that cost and move forward.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution R18-004 BCAD Board of Directors

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** Resolution R18-004, a resolution of the City of Somerville, Texas for appointment of a City representative to BCAD Board of Directors, **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Police Department Invoices

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** an invoice in the amount of \$3,900 from Gayla Robison Consulting for property room consulting at the Police Department; and an invoice in the amount of \$4,280 from On-Site Decals to re-stripe police vehicles. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Sewer Extension for Undeveloped Lots

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **disapprove** making sewer available to a potential 5-7 undeveloped lots. **Seconded** to **disapprove** by Alderman Brock. Motion to **disapprove** carried unanimously.

Change Orders / Highway 36 Waterline Project

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** change order #1 and #2 for Highway 36 Waterline Project. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Camarillo. Motion **carried** unanimously.

BOA Re-Appointments

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** re-appointment of Todd Gray, Basel Lister and Chuck Schuster to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Sale of Lots on 9th Street

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** the sale of certain lots on 9th Street, starting with a minimum bid of \$6,500 on each property. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Police Department Activity Report

Chief Loftin reported on Police Department Activity for the month of March 2018.

Municipal Court Activity Report

Rose Rosser reported on Municipal Court Activity for the month of March 2018.

Code Enforcement Activity Report

Kathy Pollock reported on Code Enforcement Activity for the month of March 2018.

Visitor's Center Activity Report

Brenda Kolojaco reported on Visitor's Center Activity for the month of March 2018.

City Manager's Report

Administrator Griffin would like to work with the County to get some help with drainage.

Alderman's Comments

Alderman Brock thanked everyone for input and good information.

Alderwoman Camarillo said the same.

Alderwoman Beene thanked the citizens for their interest in the street situation.

Mayor Pro-tem Murray said that the drawings for Chi St. Joseph are at Citizens State Bank.

Adjourn

8:18 PM - Motion made by Alderman Schoppe 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 April 10, 2018.

Rose Rosser, City Secretary

