

Somerville City Council
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2017

The Somerville City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting, on September 12, 2017, in 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

6:00 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

6:02 PM - Public Hearing was opened at this time by Mayor Tharp for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the City of Somerville's 2017-2018 Annual Budget. Council and citizens present did not have any questions or comments. Public Hearing was closed at **6:06 PM** by Mayor Tharp.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

All Council Members were present at this meeting.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Richard Thompson addressed the Council with a complaint about the wild turkeys and deer in the City. Mayor Tharp said that he has been talking to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department about the turkeys. Alderman Schoppe said that some towns have a hunt to thin the deer population. There are certain guidelines that have to be followed but the City could look in to this.

Lucinda Murphy addressed the Council asking if items on the agenda are pre-discussed because the Council does not share a lot of inter-changing when going over the agenda items. Mayor Tharp said that the Council receives a packet of information that is on the agenda for discussion or approval. And that they discuss if they have questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** the minutes of the August 8, 2017 regular 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. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** unanimously.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

NONE

PRESENTATIONS

NONE

ACTION ITEMS

Ordinance Number 17-006 / 2017-2018 Budget

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** Ordinance Number 17-006 passing the 2017-2018 City of Somerville Annual Budget. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Camarillo. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Ordinance Number 17-007 / Levy 2017 Tax Rate

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** Ordinance Number 17-007 adopting the City of Somerville's 2017 Tax Rate. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Camarillo. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Professional Appearance Standards Amendment

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **approve** an amendment to the Professional Appearance Standards, Page 2, Sections C and D; to allow for support of the Somerville Yegua Athletic Teams. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Stalker SAM Speed Awareness Trailer / Police Department

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **approve** the purchase of a Stalker SAM Speed Awareness Trailer with solar panel for the Police Department at a cost of \$8,295.00. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Camarillo. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Computers / Police Department

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** the purchase of (5) five new computers for the Police Department at a cost of \$6,224.80. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Server / City Hall

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **approve** the purchase of a new server for City Hall at a cost of \$3,944.94; and transferring the old City Hall server to the Police Department. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Donation of Basketball Goals

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** a donation to Community Chapel Christian Academy of a basketball goal that was taken down from the basketball court by the Public Works Building when it was refurbished. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Resolution R17-010 / CDBG Disaster Recovery Project

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** Resolution R17-010, a resolution of the City of Somerville, Texas, authorizing the award of professional service provider contract for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Project. **Seconded** by Alderman Murray. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Country Christmas Craft Show / Chamber of Commerce

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** a request from Brenda Kolojaco, for aid in the amount of \$700.00 from the Hotel Motel Tax Funds. Monies to be used for Hall rental, radio advertisement and newspaper ads for the Country Christmas Craft Show. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Camarillo. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Acquiring Property / George Chapman Estate

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** accepting acquiring the property at 65 2nd Street (R#21922) from George Chapman Estate administered by San Mateo County. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Camarillo. Motion **Carried** unanimously.

City Administrator Contract Amendment

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** contract and amendment to the City Administrator Contract, listed as Addendum "A". **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Brush/Utility Trailer – Public Works

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **approve** the purchase of a brush/utility trailer for public works. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Police Department Activity Report

Chief Malmstrom reported on Police Department Activity for the month of August 2017. Officer Michael Ryan introduced himself to the Council.

Municipal Court Activity Report

Rose Rosser reported on Municipal Court Activity for the month of August 2017.

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

Chamber of Commerce Activity Report

Brenda Kolojaco reported on Chamber of Commerce Activity for the month of August 2017.

Mayor's Report & Comments

The 12 inch waterline is coming along. The drainage on 6th Street is complete and they are moving on to 7th Street. The SISD inspections are going good. Dollar General has been issued Certificate of Occupancy and 1 resident was also issued Certificate of Occupancy.

City Manager's Report

City Administrator, Ben Griffin, thanked everyone for confidence in hiring him. He'll be happy to answer any questions that they have. He's been busier than he thought he would be.

Alderman's Comments

Alderman Brock said it was good to have Administrator Griffin here.

Alderwoman Camarillo said that everyone was doing a good job. Wants everyone to remember the dance this week-end. Raffle tickets are available. The Parade is at 11:00 am Saturday with the festival following. Thanked Mayor Tharp for his support.

Alderwoman Beene welcomed Administrator Griffin, thanked the Police Department and said it was a great meeting.

Alderman Murray welcomed Administrator Griffin.

Alderman Schoppe welcomed Administrator Griffin and thanked Mayor Tharp.

ADJOURN

6:42 PM - Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** adjourning the meeting at this time.

Seconded by Alderwoman Beene. 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 September 12, 2017.

Rose Rosser, City Secretary