

**Somerville City Council
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2018**

The Somerville City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting, on December 11, 2018, in the Somerville Senior Citizens Center. Present were Mayor Waylon Edwards; Alderman Don Murray, Alderman Joel Brock, Alderwoman Shelley Gotte, Alderwoman Angelia Beene and Alderman Jeff Schoppe; Interim City Manager Kerry Lacy and 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 Edwards.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Pastor Lister.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (5 Minutes)

To comply with Ordinance No. 05-007A, Rules of Conduct at Council Meetings, Section 2 and Section 3(a). Citizens signing up to speak at the beginning of council meetings under the item "Citizen's Comments" shall, upon being recognized by the Mayor, have five (5) minutes to address the City Council. No citizen shall have more than five (5) minutes unless approved by majority vote of the Council. Citizens may also provide any additional comments or information in writing to the Council before, during or after the City Council Meeting.

Once the period of public statements and comments on an agenda item has concluded and council discussion begins, citizens shall not interrupt the discussion and deliberation of business by the Council; and each person who addresses the Council shall do so in an orderly manner and shall not make personal, impertinent, slanderous or profane remarks to any member of the Council, staff or general public such as to disrupt the meeting.

Mr. Fred Elliott talked to Chief Wise about School Resource Officer Laci Seaton; he asked the council about the railroad crossing at Low Wood wanting to know where that stands. Mayor Edwards told him that the City Council could not answer his questions during Citizen's Comments and that he could request that they put the item on the agenda for possible discussion and action.

Mr. Basil Lister had some concerns about the legality of the \$5.00 Road Maintenance Fee on the Water Bills. Interim City Administrator Lacy said that he was seeking a legal opinion and would advise City Council when he has one.

Ms. Melanie Moses thanked everyone for their help with Santaville and for their service.

Ms. Heather Hernandez said that Santaville was a big hit and they are proud to carry on Camilla Godfrey's dream of what it should be.

Ms. Carol Freeman said that no one ever answers citizen's questions, the Council needs to show more transparency to citizens.

Ms. Lucinda Murphy said that they really want the City Council to reconsider the \$5.00 Road Maintenance Fee, take it off of the Water Bills and make it null and void.

PRESENTATIONS

NONE

REPORTS

Interim City Administrator Lacy reported on Street reconstruction, repair and maintenance with recommendations.

Kathy Pollock reported on BNSF Railroad Drainage Issue.

Police Chief Wise reported on Police Department Activity for the month of November 2018.

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

Joshua Young reported on Public Works Activity for the month of November 2018.

Brenda Kolojaco reported on Visitors Center Activity for the month of November 2018.

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

The Public Works Work Order list for the month of November 2018 was self explanatory.

CONSENT AGENDA

All Items on the Consent Agenda are to be considered self-explanatory in nature and may be enacted with one motion, on second and one vote and without separate discussion of each item. However, Council reserves the right to move any item or all items from the Consent Agenda to New Business for discussion and separate action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** the November 13, 2018 Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes; and the December 3, 2018 Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **approve** the monthly financial report, monthly sales tax report, and the monthly check register. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Gotte. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

Motion made by Alderwoman Gotte to **approve** a traffic engineering study be performed by Jones & Carter Engineers for streets around the new SISD school campus located on 8th Street and provide recommended actions needed to improve traffic flow and overall safety of the student body at that campus and request that the Somerville Independent School District fund 50% of the cost not to exceed Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). **Seconded** by Alderman Murray. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** accepting staff recommendation to reject current bid for the demolition of condemned properties and re-bid the project after the first of the year to attempt to secure a broader bid pool. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **approve** Resolution R18-015 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund and authorizing the Mayor and / or City

Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** Inter-local Agreement for the CDBG-DR (Harvey) between Burleson County and the City of Somerville. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **table** selecting an individual or individuals to represent the City of Somerville on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for submittal to the County Judge, suggested term is two years or until the appointee resigns. **Seconded** to **table** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion to **table carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

ADJOURN

7:01 PM - Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** adjourning the meeting at this time. **Seconded** by Alderman Murray. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against.

Passed: _____

Mayor, Waylon Edwards

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 December 11, 2018.

Rose Rosser, City Secretary