

**Somerville City Council
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2017**

The Somerville City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting, on December 12, 2017, at the Somerville Senior Citizens Center. Present were Mayor Ken Tharp; Alderman Don Murray, 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

6:01 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

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** the absence of Alderwoman Kim Camarillo. **Seconded** by Alderman Murray. Motion **carried** unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **approve** the Minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular City Council meeting and the November 28, 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 Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

CITIZENS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

NONE

PROCLAMATIONS

NONE

PRESENTATIONS

NONE

ACTION ITEMS

Selection of Police Chief

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **approve** selection of Stan Loftin for the position of Police Chief as recommended by Administrator Griffin. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Transparency Policy and Equal Disclosure Policy

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** adopting a Transparency Policy and an Equal Disclosure Policy for the City of Somerville. **Seconded** by Alderman Brock. Motion **carried** unanimously.

Emergency Communications

Motion made by Alderman Murray to **approve** services with Burleson County for Emergency Communications (including 911 emergency calls; communications between Patrol Officers and Dispatch; after hours Utility Calls and General Information calls) for Fiscal Year 2018. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion **carried** unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Utilities Policy / Extending Utilities

Administrator Griffin, Dennis Moehlmann and City Council discussed a current request for the City Utilities and the City's Policy of extending utilities "as needed" versus extending utilities to accommodate expansion when it is possible and reasonable. Administrator Griffin has been instructed by City Council to move forward on an existing instance and to present bids at the January 2018 Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:13 PM - Executive Session was called to Order at this time by Mayor Tharp, for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters (Section 551.074, Texas Government Code), General Personnel Matters; and to consider 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 and Alderman Brock.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

6:55 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 **table** action on the Welch Park Sub-lease. **Seconded to table** by Alderwoman Beene. Motion to **table carried** unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Police Department Activity Report

Interim Police Chief Joe Brown reported on Police Department Activity for the month of November 2017.

Municipal Court Activity Report

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

Code Enforcement Activity Report

None at this time.

Mayor's Report and Comments

Mayor Tharp reported that the City of Somerville is working diligently on the Welch Park Sub-lease it is a top priority.

City Manager's Report

Administrator Griffin Reported on the November 2017 Accounts Payable Check Register; Invoices over \$3,000.00; Road Repair Test; and he thanked Interim Chief Joe Brown saying that he has done a fantastic job.

Brenda Kolojaco reported on current activity for the Senior Center; Lucinda Murphy said that the attendance at the Center has increased, the Center is clean and dignified, Brenda Kolojaco has been an asset and gets right in there to help where ever she needs to.

Alderman's Comments

Alderman Brock welcomed Stan Loftin.

Alderwoman Beene complimented everyone on Santaville, Public Works, the vendors for staying all day, the volunteers and Joe Brown. She welcomed Stan Loftin.

Alderman Murray said Amen to all of the Alderman's comments.

ADJOURN

7:08 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 December 12, 2017.

Rose Rosser, City Secretary