

**Somerville City Council
Special Called Meeting
August 28, 2018**

The Somerville City Council met in a special called meeting, on August 28, 2018, in the Somerville Senior Citizens Center. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Don Murray; Alderman Joel Brock, Alderman Jeff Schoppe, Alderwoman Shelley Gotte and Alderwoman Angelia Beene; City Administrator Ben Griffin; Utility Billing Clerk Linda Bowman (sitting in for 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 Pastor Vicki Simons. Pledge of Allegiance followed immediately thereafter.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

All Council Members were present at this meeting. Alderman Schoppe came in at 6:37 PM and by that time motion had already been made by Alderwoman Beene to approve his absence and Alderwoman Gotte had seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administrator Griffin said that the City has been looking at some used road equipment and had asked for 4 quotes, but had only gotten 1 back. He's also been getting prices on new equipment as well. One company came out and gave a demo. For now there is no used equipment to buy. Pastor Vicki Simons asked if the chip and seal process would be cost effective. Administrator Griffin explained the cost of that for certain streets.

Carol Freeman asked about the status of appointing a Mayor. She said that she was told that there are only 2 applicants at this time and did not understand why Council had not selected the one application that she knows is qualified. She said that the Council needed to do their job and select one now. Mayor Pro-tem Murray that they would like to get at least 4 applications, and that Council could leave that seat vacant until the next election if they so choose.

Administrator Griffin addressed the letter that was sent out on the THM overage for the 2nd quarter. He explained what the City thinks happened to make the THM go over and explained that you would have to drink 10 gallons a day for ten years for there to be any danger. Dennis Moehlmann is working with the new company to eliminate the problem.

Delfino Orozco asked why the City was hiring a company for the water/wastewater part of Public Works if Dennis Moehlmann was doing his job. Administrator Griffin said that he didn't have an answer for that, but that Council had approved to outsource so that the City would get back in compliance and stay there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:39 PM - Executive session was called to order at this time by Mayor Pro-tem Murray to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.

Those present in executive session were Mayor Pro-tem Murray, Alderwoman Beene, Alderwoman Gotte, Alderman Brock, Alderman Schoppe and Administrator Griffin.

RECONVENED

7:40 PM - Meeting reconvened to open session at this time by Mayor Pro-tem Murray.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion made by Alderwoman Beene to **approve** changing the wording of the advertisement for the City Administrator position. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Gotte. Motion **carried** unanimously.

ADJOURN

7:42 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 special called meeting held on August 28, 2018.

Rose Rosser, City Secretary