

**Somerville City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 11, 2020**

The Somerville City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting, on August 11, 2020, in the Somerville Senior Citizens Center. Present were Mayor Micheal Bradford; Alderwoman Debra Coleman, Alderman Jeff Schoppe, Alderman Delfino Orozco and Alderman Don Murray; City Administrator Danny Segundo; 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 Bradford.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Don Murray.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

NONE

**REPORTS**

**Police Department Activity Report**

Not available at the time of this meeting.

**Municipal Court Activity Report**

Rose Rosser reported on Municipal Court Activity for the month of July 2020.

**Public Works Activity Report**

Joshua Young reported on Public Works Activity for the month of July 2020.

**Code Enforcement Activity Report**

Kathy Pollock reported on Code Enforcement Activity for the month of July 2020.

**Senior Center Activity Report**

Elizabeth Rosser reported on Senior Center Activity for the month of July 2020.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

All Items on the Consent Agenda are to be considered self-explanatory in nature and may be enacted with one motion, one 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 / FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** the Minutes of the July 14, 2020 Regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, July 28, 2020 Budget Workshop Minutes and the August 4, 2020 Special Called Council Meeting; Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Report, Sales Tax Report, and the Accounts Payable Check Register. **Seconded** by Alderman Murray. Motion **carried** by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Bradford said that this item was tabled at the July meeting because no one had any good suggestions for a candidate. His understanding is that there is now a person that is qualified. Alderman Orozco said that Carol Freeman would like to have her name put in to represent the City of Somerville.

Mayor said that she is retired real estate. He asked if there were any Alternatives.

Administrator Segundo said that the City of Caldwell nominated Angelia Beene to represent the City of Somerville. She has served the community as a council member. Not sure how Council feels about nominating her but she has been nominated by the City of Caldwell. We have 3 votes, City of Somerville, City of Caldwell and Snook. So whether we nominate Carol Freeman or Angelia Beene there is still another municipality (inaudible).

Alderman Orozco said that he thinks that Carol Freeman should be nominated, she put in for it. He doesn't know anything about Angelia Beene. Does the council nominate her?

Mayor said that now that there's 2 nominees the council would have some discussion to determine who to nominate.

Alderman Orozco asked if her health was good and is she better now?

Alderman Murray said that she was very healthy. She walks 4-5 miles 2 or three times a week on the lake.

Mayor said that there could only be one, and asked what they wanted to do. He thought there was a time or date that they had to have this by.

Administrator Segundo said that we've gone past the date. They are reaching out because on the 17<sup>th</sup>, they are going to vote. So they want the City to submit a name or they will move forward.

Alderman Schoppe asked if Caldwell and Snook also had to vote on the person that Somerville nominates? Administrator Segundo answered that if Council nominates Angelia Beene then she's got 2 votes because the City of Caldwell has already nominated her. But if Council nominates someone else then they will have to wait for Snook to decide.

With that said:

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** Resolution R20-011, a resolution nominating Angelia Beene as a candidate to represent the City of Somerville on the Burleson County Appraisal District Board of Directors. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Coleman. Motion **carried** by a vote of 3 (Schoppe, Murray, Coleman) in favor and 1 (Orozco) opposed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NONE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Action Items**

#### **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Motion made by Alderman Orozco to **approve** confirming Howard Faust as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

#### **Order of General Election (Amended)** (Orden de Elecciones Generales (Modificadas))

Motion made by Alderwoman Coleman to **approve** Notice/Order calling a General Election (Amended Order) to be held on November 3, 2020 for the purpose of electing 3 Aldermen and 2 propositions A & B. **Seconded** by Alderman Murray. Motion **carried** by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

(Moción hecha por Alderwoman Coleman para aprobar el Aviso/Orden de convocar una Elección General (Orden Modificada) que se llevará a cabo el 3 de noviembre de 2020 con el propósito de elegir 3 Concejales y 2 proposiciones A & B. Secundado por el concejal Murray. Moción llevada por un voto de 4 a favor y 0 en contra.)

#### **Ordinance No. 20-003 Bond Election (Amended)** (Ordenanza No 20-003 Elección de Bonos (Enmendado))

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** Ordinance No. 20-003 (Amended) calling a Bond election to be held on November 3, 2020. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Coleman. Motion **carried** by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed. (Moción hecha por el concejal Schoppe para aprobar la Ordenanza No 20-003 (Enmendada) que llama a una elección de Bonos que se celebrará el 3 de noviembre de 2020. Secundado por Alderwoman Coleman. Moción llevada por un voto de 4 a favor y 0 en contra.)

#### **Joint Election Agreement** (Acuerdo Electoral Conjunto)

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** taking no action on the Joint Election Agreement between the City of Somerville and Somerville ISD since both elections are being conducted with Burleson County. **Seconded** to take no action by Alderman Murray. Motion to take no action **carried** by

a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed. (Moción hecha por el concejal Schoppe para aprobar no tomar ninguna medida sobre el Acuerdo Electoral Conjunto entre la Ciudad de Somerville y Somerville ISD ya que ambas elecciones se están llevando a cabo con el condado de Burleson. Se secunda para no tomar ninguna acción por el concejal Murray. Moción para no tomar ninguna acción llevada a cabo por una votación de 4 a favor y 0 en contra.)

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Administrator Segundo introduced Interim Police Chief Otto Arnim and asked him to give a little bit of background.

Interim Police Chief Arnim said that he's been in law enforcement for over 35 years. Worked with the Department of Public Safety for his career of 25 years and retired from that. Has had many different jobs in the department. Plain clothes narcotics unit service for 13 years. Was Executive Narcotics Lieutenant in Austin. He's very excited to be here and will try to regroup the police department and get some new people in here. They are in the process of cleaning up the evidence vault, that's very important. It's very important to go in and check items in evidence whenever there is a change in executive management. Everything needs to be accounted for. A list will be given to the City Administrator showing that everything is in order. Has spoken with the Sheriff and the District Attorney and we have some really good cooperation with them. The community wants the Police Department to be successful.

### **MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Alderman Schoppe acknowledged Joshua Young and his crew. The road they worked on looks really good.

Mayor said that he saw Public Works guys sweating and he doesn't envy them in this heat. He was out for too long today and those guys do that every day and he doesn't envy that at all.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

Gave a hand-out to Council regarding the 2020 tax rate. There are some hearing dates coming up, August 25, 2020 and September 8, 2020 (which is the regular Council Meeting). There are two dates scheduled to interview for the position of Police Chief, August 18, 2020 & August 19, 2020. He wanted to know if Council wants to interview 4 candidates or 6 candidates. There are 3 that are already scheduled.

Mayor asked if Interim Chief Arnim would be a part of the initial interview process because he thinks that he has a unique perspective with his depth of experience.

Interim Chief Arnim said that he would do whatever they need.

### **Adjourn**

**6:42 PM** - At this time the Mayor said that "there were no other agenda items" and adjourned the meeting. He did not ask for a motion to adjourn or a second.

Passed: 9-8-20

  
Micheal Bradford, 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 August 11, 2020.

  
Rose Rosser, City Secretary