

# The Somerville Times News Letter

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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Our next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday February 11, 2020, 6:15 P.M., at the Senior Center. We encourage you to come and be a part of the meeting and gather information for yourself. There will be several items on the agenda that will require City Council's authority and approval.

## STEVE HODGES AWARD

The Steve Hodges Award acknowledges an outstanding individual in the Somerville area who exemplifies great character, unselfishness, and who is a servant of the community. This year's award will be presented at the Council meeting on February 11, 2020.

## CITY ELECTIONS IN MAY

The City will hold a general election for Alderman (City Council) positions. Qualifications to run for office are: US citizen • Texas resident for at least 12 months • Reside inside the city limits of Somerville the last 6 months before election day • current voter registration card • 18 years of age or older • no felony convictions. Duties include attending all council meetings, workshops, budget retreats, town hall meetings, serving the whole community by making decisions that will impact the future of Somerville, and representing the City of Somerville in a professional manner. A lot of effort is required to run for office, educate yourself on how cities really work, and understand the real issues facing us, but it can be worth the effort. Serving as a community representative can be a great way to contribute to your community now and for the future!

## PLANNING & ZONING

We still have a spot open on the P&Z committee. Anyone interested in being on the committee is encouraged to sign up. Applications are at City Hall. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020 at the Senior Center at 6:00 PM.

City Council will vote on a proposal at the February City Council meeting to call for a bond election on May 2, 2020. The bond election is for voters in the City of Somerville to approve or disapprove going out for a \$1.5 million bond to fund water, sanitary sewer, and road improvements in the City. Stay tuned for more information on the process and projects.

## WATER LINE EXTENSION CONTRACT

The City of Somerville City Council will vote on approving a contract with R Construction for Phase III of the 12-inch water line extension from our water plant near Lyons to the elevated water tower. Jones & Carter are the engineers for the project and will provide project oversight and inspections. The contract is for \$306,624.00 and the project should start mid-summer. The funding for this project was obtained via a grant from the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservation District.

## TEXAS MS 150 RIDING THRU SOMERVILLE

Cyclists participating in the annual MS 150K Ride will be passing through Somerville for the first time this year. The new route has riders come into town from the Lake Somerville spillway road, ride thru the city on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and then jog over to FM 1361 as they continue on to College Station. The ride will take place on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> this year.

## 2020 US CENSUS

It's US Census time again! Every ten years, the census provides a snap shot of our country by attempting to count every person in America. Everyone counts so be sure to make an effort to be counted! The funding for grant programs that help us improve or build infrastructure often depend on the demographics from the census report, and our eligibility, match levels and scoring on grants can also be affected by the census results. So be ready to stand up and be counted, Somerville!