

Somerville City Council
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2020

The Somerville City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting, on January 14, 2020, in the Somerville Senior Citizens Center. Present were Mayor Micheal Bradford; Alderman Don Murray, Alderwoman Debra Coleman, Alderwoman Shelley Gotte, Alderman Jeff Schoppe and Alderman Delfino Orozco; City Administrator Danny Segundo; Rose Rosser City Secretary; Visitor's Register - on file in the City Secretary's Office.

CALL TO ORDER

6:17 PM - The meeting was called to Order at this time by Mayor Bradford.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Theresa Bradford

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance followed the Invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Patel with Somerville Inn & Suites said that the water line that the City put in back in 2014 has broken. Due to the pipe being broken they have a big water leak and are being charged double for water. They would like for the City to return the extra money that they have been paying for the past few months and would like for the City to fix the pipe.

Jim & Virginia Braml had questions about the state of the Museum project. People can't get in and out safely, it's deplorable. The trees and plants are dying.

Jan Spears was asking about her previous meeting request concerning moving a mobile home in on their property. They have 1.6 acres with a house on it and they were not aware that they couldn't put a mobile home on the property because of the way the current ordinance reads (Ordinance No. 13-003). She would like for the City to amend the Ordinance.

REPORTS

Police Department Activity Report

Chief Wise reported on Police Department Activity for the month of December 2019.

Municipal Court Activity Report

Rose Rosser reported on Municipal Court Activity for the month of December 2019.

Public Works Activity Report

Joshua Young reported on Public Works Activity for the month of December 2019.

Code Enforcement Activity Report

Kathy Pollock reported on Code Enforcement Activity for the month of December 2019.

Visitor's Center / Senior Center Activity Report

Elizabeth Rosser reported on Senior Center Activity for the month of December 2019.

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 Alderwoman Gotte to **approve** the Minutes of the December 10, 2019 Regularly scheduled City Council Meeting; the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Report, Sales Tax Report, and the Accounts Payable Check Register. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Stephen Copley Landscape Architect with Texas Department of Transportation, Bryan District, gave an update regarding the Governor's Community Achievement Award project at Heritage Square. There were issues with the contractor from the beginning, they were not showing up and performing, details were not being followed. He is keeping a close watch on what is going on there and if no progress is made, they will have to file for a new contractor.

Danny Segundo acknowledged years of service for Judge Robert Urbanosky for 15 years of service and to Jack Delozier for 5 years of service to the City of Somerville. Neither were able to attend the meeting, certificates will be given to them at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:04 PM - Mayor and City Council deemed it necessary to convene into executive session at this time to discuss agenda item(s). Motion to go into executive session was made by Alderwoman Gotte; Seconded by Alderwoman Coleman. Motion to convene into executive session carried by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed. Present in executive session were Mayor Bradford, Alderman Schoppe, Alderman Murray, Alderman Orozco, Alderwoman Gotte, Alderwoman Coleman and Administrator Danny Segundo; discussion was on items as follows: (a) Purchase, lease or value of real property (Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code), for discussion of the City's expired sub-lease at Welch Park; and (b) nominees for the 2019 Steve Hodges Outstanding Citizen Award; and (c) electing or appointing a member of the City Council to serve as a liaison representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

RECONVENE

7:25 PM - The meeting reconvened to open session at this time by Mayor Bradford.

NEW BUSINESS

Action Item(s)

Seidel Schroeder Audit Engagement Letter

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** a Contract and Engagement Letter from Seidel Schroeder Certified Public Accountants / Business Advisors for FY 2019 annual audit. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Gotte. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Council Liaison / Planning and Zoning Commission

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** the selection of Delfino Orozco as the Council Liaison representative for the Planning and Zoning Commission. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Gotte. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Amendment to Ordinance 13-003 / Manufactured Home Regulations

Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** amending Section 5 of City Ordinance 13-003, Manufactured Home Regulations. Ordinance Amendment(s) will come before City Council for approval / disapproval at the February 11, 2020 regular City Council Meeting. **Seconded** by Alderman Orozco. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Capital Improvement Plan

No action taken.

2019 Steve Hodges Outstanding Citizen Award Nominations

Motion made by Alderwoman Gotte to **approve** awarding the 2019 Steve Hodges Outstanding Citizen Award to Dustin Knesek. **Seconded** by Alderman Schoppe. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Public Works Equipment / Trailer and Street Paving Roller

Motion made by Alderman Orozco to **approve** allowing City Administrator to execute all necessary documents related to the purchase of the proposed equipment. Approving the purchase of a Diamond C Trailer and street paving roller for Public Works. **Seconded** by Alderman Murray. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NONE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

NONE

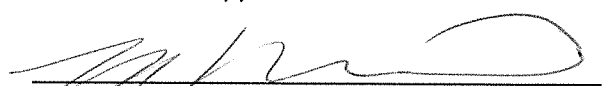
CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

Administrator Segundo gave an update on the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting; the Post Oak Savannah water line extension project will be awarded at February 11, 2020 City Council Meeting; moving forward, we will be going into budget workshop, City Council needs to be thinking about what topics they want to bring to the table so that we can work on finding solutions; The Department of Housing sent a letter in regards to the Apartments on 3rd Street (Somerville Estates), those apartments will be rehabilitated (24 units), the company has called the City asking for permitting information, just wanted Council to be aware in case anyone asks them any questions,

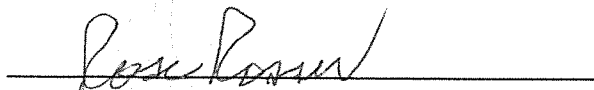
ADJOURN

7:50 PM - Motion made by Alderman Schoppe to **approve** adjourning the meeting at this time. **Seconded** by Alderwoman Coleman. Motion **carried** by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Passed: 2-11-20


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 January 14, 2020.


Rose Rosser, City Secretary