

CITY OF SMITHVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2026

Present: Mayor Foerster, Councilmembers Jimmy Jenkins, Cathy Meek, Tyrone Washington, Mitchell Jameson, Brandon Dunham, and Interim City Manager Jeremy Frazier.

Open Meeting: Call to Order. Mayor Foerster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Jameson gave the invocation and led the Pledge

Presentation from Chad Nobles with Ameresco on the City's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). Chad Nobles gave a presentation to the City Council on the status of our AMI system and options moving forward.

Recognition/Awards/Proclamations/Announcements/Presentations:

- a. Proclamation for "Martin Luther King Jr. Day." Read by Councilman Jenkins.
- b. Proclamation for "It's Time Texas." Read by Councilwoman Meek.
- c. Presentation from Smithville Career Tracks on quarterly update. Janice Bruno's team gave a presentation on the Smithville Career Tracks programs.

Citizen Comments: None

Approval of the minutes from the December 8, 2025, Council Meeting and Public Hearing, and December 19, 2025, Special Called Council Meeting. Councilman Jameson made a motion to approve both minutes. Councilman Jenkins seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Public Comment: No one signed up to speak.

Open Meeting:

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for Hannah Teague at 117 Main Street. Historic Preservation and Design Standards Committee (HPDS). The applicant wants to add signage on the building in black and white letters and a wooden sidewalk sign to hang under the awning. The HPDS committee recommended that the council approve the COA. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to approve the COA. Councilman Dunham seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for Rachael Tolbert at 110 Main Street. (Historic Preservation and Design Standards Committee). The applicant wants to repair broken windows and doorframes, repaint the front of the building, and install new outside lighting. All items were recommended to be approved by the HPDS committee, and the signage will be located

on the available space at the top of the building above the doors (the Playhouse Smithville sign was in that same spot). Councilman Jenkins made a motion to approve the COA. Councilman Dunham seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the appointment / re-appointment of members to the Historic Preservation and Design Standards Advisory Committee. The committee voted unanimously to recommend Erin Cornett to fill the member-at-large vacancy. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to appoint Erin Cornett to the HPDS Board. Councilman Dunham seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the appointment / re-appointment of members to the Smithville Airport Advisory Board. The Airport Advisory Board (AAB) serves in an advisory capacity to the City Manager / Airport Manager in all matters pertaining to the administration, operation, development, improvement, and maintenance of the Smithville-Crawford Municipal Airport. AAB members serve two (2) year terms and are recommended by the mayor. Four (4) members will be subject to appointment in even numbered years and three (3) members subject to appointment in odd number years. The individuals listed below would like to be considered for reappointment to the AAB with their terms expiring in December 2027:

Odd-Numbered Years:

Ken Peck – Reappointment
Travis Hill – Reappointment
James Sterling – Reappointment

Even Numbered Years (FYI ONLY):

Sandy Meyerson – Term Expires in December 2026 (Chairman)
Forrest Sanderson – Term Expires in December 2026
Johnny Briggs – Term Expires in December 2026
Ron Spencer – Term Expires in December 2026

Councilman Jenkins made a motion to reappoint Travis Hill, James Sterling, and Ken Peck. Councilman Washington seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments:

Discussion and Action on the appointment / re-appointment of members to the Smithville Hospital Authority Board. The Smithville Hospital Authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of seven (7) members. Three (3) directors (Places 2, 4 and 6) shall be appointed by the City Council and the board of directors shall appoint four (4) members (Places 1, 3, 5 and 7). Each of said directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms. Places 1, 3, 5 and 7 shall be appointed for terms ending in even numbered years and Places

2, 4, and 6 shall be appointed for terms ending in odd numbered years. All terms shall expire February 3rd. The following appointments are being recommended. If approved, these re-appointments will expire in February 2027:

Ann Fulcher – Re-appointment
Mark Bunte – Re-appointment
Jimmy Trousdale – Re-appointment

This was a duplicated effort due to an oversight that this was discussed at the April 2025 Council meeting and the same appointees were reappointed. The reappointments will serve the same term as the original appointment in April 2025. Their term will expire on February 2027. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to appoint Ann Fulcher, Mark Bunte, and Jimmy Trousdale. Councilman Washington seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Bastrop County for paving, hauling of dirt and sand to various locations, and operational cost sharing of the brush dump. No action was taken on this item. It will be moved to the February 9, 2026 Council meeting.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a License Agreement for Joint Use of Pole between the City of Smithville and Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to approve a License Agreement with Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC. Councilman Washington seconded and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion on a call for applications for the Bastrop County Health Advisory Board. Councilman Jenkins made an announcement that the Bastrop County Health Advisory Board will be up for appointment/reappointment and if anyone is interested to contact Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary. This will be on the February 9, 2026 agenda for discussion and action.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on an Ordinance to create a Parks and Recreation Board. Councilwoman Meek made a motion to approve the revised ordinance for Parks and Rec Board. Councilman Jenkins seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: Chris Wilkey, and Kristin Barrow spoke about wanting to be members of the board.

Discussion and Action on appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board. Place 1 Term: Begins November 1, 2025, with a two-year term expiring on October 31 in odd-numbered years and shall be held by a resident of the City of Smithville. Place 2 Term: Begins November 1, 2025, with a term expiring on October 31, 2026, as a one-year term, then being a two-year term from November 1, 2026, forward in time with the term expiring on October 31 in even-numbered years and shall

be held by a resident of the City of Smithville. Place 3 Term: Begins November 1, 2025, with a two-year term expiring on October 31 in odd-numbered years and shall be held by a resident of the City of Smithville. Place 4 Term: Begins November 1, 2025, with a term expiring on October 31, 2026, as a one-year term, then being a two-year term from November 1, 2026, forward in time with the term expiring on October 31 in even-numbered years and shall be a person residing within the school district. Place 5 Term: Begins November 1, 2025, with a two-year term expiring on October 31 in odd-numbered years and shall be held by a resident of the City of Smithville. Councilwoman Meek made a motion to appoint Leslie DeGraffenried to Place 1, Chris Wilkey to Place 2, Kristin Barrow to Place 3, Mark Bunte to Place 4, Doug Leyendecker to Place 5. Councilman Jameson seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Odd-Numbered Years:

Place 1 - Leslie DeGraffenried term expires October 2027

Place 3 - Kristin Barrow term expires October 2027

Place 6 - Doug Leyendecker term expires October 2027

Even-Numbered Years:

Place 2 - Chris Wilkey term expires October 2026

Place 4 - Mark Bunte term expires October 2026

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on eliminating Short Street school zone. Chief Repka showed a map of the current school and school zones and how far Short Street was from the school and other School Zones. Chief Repka also mentioned now that there are stop signs posted along Short Street it has slowed traffic speed down. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilwoman Meek seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on an Ordinance amending Chapter 1 Article 1.10 of the City of Smithville Code of Ordinances to set hours for the Cemeteries. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilman Washington seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a presentation from Ashley on the Audio/Visual System at the Recreation Center. Jenkins made a motion to approve the Avinext bid for the Audio-Visual System at the Rec Center minus the projectors and the 3year site warranty for the projectors. Councilman Washington seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the Advance Funding Agreement Map amendment for the Safe Routes to School Project. Councilman Dunham made a motion to approve the map amendment as

presented. Councilman Washington seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on a Resolution Calling for the May 2, 2026, Municipal General Election. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Washington seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on Entering into a Joint Elections Contract with the Elections Administrator of Bastrop County to conduct the City of Smithville's May 2, 2026, General Election. Councilman Jenkins made a motion to approve the Election contract. Councilman Washington seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion and Action on the Approval of the Financial Report. Councilman Washington made a motion to approve the financial report. Councilman Jenkins seconded, and the motion passed via a unanimous roll-call vote.

Closed Meeting: Went into Closed Session at 6:53 PM

The City Council will hold an Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.074, to discuss personnel (Interim City Manager's Employment Contract and SMART Goals).

Open Meeting: Came back into Open Meeting at 8:11 PM

Discussion and Action as a result of the Executive Meeting.

Adjourn: 8:12 PM

Attest:

Sharon Foerster, Mayor

Jennifer Lynch, City Secretary