

**SMITHVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL SESSION**

June 23, 2020 5:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held via teleconference.

Mayor, Aldermen, City Administrator, City Staff and City Attorney attended via the Zoom meeting app. The meeting was streamed live on the city's YouTube page with a link on the city's FaceBook page. Attendance in person by members of the public was not be permitted.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Boley called the Special Session meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members present via Zoom: John Chevalier, Marv Atkins, Steve Sarver, Melissa Wilson, Jeff Bloemker and Dan Ulledahl.

Staff present via Zoom: Cynthia Wagner Nickie Lee, Chief Lockridge and Linda Drummond.

2. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Alderman Bloemker

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

3. Resolution 792, MOU with CCEDC for the Creation of CARES Small Business Grant Program

Alderman Bloemker moved to approve Resolution 792, authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Clay County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) to administer a small business grant program funded through the CARES Act Stimulus Fund. Alderwoman Wilson seconded the motion.

Mayor Boley said that he had a couple questions from a couple businesses in North Kansas City about the grant. The requirements of the grant require tax returns and business plans for two years, should they still submit if they do not have any of that because they are a newer business and have only been in operation for less than two years and do not have two years of returns?

Nicki Lee, Assistant City Administrator said Clay County EDC has been very open about working with those types of applications on a case by case basis. They will work with the City probably on every application to get answers to questions or for clarifications. She and Cynthia both agreed that those types of businesses should absolutely apply.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Resolution 792 approved.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

4. Public Comment

None

Cynthia updated the Board that we have two scheduled work sessions in July. Those work sessions are related to reviewing budget items. The second meeting in July will be the discussion of the Employee Handbook and Compensation Plan. The first meeting we have a number of items related to Schedule of Fees, revenue discussion, fleet and also discussion with regards to the utility fee assessment the Board approved in May to continue the moratorium on shut off of utilities in late fees through the end of June.

Cynthia stated that in discussions with the Mayor and Nicki about CARES funding, they would like to add a work session on Monday, July 27 to discuss CARES. At the regular meeting on the August 7 there will be a number of items to come forward that the Board had discussed at the last meeting. Cynthia explained that by the July 21 staff should where we stand on a number of the previously approved projects and hopefully where we stand on numbers and what additional expenditures we may incur regarding COVID-19. Staff should also know what the future COVID-19 needs will be and be able to look at what we might be turning back to the Clay County.

Mayor Boley will be out of town for the July 21 meeting so Mayor Pro Tem Bloemker will be leading the meeting.

Alderman Bloemker asked if there would be a lot of items on the July 27 work session agenda as he has a prior engagement?

Cynthia said it would be CARES funding discussion only. She asked the Board if another date would be better?

The Board agreed to include CARES funding discussion to the August 4 work session and have the meeting begin at 5:00 p.m.

5. Adjourn

Alderman Sarver moved to adjourn. Alderman Ulledahl seconded the motion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared the regular session adjourned at 5:09 p.m.


Linda Drummond, City Clerk


Damien Boley, Mayor