



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 09, 2024 at 6:00 PM

City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Council Member Dan Cross, Council Member Bob Fant, Council Member John Wright, Council Member Angela Perea, Council Member Sean Engle, and Council Member Katherine Hudson. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Fire Chief Chance Wright, Building Official Clay Wilson, City Planner Korab Vranovci, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MARCH 12, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024 City Council Meeting. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Enforcement:

Based on community complaints, Officers enforced speed and distracted driving violations throughout the city. 7 citations were issued for violations at the City Park crosswalk (texting while driving and failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalk).

JPD enforced Truck Route violations of prohibited truck traffic on Wilkerson St, Elmore St, and Main Dr.

Events:

April 20: JPD will assist with traffic control for the Hogeye Marathon.

April 25: JPD will staff a recruitment table at the Blue Knights Rio Grande Conference in Springdale.

Grants:

We have received all body camera equipment purchased through the DPS Public Safety Grant we were awarded for 2024. Implementation of the new equipment will begin as soon as the server is installed.

We have ordered the new server and are awaiting installation. Projected installation by end of April.

Personnel update:

Current staffing: 10 Sworn/ 1 Civilian-Fully staffed.

Qualification/Training:

Court Security training is being developed to train new hires.

Firearms qualification scheduled for April.

2 Officers completed Police Mountain Bike training in March and were certified by the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA). 1 Officer attended the "2024 Champions of Light Conference-Equipping Human Trafficking Stakeholder Training. 3 Officers will attend Glock Armorer training in July. 1 Officer will attend Remington 870 Armorer training in May. 1 Officer will attend AR 15 Armorer training in November. The department is fully staffed, and a new Police Clerk has been hired.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Events: 2 Station Tours

Employment update: Fully Staffed

Fleet Update:

Ladder 1 – Have a quote for repairs. Upwards of \$30,000 including travel to Johnson. Getting quotes on what it would take for it to be fixed if we shipped it to Oklahoma

Brush 1 – Being built. – Soft date of arrival is mid-May. VIN number has been received.

Training: 4 members attended the NWA EMS & Fire Department Conference in Rogers. Each received 32 hours of continuing education. Dept. completed 362 hours of combined training.

Misc:

Developing ALS Engine Protocol. Talked with Chiefs from CEMS, was advised that they would be the umbrella for us operating at a higher level.

Fire Inspector: Business inspections.

4. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Korab Vranovci, City Planner:

Started the draft for new zoning use amendments for the City Code.

Worked with applicant in new development submission.

Conducted meetings for the amendments of PUD Ordinance.

Attended a work session for the Warehouse district.

Attended a meeting with stakeholders to utilize design expertise to showcase street profile designs in our development.

Clay Wilson, Building Official:

Building Permits: 2 (porch and new home); Mechanical Permits: 8; Inspections: 22; Finals: 3

(1 patio and 2 new homes)

Attended multiple meetings with developers and engineers, held a TPR meeting, attended a pc work session, and attended my quarterly storm water meeting.

Vehicle maintenance:

Police department: 2 oil changes.

Public works: Ordered two tractor inner tubes and two-wheel bearings.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

April starts 2 times per month limb pick up

April 12 & 13 is City Clean Up with bulky waste containers & e-waste receptacles behind City Hall

A spring was found under the road on Slape Street. The engineers are working on a fix for that issue.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Due to the early date of this meeting, State Turnback, Property Tax and Sales Tax have not been received.

Terry Franks retired from the Public Works Department after 6½ years of service.

Thank you for getting your 2023 Statements of Financial Interest turned in. This form is required by the State of AR Ethics Commission.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Lots of work being done on planning issues, some of which are presented here tonight, park regulations here tonight. Time spent with Korab and Clay on several different planning issues and other miscellaneous items.

9. MAYOR

Spoke earlier about Slape Street. Everyone received the MCE letter regarding fixes to prevent spring that has developed from happening again. Requesting approval of the Council to spend an additional \$31,560 so we can let the contractor finish the project. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

Another item from MCE, looking at the lighting at Elmore and Main. The driveway of the north facing duplex right in the middle of the lighting. Working with the landowner and looking at other ways to access that duplex, but the City may have to purchase the duplex to get the traffic light installed.

Grant for trail lighting moving forward. Hope for it to be released and out for bid next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. ORDINANCE 2024-03: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY COUNCIL, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Mayor Keeney said this Ordinance was requested by Council Member Engle and gave him the floor to explain. Engle stated this was a request to change procedural rules to get everything to do with money - financials, bills, and account balances regarding this meeting at the same time the week prior so everyone would have at least the week to look at everything . Three Council Members questioned the need for this change. City Clerk Jennifer Allen stated that per state statute the information required to be presented to Council is included in the packet and the fund balance report sent the day of Council along with a list of the bills to be approved is not available the week prior; it is impossible to send the Council information that doesn't exist yet when the packets are created. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read Ordinance 2024-03 by title only, waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle. City Attorney Justin Eichmann read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Engle. Voting Yea: Council Member Engle
Voting Nay: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright. Ordinance 2024-03 was NOT APPROVED.
- 11. ORDINANCE 2024-4: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT RULES REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION AND USE CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS WELL AS THE RAZORBACK GREENWAY TRAILS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read Ordinance 2024-04 by title only, waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle. City Attorney Justin Eichmann read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read the emergency clause. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle. City Attorney Eichmann read the emergency clause. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the emergency clause. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle. Ordinance 2024-04 was APPROVED.
- 12. ORDINANCE 2024-5: AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 48 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5419 ELMORE ST. WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS FROM RESIDENTIAL ESTATES (R-E) AND RESIDENTIAL 6 (R-6) TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD).** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read Ordinance 2024-05 by title

only, waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright. Voting Nay: Council Member Engle. City Attorney Justin Eichmann read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle. Ordinance 2024-05 was APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Several people in the audience, most of whom live in Springdale, spoke about the PUD that was previously approved. Most were asking that all City Codes be followed, which is City policy.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Engle. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor