



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**City Hall**

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### **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 Sean Engle, Council Member Katherine Hudson, Council Member Angela Perea and Council Member John Wright. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Fire Chief Chance Wright, Building Official Clay Wilson, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the agenda. 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.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. November 14, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 City Council Meeting. 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.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Policing:

Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas daily.

Enforcement:

Based on community complaints, Officers enforced speed and distracted driving violations throughout the city.

JPD enforced Truck Route violations of prohibited truck traffic on Wilkerson St, Elmore St, and Main Dr. Focused on parking violations throughout the City. Increase in enforcement on

Hackett St (Johnson Square).

Miscellaneous:

Compiled the JPD preliminary budget for FY 2024 and provided it to the Mayor and Clerk/Treasurer.

Personnel update:

Hired an officer for one of the open police positions.

Have several applicants being reviewed for further background investigation.

Currently advertising for one vacant Police Officer position. Utilizing Facebook, Instagram, Interview Now and Indeed for advertising.

Qualification/Training:

Continued defensive tactics training with our in-house instructor in November.

All Officers qualified with their firearms in November.

All Officers received 7 hours of Domestic Violence training through the Criminal Justice Institute.

### 3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Events: 5 Station Tours

Employment update: Fully Staffed

Fleet Update: Ladder 1 – Waiting on a slot to repair.

Training:

Completed 325 hours of combined training.

Doug Magby and Adam Silvas to attend Core Rescue hosted by Farmington Fire

Misc:

Completed Front Lobby Remodel

Completed Tool Area Remodel

1 Structure Fire Automatic Aid with Tontitown

Chief Wright has been asked to speak at the NWA EMS/Fire conference next March. His lecture will be on "When Disaster Strikes a Fire Department: The Importance of Highway Safety." This will be videoed and then included in the national database as a certification class option.

### 4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 1; Mechanical Permits: 17; Inspections: 37; Finals: 2 (1 commercial and 1 pool)

Multiple meetings with developers and engineers, Ms4 inspections and held a TPR meeting.

Vehicle maintenance:

Police department: 1 oil change and radar antenna

Public works: new battery in dodge truck and ordered off road diesel.

### 5. PUBLIC WORKS

The department is doing last minute mowing and leaf clean up and road patching while the weather holds.

Trying to patch where Springdale Water has not fixed their road cuts.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

State Turnback and Property Tax have been received, Sales Tax has not. The Budget and Finance Committee met 11/28/2023 and the 2024 Budget will be discussed tonight.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Worked on Ordinances and Planning issues. Filing of action to reclaim stipend money was completed. Today the person called Harrington/Miller and wanted to make payments so that situation should be wrapped up soon.

9. MAYOR

LRS Trash Service has asked for a CPI increase of 6.5% from this year's rates. This is allowed under our contract, but Council needs to be aware.

Planning position has been filled by Korab Vranobci. He will start part-time January 1, 2024. He will need a computer, software, etc. so there will be some upfront cost getting the office set up.

Mayor Keeney asked for Council to approve a One Time pay increase of \$324.85 to net \$300.00 for all full-time employees. 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.

Working to fill funding gap on Wilkerson Road project; should know by next month. Hope to be out for bid by March.

The Cultural Survey is underway for the Greenway Lighting grant.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**10. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ERICA LATTANZIO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mayor Keeney asked for approval of his appointment of Erica Lattanzio to the Planning Commission. Motion made by Council Member Fant, 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.

**11. RESOLUTION 2023-10: A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10. Motion made by Council Member Fant, 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.

**12. RESOLUTION 2023-11: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023 WASHINGTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Fant. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

**13. RESOLUTION 2023-12: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE LOW BID SUBMITTED BY APAC-CENTRAL, INC. FOR THE SLAPE STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12. Motion made by Council Member Fant, 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.

**14. ORDINANCE 2023-06: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2009-01 IN ITS ENTIRETY IN ORDER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read Ordinance 2023-06 by title only waiving the second and third readings. 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. 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 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion made by Council Member Fant, 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.

**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.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Chris Keeney, Mayor