



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 2022 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 Bob Fant, Council Member Angela Perea, Council Member John Wright, 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, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann. Council Member Dan Cross and Council Member Bob Bova were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Hudson.

Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **JUNE 14, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the June 14, 2022 City Council Minutes. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Perea.

Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Community Policing:

Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas daily. JPD continued to respond to, and enforcement of, additional citizen complaints of speeding on Johnson Mill Blvd in front of Johnson Square.

JPD enforced violations of truck traffic coming off Wilkerson and onto Main Dr.

JPD enforced red light violations at S 48 St/Interstate off ramps/Johnson Mill Blvd.

Multiple warnings and citations were issued in response to these complaints.

Fleet Update:

No timeline for delivery as of yet for the two 2022 Ford PIUs that have been ordered.

No update for delivery of the three (3) Chevy Tahoe engines that have been ordered.

Grant update:

Howard Technology has shipped most of the computer and installation equipment for the Ecrash grant. Awaiting mounting brackets, scheduled to arrive in July.

Signed agreement with Washington County Sheriff for Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) connection for the new in-car computers.

Personnel update:

1 Police Officer in the final phase of Field Training and expected to be deployed to Patrol shortly.

Moved one officer out of Patrol and assigned to CID position (Investigations)

Will begin advertising for a vacant Police Officer position.

Training:

3 Officers will attend the State ACIC (Crime Information Center) training at Ozark PD in July.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Events:

JFD employees helped with the AJGA golf tournament at the Blessings Golf Course. No incidents occurred during the 4-day event.

Employment update:

The vacant Firefighter position has been filled. Kenneth Cates started on July 1, 2022

Fleet Update:

2022 Ram 1500 was picked up in Little Rock. Awaiting upfit materials to come in.

Engine-2 Still months out from being repaired. No new timeline available. Having weekly phone calls with Fire Master to keep updated.

Ladder 1 Still out of service. Waiting on C-MAYO to work with mechanic on new design for air intake pipe. No set time frame for repair.

Received Fayetteville E-16 as a loaner engine until we can get a Fire Engine repaired.

Training:

1 Firefighter currently in class for Firefighter 1&2

2 Firefighters currently in class for Emergency Medical Responder

Chief Wright & Captain Wooden have been accepted into the National Fire Academy course for Special Operations Program Management being held in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This course will help them develop programs and plans for any type of major Hazardous Material incident.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 7 (3 commercial, 3 new homes and 1 residential remodels)

Mechanical Permits: 20

Inspections: 70

Finals: 5 (commercial and 4 new homes)

Completed MS4 inspections after rain events, all traffic light battery backups (all passed), multiple phone calls and emails with developers and engineers, reviewed new construction house plans. Started generators. Held a TPR meeting and got bids for new roofs for city buildings.

Vehicle maintenance:

Police vehicles: 2 oil change

Hopeful Circle K will break ground by the end of the month. Waiting on Arkansas Health Department and Springdale Water to issue their permits.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

After the Tornado and hailstorms, all city buildings had roof damage. We contacted 5 or 6 roofing companies and only 2 roofers showed up and gave us quotes. Iron shield was the company with the best price of \$144,164 for all buildings and we have received insurance payment from the ARML to cover all this. Resolution 2022-05 waives the need for competitive bidding and accepts the quote from Iron Shield and we will revisit that in New Business.

Everything except the 6 push buttons for the pedestrian crossing at Wilkerson and Joyce has been received for installation so the project has begun.

Last month the repair of the dip in Johnson Mill went out for bid. Bids were opened and tabulations came back today. Two bids were received: APAC came in at \$122,253 and Diamond C came in at \$61,205. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to proceed with choosing a bid and next month coming back for approval of the contract. Motion made by Council Member Fant to accept the bid from Diamond C of \$61,205, Seconded by Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson

Mayor Keeney gave the floor to Sarah Geurtz to discuss the 2 options being explored for the Main Drive Park project. Prices have come higher than expected. Option 1 is pared down to \$532,000 for less of a park than what we have now. Option 2 included everything except the resurfacing for the basketball court is \$1.3 million. The 2 options were discussed. Mayor Keeney stated this is the only real third space in town and is truly available for all people regardless of their socio-economic status, age, or ability. It is meant for just fun and relaxation. Funding for the overage is available from ARPA money and money budgeted for engineering of Main and Wilkerson that needed to be run through the bond. Both companies we are dealing with for equipment and structures are run through a co-op structure so extra bidding is not required. After discussion, the Council reached a consensus and Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to proceed with Option 2. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

State Turnback and Property Tax have been received, but Sales Tax has not.

June Sales Tax was the highest ever received by the City. City Sales Tax was \$105,110.48 County sales Tax was \$72,306.08.

The State has sent first and second quarter payments for Act 833 to Washington County, but it has not been passed on to the City yet.

We are still behind on the receipt of Park A&P tax receipts. Two of the businesses we are most concerned about have reached out and are in the process of getting caught up, but we have

not received payment. One of the Hotels we have not heard from at all.

Election packets have been picked up by all incumbents. The first day to file is August 3, 2022 and the final day is August 10, 2022 at 12:00 noon.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Working on revision to the business license code for the August meeting. Many changes needed. Important to tie the A&P tax receipt to business license, which could be pulled if tax not paid.

Fayetteville is going through a cost increase of up to 60% for the water service they provide, particularly people who are out of the city limits they serve. Will impact residents on the south side of town who are served by Fayetteville. Pretty severe on non-resident use. Significant impact on Farmington, West Fork, and Elkins. Increase is based on the cost operation of the entire system, particularly the sewage side and discharge requirements. Mayor Keeney asked how the City can track Airbnb's? Eichmann stated they will be required to get a conditional use permit and business license. If Airbnb is notified, they will require all the above of the users of this service.

9. MAYOR

We believe we have sourced an engine for the PD Tahoes, will check it out and see if it works and can move forward to fix the other 2 units. No delivery date on the ordered PIUs.

State aid for Streets funding will be available later in the year. We have 8 streets that will be resurfaced including Saddlebrook, Brookshire, Amberwood, Sara, Samantha, Sam, Old Mill Road and 48th St from the City limits south to Old Mill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

10. RESOLUTION 2022-5: A RESOLUTION WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE REPAIRMENT OF ROOFS ON SEVERAL CITY BUILDINGS IN JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to accept Resolution 2022-05 waiving the need for competitive bidding to have the roofs replaced. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the bid given by Iron Shield in the amount of \$144,164. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Fant. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

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

Member Wright, Council Member Hudson

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor