



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 13, 2022 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 Bob Fant, Council Member Angela Perea, Council Member John Wright, Council Member Dan Cross, and Council Member Katherine Hudson. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Fire Marshal Jon Brown, Building Official Clay Wilson, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann. Fire Chief Chance Wright was attending class at the National Fire Academy.

Mayor Keeney announced there is a Vacancy on the City Council. City Attorney Eichmann stated that procedure was to acknowledge the vacancy for the Council then move forward to approve the vacancy. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to acknowledge a Vacancy on the City Council and asked for a motion to approve such. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **AUGUST 9, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes. 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, Council Member Cross.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

2. **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Community Policing:

Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas daily.

Officers continued to respond to citizen complaints of speeding on Johnson Mill Blvd inside the 25 MPH zone.

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

1 Chevy Tahoe engine has been received by the City and awaiting installation in one of the inoperable Patrol vehicles.

Grant update:

Howard Technology has shipped most of the computer and installation equipment for the Ecrash grant. Awaiting docking stations that were scheduled to arrive in July. Installation will begin once all equipment is received.

Personnel update:

Currently advertising for a vacant Police Officer position.

Training:

August:

All officers recertified with Taser.

2 officers attended armorer school for AR15 and 870 shotgun. Certified for 3 years.

All current Patrol Rifle trained personnel qualified with the new FN AR15 rifles.

1 officer was certified by Taser as an instructor.

September:

1 officer is scheduled for defensive tactics instructor training.

1 officer is scheduled for CJI Homicide Investigation training in Russellville.

### 3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Wright is in class at the National Fire Academy.

Employment update:

Seeking Councils approval for 1 additional Full-Time positions to replace 1 Part Time slots, increasing the reliability of staff for day-to-day operations. No concerns from council or the Mayor. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the new position. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross.

Fleet Update:

Engine 2 Still months out from being repaired. Fire Master has stated that they are waiting for parts before they schedule the build of the new chassis.

Ladder 1 was repaired fully and is back in service.

Fayetteville Engine16 Returned to Fayetteville.

Fire Marshal:

2 Final Inspections completed

2 New Business Inspections Completed

21 Annual Inspections completed

Training:

1 Firefighter currently in class for Firefighter 1&2.

118 Hours of Training Completed

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 us develop programs and plans for any type of major Hazardous Material incident.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 7 (2 flood repairs, 1 pool, 1 commercial and 1 remodel)

Mechanical Permits: 8

Inspections: 110 (finals: 4)

Completed MS4 inspections after rain events, storm water compliance meeting, inspected 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 put rezoning signs out and attended a PC meeting. Police Vehicle maintenance: 1801 both batteries, 1802 accessory battery and 1401 new battery.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Keeney said the guys are still mowing and doing City maintenance. A new controller for the Wilkerson and Joyce intersection was purchased and installed for \$2,400. Mayor Keeney has found a 4th person for the department which fills all the positions approved.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Dan Cross asked for any questions about the Wright's Barbeque letter. Planning Commission has received positive response and is waiting to see what happens.

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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

The Law Enforcement Stipend Grant was received (\$48,442.50) and our officers have received their checks.

A portion of the reimbursable E-crash grant was received in the amount of \$36,867.77.

Roof replacement at the Fire Department will be next week. All other City buildings have had their roofs replaced, with gutters going up shortly. A total of \$112,040.91 has been spent on facility repairs so far.

We are working with businesses to get caught up on their payments of the Park A&P tax due. All but 2 local businesses are completely caught up. I have been working with the tax paying company of the "anonymous" payment we have been receiving and because they have not come in to get a business license, they are looking into blacking out their scheduling calendar. In the November elections, no incumbents were opposed.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Working on code enforcement issue with Clay.

Working with Police Department on FOIA issues. Noise ordinance is not ready yet.

Attended a Planning Commission meeting, looking over food truck information.

A Resolution for the annual millage levy will be presented at the next meeting.

9. MAYOR

The repair on Johnson Mill Boulevard at Elmore should happen in the next 2 weeks; Diamond C is trying to coordinate with geotech people to get it done in 24 hours.

Last month the Council was asked to consider the speed limit on Johnson Mill Boulevard. The plan is reducing the speed from 40 mph to 35 mph, all the way through town, except in the 25 mph zone through Johnson Square. No one opposed the change. Mayor Keeney requested a motion to approve these changes. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross.

Mayor Keeney requested approval to order a 2023 Ford Explorer for the Mayor's use totaling \$36,500 for 2023 budget year. By ordering it now, there is a possibility that it will come in next year. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross.

The Wilkerson Road project is still moving forward. Right of way acquisition is underway. Hawkins-Weir looking at lighting source to bring the price down.

All Main Drive Park equipment has been ordered. Estimated time of arrival is anywhere from November on for delivery.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 10. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4:24 OF THE JOHNSON MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADOPTING AN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES CODE IN THE JOHNSON MUNICIPAL CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read the second reading of Ordinance 2022-12 by title only waiving the third reading. 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, Council Member Cross. 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 Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. City Attorney Justin 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 Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 11. RESOLUTION 2022-09: A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A BID FROM L AND L METAL FABRICATION FOR NECESSARY REPAIRS AND THE REPLACEMENT OF HANDRAILS ON THE RAZORBACK GREENWAY BRIDGE OVER MUD CREEK IN JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to accept Resolution 2022-09. He stated the bid is valid through tomorrow. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross.

## **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 Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross

**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, Council Member Cross.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Chris Keeney, Mayor