



JOHNSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM

JOHNSON CITY HALL

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00. Present were Council Member Bill Burnett, Council Member Bob Fant, Council Member Angela Perea, Council Member John Wright, and Council Member Katherine Hudson. Also, present was City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Assistant Fire Chief Todd Andrews, City Attorney Justin Eichmann, and Building Official Clay Wilson. Council Member Dan Cross was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021, Council Minutes. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kelley created an updated report on statistics designed to be more meaningful numbers. Currently 6 criminal investigations are assigned, 4 have been closed and 2 are still open. If hot spots of criminal activity or issues are identified, directed patrols are done in those areas to verify if complaints are valid and officers are reporting back to the Chief on what is happening. The 2 Tahoes that were ordered earlier in the year were picked up today.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Calls for service in June totaled 31, majority of which were EMS. The department completed 120 manhours of training. Captain Brown, Fire Fighter Zoll, and Fire Fighter Kongmany completed the Arkansas Fire Academy class of Auto Extrication. Ladder 1 along with all ground ladders have passed yearly inspection completed on June 29 to comply with ISO and NFPA guidelines. New extrication cutters have arrived. 65% done with hydrant checks.

4. PUBLIC WORKS

Tomlinson Asphalt has completed repair of the sink hole at Main and Wilkerson south bound. The guys are maintaining parks, trails, and city property. Arkansas-Missouri Railroad completed a 2-day repair of the crossing at Main. Extra limbs pick up was completed after the holiday weekend and people had a chance to clean out some of the debris from the extreme freeze this winter.

5. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 6 (4 new homes and 2 commercial) Mechanical Permits: 14 Inspections: 21 MS4 inspections were done after rain events, attended planning commission meeting, held a TPR meeting, inspected all traffic light battery backups (all passed), prepared PC packets and delivered them, multiple phone calls and emails with developers, reviewed multiple new construction house plans. Called in possible water leak to Springdale water. Completed regular vehicle maintenance.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

2 Large Scale Development requests heard, including a parking lot off Willow Creek and Blue Chip Ice out of Conway in Hawks Landing. Both approved.

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

State Turnback and Property Tax has been received, but Sales Tax have not. The 2 Tahoes ordered in January came in early and 2 checks were written for \$33,892.00 (\$67,784.00 total). Both have been insured. The 10% contingency (holdover) totaling \$3,817.00 has been paid, so the Main Drive overlay is complete.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Waiting Recovery Act Money - a lot of work happening on that end - getting info that comes in all the time and sometimes raises more questions than it answers. Council will be kept posted. The Census results impact on the City will likely cause a change in wards. NWA Regional Planning will help with those adjustments as in the past. End of September is most recent date heard for receipt of final numbers.

9. MAYOR

Conducted Park public meeting for the grant; survey online had several respondents. Attended ARML Meeting virtually for 3 days. Finished codification of latest zoning updates passed in the last few months. Hopes to roll out new website with easier access very soon. The anticipated Special Election is being held today. Please vote if you haven't yet. Waiting on results that we expect in by 8:00 or so tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- 10. RESOLUTION 2021-03: A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2019-11 AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS AS SIGNATORIES ON SPECIFIED BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.** Mayor Keeney read the resolution and said any time there is a change in Department Heads we must update this signature list, so the bank has something to verify the account signers for the City. He then asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson. **RESOLUTION 2021-03 was approved.**

- 11. ORDINANCE 2021-07: AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR THE MAYOR OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS LAW.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2021-07 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson. City Attorney Justin Eichmann read the ordinance by title only and stated that this ordinance and the following one are provisions of State law that go into place when a City becomes a City of the First Class providing for retirement benefits for the Mayor (law cited 24-12-123 for Mayor and 24-12-121 for City Clerk Treasurer) and the best way to be upfront and clear is by putting it in ordinance form. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading of Ordinance 2021-07 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson. **ORDINANCE 2021-07 was approved.**

- 12. ORDINANCE 2021-08: AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS LAW.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2021-08 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson. City Attorney Justin Eichmann read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading of Ordinance 2021-08 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson. **ORDINANCE 2021-08 was approved**

Public Comments: A former member of the JPD, Richard Duncan, spoke about his termination. City Attorney Justin Eichmann stated meetings of the City Council are open to the public for people of Johnson to come and voice concerns. Personnel matters are not for this forum for

several reasons but allowed him to speak. Eichmann advised against having any discussion of this or any other personnel matter.

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 Burnett, 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 Burnett, Seconded by Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor