



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 11, 2023 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 Katherine Hudson, Council Member Angela Perea and Council Member John Wright. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, , Building Official Clay Wilson, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann. Fire Chief Chance Wright and Council Member Sean Engel were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keeney asked for the Council's approval to amend the agenda, adding Resolution 2023-05 to new business. 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. Mayor Keeney then asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MARCH 14, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 City Council Meeting. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Policing:

Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas daily.

JPD will be assisting with the upcoming Hogeye Marathon on April 15.

Enforcement:

Officers enforced speeding throughout the city and enforced Truck Route violations of truck traffic coming off Johnson Mill/Wilkerson/Elmore and onto Main Dr.

Fleet Update:

Installation/upfit of emergency equipment for the 2022 Ford PIU's is continuing.

Grant update:

Awaiting installation of the Computer Assisted Dispatch by Southern Software. Potential installation in March. Once installation is done, this will complete the grant and city funded outlay for this project. Installation is scheduled for April 5-6. Update: Installation is complete.

Personnel update:

Three officers are currently in the Field Training phase.

Conducting the background investigation on an applicant for the Code Enforcement position.

Position has been filled since this report was filed.

Currently advertising for one vacant Police Officer position.

Qualification/Training:

Will be conducting defensive tactics training with our in-house instructor.

2 Officers will attend Firearms Instructor school in May. 1 Officer will attend Instructor

Development school in May.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Events:

April will conduct a standby for Hogeye Marathon

Fleet Update:

No update on Engine 2

Fayetteville E-5 is still being run as front-line Rescue Engine.

Ladder 1 is repaired – Replaced Headlights

Training:

289 hours of Training Completed

Scheduled Auto extrication training, Live fire burn

Misc:

New Radio go live date – August 30, 2023

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 4, Mechanical Permits: 8, Inspections: 66, Finals: 8 (1 addition, 1 remodel 2 new homes and 4 commercial)

All traffic light battery backups were inspected (all passed). Started generators, MS4 inspections after rain events, held a TPR meeting. Multiple calls with the city attorney and the city engineer. Held a meeting with future developers and the fire department. Ordered several new signs for public works. Also working on both new Ford P.I.U. vehicles.

Vehicle maintenance:

Police department: water pump for 1802, front brakes, front rotors, rear brakes, and rear rotors.

Circle K is behind on their timeline about a month.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Park is underway - bathroom was delivered today. Hope to have playground equipment underway next week.

Hogeye Marathon is Saturday, April 15.
Department has been catching up on mowing.
FD generator installation has begun.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

State Turnback and Property Taxes have been received, Sales Tax has not.
Only major expenditure this month was to Diamond C for \$71, 578.23 for concrete and dirt work in the park.
James McKean of Arkansas Legislative Audit has contacted me. An Agreed Upon Procedures Audit will begin next week for the years 2020, 2021, and 2022.
The park bathroom was delivered today during the lunch hour.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Three things of note from the State Legislature now that the session is over.
Short Term Rental prohibition was defeated
House Bill fast track of permits only applies to residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. 60 days from the date application is complete. If anything about the application violates ordinance, the timeline does not start until the application is correct and complete.
Senate Bill allowing a property owner with property in 2 different cities can determine which city's development regulations they want to use.
Working on an issue with unkempt property on Hewitt. Notices will be sent out and could possibly come before the Council in the future.
Noise regulations will be coming forth; current regulations are very basic and need updating.

9. MAYOR

The Mayor is meeting with ARDOT and the railroad to get signalized crossings at Main and possibly Elmore next week.
An updated agreement has been received from Washington County for sheltering animals at \$150 per animal. The closed agreement requires payment of the fee to get a letter from the City allowing a resident to take an animal to the County shelter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. STATE AID FOR STREETS BID OVERAGE

The State Aid for Streets \$300,000.00 grant awarded last year. At that time, the projects had an estimated project value of \$381,394.71, but the bid has come in higher at \$426,371.50. This increases the City portion by \$44,976.79 but allows the scope of the project to go unchanged. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to to approve the expenditure of \$126,371.50 to pay the City portion for the State Aid for Streets project. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

11. RESOLUTION 2023-05: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON TO UTILIZE THE FEDERAL-AID FUNDS FOR RAZORBACK GREENWAY LIGHTING.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve RESOLUTION 2023-05. We have been awarded funds from the Carbon Reduction Act for lighting the greenway complete from city limits to city limits. Federal funds would cover \$339,300 (80% of the total and the City portion would be \$84,825.00 (20% of the total). 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.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to adjourn. 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.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor