



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 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, Council Member Dan Cross, and Council Member Katherine Hudson. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Fire Department Head Chance Wright Building Official Clay Wilson, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann. Council Member Bob Bova was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 8, 2022 City Council Minutes

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the March 8, 2022 City Council Minutes. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the agenda. 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.

Before departmental reports Mayor Keeney asked the Council's permission to allow Paul Colvin to speak. He is running for State Representative District 31.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Statistics were provided in the packets.

Community Policing: Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas daily. JPD continued to respond to citizen complaints of speeding on Johnson Mill Blvd in front of Johnson Square. Additionally, JPD enforced violations of truck traffic coming off Wilkerson and

onto Main Dr. An additional complaint of driver's running red lights at S 48 St/Interstate off ramps/Johnson Mill Blvd was received. Several warnings and citations were issued in response to these complaints.

Employment update: The vacant Police Officer position has been filled. The officer has a firm start date of April 4, 2022. The vacant Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer position is being advertised.

Fleet update: 2021 Ford PIU is nearing upfit completion and should be deployed shortly. With the approval of the Council during February's meeting, 2 Ford PIU's have been ordered. There is no timeline as to when we will take delivery.

Grant update: Howard Technology has shipped some of the computer and installation equipment for the E-crash grant.

Training: The new Police Officer hire will start Field Training in April.

1 officer will attend Criminal Investigations training in April.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Statistics provide in the packets.

Replaced 2 Headsets in Ladder 1

Scheduled Installation of 4 Headsets in Engine 2

Completed Ladder Testing

Completed Hydrostatic testing on air packs

Airpacks have been ordered and should be received by county in between 90-120 days. County will retain ownership of Airpacks.

Replaced Gear Rack for part time employees

Tornado – Report better radio communication.

Received quote for Dispatch updates in vehicle.

Received quote for Rapid intervention pack.

Request procurement of Ram 1500 request for State Bid Build. Many calls were made - 9th dealership contacted may have access to a vehicle, Total \$33,646.00. Mayor Keeney requested approval to pursue the purchase of the DS6L98 Ram 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 V6. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Fant.

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

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 5 (2 new homes, 1 pool, 1 remodel and 1 solar panel)

Mechanical Permits: 9

Inspections: 36

Finals: 2 (residential homes and remodel)

Completed MS4 inspections after rain events, all traffic light battery backups (all passed), prepared PC packets and emailed them, multiple phone calls and emails with developers, reviewed new construction house plans. Held a meeting with future developers. Came in early to help after the tornado. Attended a zoom meeting with Blue cities stormwater project.

Ordered new peek controller box for the traffic lighting system.

Vehicle maintenance:

Police vehicles: 2 oil changes, 1 heater hose tee

Fire department: installed new driver side headlight assembly
Public works: ordered new fuel pump for the Scag zero turn lawnmower.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

The guys spent time patching potholes and got North Ball fixed where a patch was missing. Put signs up for future pedestrian and bicycle use on Ball. Helped with tornado clean up and have been mowing when they can. Worked the Hog Eye Marathon.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Update on Johnson Square. Challenges with the group who is doing the development completing some of the safety issues that they agreed to in the initial plat. Appreciate Justin being part of the meetings. The PC discussed how to frame a letter to the developers. With the new working sessions on the calendar the letter will invite them to come to one of the next meetings to discuss the situation. The development is important to the City of Johnson, but these issues need to be addressed. Letter will go out in the next couple of weeks. Huge thank you to Angela for taking the minutes, appreciate her continued support.

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

State Turnback and Property Tax have been received, but Sales Tax has been received yet. On March 22, 2022, \$34,693.85 was received as Forfeitures from the Johnson Police Department. These funds will be put towards the 2 new Ford PIU vehicles approved last month. Next month we will receive the May Property Tax bump; last year it totaled almost \$160,000 to the General & Street Funds. ARPA Compliance reporting was completed late this afternoon after a complicated process and a lot of back and forth with login.gov.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Attended the Planning Commission work sessions dealing with PUD issues and looking at the 2007 ordinance. Look forward to continuing to work with the PC. Looking at noise and solicitation issues that may need to be addressed. Glad to hear about ARPA information as other cities have been having problems, too.

9. MAYOR

After Action Report from the tornado: Fire Department needs a generator and pull chains to get the bay doors open. Police Department found out quickly they cannot be seen in the dark. Unified communications needed – Washington County, Springdale, and Fayetteville have to get fire and police all talking together. Excellent job by all departments (FD, PD, PW & Clay). A truck drove into live power lines with a building in the middle of the road down on Main Drive. Ordinance 2022-08 coming up shortly will create Entertainment districts and Mayor Keeney showed the Council the plant based compostable cups that would initially be used. The City currently has a very lax noise ordinance and needs to adopt a more thorough and objective standard. Spoke about paving North Ball. PW have filled some holes there. Over the last several months we have had complaints from people about getting across Main safely by Hewitt. Would like

to open that street to pedestrians and bikes to help people cross over and get down Ball street to the trail. Only vehicle traffic would be from PD.

Pedestrian crossing at Joyce and Wilkerson needs to be done. Council members given a list from independent contractors willing to do the the job. Item is budgeted. Mayor Keeney asked for Council approval to get this put into place. Motion to made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. There is a dip in the road on eastbound Johnson Mill Boulevard at Elmore that has gotten worse over the last 9 months. GTS is checking out the possible cause to help determine a solution.

The white block building behind City Hall is falling appart. Mayor Keeney asked for Council approval to tear it down. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. Fire Department wants to do some training with it before it is torn down.

Geotech has been completed on the park. Signs showing a QR code to the plan are in place. Trying to lock down availability for a bathroom facility.

Going to apply for State Aid for Streets this year. This project will be 48th to Old Mill Road and Saddlebrook. Both need to be milled and overlaid.

Applying for TAP grant again to light the trail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 10. ORDINANCE 2002-06 *CANCELLED BY DEVELOPER*** At the March meeting, this Ordinance was put on hold by developer and the City has been told they are officially pulling the project. No action is required.

NEW BUSINESS

- 11. ORDINANCE 2022-07: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.04.09: GENERAL STANDARDS OF CHAPTER 14: ZONING CODE OF THE JOHNSON MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR A SIGHT DISTANCE TRANGLE CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**
Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2022-07 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. City Attorney Eichmann read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading. 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, Council Member Cross. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read the emergency clause. 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. City Attorney Eichmann read the emergency clause. It was clarified this will only effect new development and currently existing development will grandfathered in. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the emergency clause. 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.

12. ORDINANCE 2022-08: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH BOUNDARIES FOR ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF JOHNSON AND TO PROMULGATE RULES FOR THE LIMITED OUTDOOR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2022-08 by title only waiving the second and third readings. 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 Eichmann read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. Voting Nay: Council Member Fant. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read the emergency clause. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Fant. City Attorney Eichmann read the emergency clause. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the emergency clause. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. Voting Abstaining: Council Member Fant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to pay the bills. 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.

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 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor