



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Via Zoom (In person option available)

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Council Member Bill Burnett, Council Member Bob Fant, Council Member Angela Perea, Council Member John Wright, Council Member Katherine Hudson, and Council Member Dan Cross, City Clerk Treasurer Jennifer Allen, City Attorney Justin Eichmann, Assistant Fire Chief Todd Andrews, and Building Official Clay Wilson. Also present were Kevin Faught of Stephens, Inc. and Ryan Bowman of Friday, Eldredge and Clark.

Mayor Keeney asked for approval to amend the agenda to remove ORDINANCE 2021-4 as it was not required. The vehicle the City intended to purchase is not available.

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, Council Member Cross

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **APRIL 13, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the May minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Perea.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Keeney stated 16 CID cases were opened, 11 of those have been closed. New officer Treye Covington is in the FTO Program. A Citizen gave the Police Department \$100 gift card to Domino's for going behind the call duty saying he was appreciative of the department's efforts watching over its citizens. Last month one Tahoe was ordered and should have been in by the middle of May. Ordinance 2021-4 was removed from the agenda because the dealership does not have it in stock like they said and cannot get it. Ford makes a Police

Interceptor that comes in at state bid \$33,597.96 for the vehicle only. Mayor Keeney asked for the Council's approval to purchase this vehicle.

Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Fant.

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

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

The FD had 45 Calls (24 EMS) and 53 training manhours. The department has been working on fire hydrant maintenance.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 2 (1 remodel and new home) Mechanical Permits: 5. Completed MS4 inspections after rain events, attended planning commission meeting, inspected all traffic light battery backups (all passed), prepared PC packets and delivered them, multiple phone calls and emails with developers, and consulted with James Geurtz (EDA) on locations for water quality testing on clear creek. Reviewed a set new construction house plan. I also attended my yearly HVAC training class for inspectors (8 hours) and performed vehicle maintenance.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Rain has slowed the guys down. Limb pick up increased greatly as residents are becoming more familiar with the service. Homeowner lost a tree that fell across Elmore PW will open the burn pile and let him burn the tree debris.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Dan Cross said Wright's Barbeque came to PC with variance requests that were denied. Any variances that do not have a legal basis are not allowed.

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

State Turnback has been received, but Property Tax and Sales Tax have not. The May bump in Property Tax should arrive by the end of the week. \$14,567.00 was paid from the Street Fund for a new roller for road patching. RFA funding of \$12,008.93 was received for the second quarter.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Justin Eichmann said that election ordinances coming later in the meeting have been taking up the bulk of his time.

9. MAYOR

City is doing well, getting all the IT straightened out. City is ready to get the road started after the bond is approved. Working with Cassie Elliot and Stewart Sanders for the beginning phase easement and row about \$250K along Wilkerson

New Police Chief will officially be on the job for the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

10. **ORDINANCE 2021-04: AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A 2021 PPV CHEVROLET TAHOE 2WD FOR THE JOHNSON POLICE DEPARTMENT; FOR OTHER PURPOSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mayor Keeney amended the agenda to remove ORDINANCE 2021-4 as it was not required. The vehicle we intended to purchase is not available.

11. **ORDINANCE 2021-5: AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING BONDS UNDER AMENDMENT NO. 62 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; LEVYING A NEW ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIRING SUCH BONDS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read ORDINANCE 2021-5 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, Council Member Cross. City Attorney Eichmann read ORDINANCE 2021-5 by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve this reading. 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, Council Member Cross. **ORDINANCE 2021-5 was approved.** Ryan Bowman requested that the ordinance be filed with the Washington County Clerk tomorrow. The election will be held on July 13, 2021.

12. **ORDINANCE 2021-6: AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS ON THE ISSUE OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) TAX UPON THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF HOTEL, MOTEL AND OTHER ACCOMODATIONS AND A ONE PERCENT (1%) TAX UPON THE SALE OF PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGES FOR ON OR OFF PREMISES CONSUMPTION, THE PROCEEDS OF BOTH WHICH SHALL BE DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY PARKS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read ORDINANCE 2021-6 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Fant. Seconded Council Member Wright. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. City Attorney Eichmann read ORDINANCE 2021-6 by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve this reading. Motion made by Council Member Fant. Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading of the emergency clause. 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, Council Member Cross. City Attorney 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 Fant. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross. **ORDINANCE 2021-6 was approved.** This ordinance will also be filed with the Washington County Clerk tomorrow.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Motion to pay the bills was 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, Council Member Cross.

Mayor Keeney thanked Mr. Bowman and Mr. Faught for attending and said he is looking forward to working with them.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor