



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 09, 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, and Council Member Katherine Hudson. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Fire Marshall Jon Brown, Building Official Clay Wilson, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann. Fire Chief Chance Wright, Council Member Dan Cross and Council Member Bob Bova were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. July 12 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson

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.

JPD enforced red light violations at S 48 St/Interstate off ramps/Johnson Mill Blvd.

Multiple warnings and citations were issued in response to these complaints.

Fleet Update

No timeline for delivery yet for the two 2022 Ford PIUs that have been ordered.

1 Chevy Tahoe engine has been received by the City and is 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

1 Police Officer completed Field Training and was deployed to Patrol duties.

Currently advertising for a vacant Police Officer position.

Training

2 Officers attended the State ACIC (Crime Information Center) training at Ozark PD in July.

Taser re-certification scheduled for August 1.

Patrol rifle qualifications with the new FN AR15 rifles scheduled for August.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Wright is on vacation. Fire Marshall Jon Brown gave report.

Fleet Update:

Engine 2 - Still months out from being repaired. No new timeline available. Having weekly phone calls with Fire Master to keep updated.

Ladder 1 - Still out of service. Waiting on fabrications to intake pipe. Looking mid-August repair time frame.

Still operating out of Engine 16 from Fayetteville until we can get the Ladder Truck in Service.

Fire Marshal: Completed 1 Investigation for a structure fire on Yvonne that occurred on July 24th.

Training :

1 Firefighter currently in class for Firefighter 1&2

2 Firefighters passed Emergency Medical Responder Class.

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.

Employment update:

The Department is requesting the Council's approval for 2 additional Full-Time positions to replace 2 Part Time slots. Increasing the reliability of staff for day-to-day operations. Mayor Keeney recommended adding 1 position right now and Council Member Perea had numbers for 2. Discussion was had about timing and long-term cost. One idea was to add both positions now so we can be looking for another person, knowing we would not be paying money out until someone is hired, but have the position open to advertise and hopefully get it staffed before winter when the calls increase. After discussion, Mayor Keeney asked for approval to at 1 full time fire fighter now with caveat to come back next month with real numbers to look at funding the 2nd position. 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.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 27 (18 flood repairs, 4 new homes and 1 commercial build out) Mechanical Permits: 19; Inspections: 75; Finals: 4

Completed MS4 inspections after rain events, 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. Had a meeting with Juliet about food trucks.

Vehicle maintenance:

Police vehicles: 3 oil change, both upper and lower ball joints on unit 1107, ordered 1601 engine, cleaned and adjusted 1401 throttle body

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Keeney stated tonight we have a resolution to accept the contract for fixing the dip in Johnson Mill Boulevard.

The pedestrian crossing at Joyce and Wilkerson is 75% complete - no audible buttons available yet, but regular ones will be installed in the meantime.

New kennels have been built and will be more functional.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Planning Commission:

Food trucks are coming to Johnson. New code coming in the next few months.

Chiropractic Clinic having issues at Joyce & Wilkerson with pressurized gas lines running through the property. Planning Commission has scheduled a work session for 8/18/22 to look at the situation.

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

All three quarters of 2022 funding for Act 833 has been received from Washington County totaling \$18,477.77.

Second payment of the American Rescue Plan Act of \$387,633.10 was received the end of July and the total is reflected below.

The annual Premium Tax (formerly called SITT tax) was added to our LOPFI account in July totaling \$61,331.40. This will pay for almost 4 months of the City's portion of the required LOPFI payment.

We are working with businesses to get caught up on their payments of the Park A&P tax due. We had 6 additional businesses pay tax for June. All the major businesses in town have either gotten caught up or we have received some payments and they are actively working toward that. We hope to have all known businesses in full compliance and caught up by September 1, 2022. One new short-term rental is working on compliance, and I have tracked down the address via the tax paying company of the "anonymous" payment we have been receiving and are waiting on a business license.

The final day to file petitions and associated paperwork is tomorrow, August 10, 2022 at 12:00 noon. As of today, all incumbents have filed and there are none opposed.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Has been working on the Business License Ordinance that is on the agenda later. A noise ordinance is being put together with Chief Kelley. Food trucks are coming, new code coming in the next few months.

9. MAYOR

Interlocal agreement with CEMS; last fall they requested ARPA \$33,000 money from each participant. With all the payments made to police and fire, no ARPA money was received by EMS services. Numerous calls were unpaid because the hospital would not take patients, so EMS would treat at the scene and not transport so there was no payment. With the increase in demand for services and the high turnover, CEMS will have a \$2 million shortfall by end of the year. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve CEMS request of \$33,643 to be paid from the ARPA account. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson

Mayor Keeney said there is also a separate requesting an amendment to the interlocal agreement asking for an increase of \$15,867 to the base rate for 2022. This is the first subsidy increase requested since 2016. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve this payment from the General Fund. 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

Trash contract is coming due at the end of the year. Our current contract with Orion allows them to request an increase according to CPI. We have the option to extend the current contract for 3 more years or go out for bid again. Going out for bid would nullify the current contract. After discussion, Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to extend current contract. 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

If anyone knows of a reputable welder in the area, we need to get the bridge over Mud Creek fixed. We cannot find anyone to respond.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

10. RESOLUTION 2022-06: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LOW WATER CROSSING ON BALL STREET.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to accept Resolution 2022-06. This resolution approves a \$1 million grant to replace the Ball Street bridge. The project is 3-4 years out. City portion is \$250,000, but with the wait time, the City can reapply to possibly get that paid. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 and pay the \$15,000 deposit required to

secure the grant. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Hudson.

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

11. RESOLUTION 2022-07: A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BID SUBMITTED BY DIAMOND C CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ON JOHNSON MILL BLVD AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DIAMOND C CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE SAME.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to accept Resolution 2022-07. Last month the Council accepted a bid from Diamond C to fix Johnson Mill Boulevard and this resolution approves the contract. 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

12. RESOLUTION 2022-08: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING AND EXPENDING THE \$5,000 STIPEND FOR ELIGIBLE FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to accept Resolution 2022-08. This approves amending the budget to receive \$5,000 stipend for police officers. This one-time payment will be received by the City including FICA taxes and is LOPFI exempt. \$5,000 will be paid out to each officer less the amount of payroll taxes unique to each individual. This is a retention stipend and an officer who receives the funds must remain employed for at least 6 months or they must pay it back. Funding will be received from DFA before any disbursement is made. There should be no cost to the City. 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

13. ORDINANCE 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 first reading of Ordinance 2022-12 by title only. By only doing one reading tonight, all members of the Council will have time to review it and come back with any questions next month. City Attorney Justin Eichmann highlighted major changes including Jennifer Allen's title as City Clerk/Treasurer; payment schedule by business type; short term lease application requirement; revocation of business license and the procedure for doing so. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Fant. Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson. Ordinance 2022-12 was read by City Attorney Eichmann by

title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve this 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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor