



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 08, 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, and Council Member Angela Perea. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Fire Chief Chance Wright, Building Official Clay Wilson, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann. Council Member John Wright and Council Member Sean Engle were 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 Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. JULY 11, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 City Council Meeting. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Policing:

Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas daily.

“Blue Lights and Backpacks” community event was held on Saturday July 8th. Event donations provided enough funds to purchase 30 backpacks and school supplies for families in need.

Distribution of backpacks began on July 31 and will continue until all are distributed.

Johnson PD is now utilizing the Neighbors Public Safety Service (Neighbors app via Ring) to

publish safety information. This service can also be used to request investigative assistance from the residents of Johnson. There is no cost for residents to download and use the app on their phones.

Enforcement:

Based on community complaints, Officers enforced speed violations throughout the city. JPD enforced Truck Route violations of prohibited truck traffic on Wilkerson St, Elmore St, and Main Dr.

Fleet Update:

Installation/upfit of emergency equipment for the one remaining 2022 Ford PIU is continuing. Upfit was completed on one Ford PIU and it was deployed to the fleet.

Personnel update:

Two applicants are currently in the background investigation phase. Currently advertising for two vacant Police Officer positions. Utilizing Facebook, Instagram, and Indeed for advertising.

Qualification/Training:

Continuing defensive tactics training with our in-house instructor in August and September. All officers received refresher training in Less Lethal options and bean bag shotgun deployment.

Supervisors attended Legislative update (Arkansas Code) training at Fayetteville PD.

Supervisors completed online training regarding Conflict Management for Supervisors.

All officers will be attending Supervisor Liability training in August. This training provides an overview of how to prevent, identify and manage legal liability in law enforcement operations.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Events:

Attended Police Blue Lights and Backpacks

Employment update:

Added 2 additional Part-Time Employees

Fleet Update:

Brush 1 is out of service.

Ladder 1 is out of service.

Fayetteville Engine 5 is to be returned to Fayetteville.

Engine 2 is scheduled to be done by 8-15-2023. Talked with Firemaster right before the meeting. Everything has been completed. Goes into paint tomorrow. Should be ready Friday.

Training:

Jordan Womack is currently in EMT School

The department completed Central EMS training on New Stretchers purchased by Rural Fire Association.

Misc:

AWIN radios to go live 2nd week of September tentatively.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 2 (Solar & shed) Mechanical Permits: 5, Inspections: 19, Finals: 2 (commercial build out & New home)

Inspected all traffic light battery backups (all passed) and installed new inverter at 48th and Johnson Mill. Started generators, MS4 inspections after rain events.

Held a TPR meeting and attended my yearly 16-hour electrical inspector's class.

Vehicle maintenance:

Police department: 1 oil change

Circle K failed their final inspection. Broken concrete and sidewalks must be repaired.

Johnson Square needs to complete the striping and then the intersection can open.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Park is still underway with fencing going in now. Slab for basketball court was put in yesterday. Sod in the next week. Getting really close to opening.

Limb pick up is 2 times per month.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Due to the early date of this meeting, State Turnback, Property Tax and Sales Tax have not been received.

The annual Premium Tax (formerly called SITT tax) was added to our LOPFI account in July totaling \$72,137.15. This will pay for almost 4 months of the City's portion of the required LOPFI payment.

James McKean, Legislative Auditor completed the 2020, 2021, and 2022 audits. There were no findings of any kind, the audits were completely clean. Our exit interview was held August 1, 2023, and Council Members will be receiving copies as soon as it is reviewed by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

\$15,000 RFA income was received today.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

In the last month worked on odd code enforcement items. At the last meeting, the Council approved proceeding with condemnation for the Wilkerson and Main project. That process is underway.

9. MAYOR

Following up on Mr. Eichmann, we have received notices of possession and hopefully utility work will start soon on the Wilkerson and Main project.

Due to the increase in assessment of value for real property in excess of 10%, our assessment of property tax mils will be reduced from 5.0 mils to 4.9 mils for 2024.

Working on getting bids for Ashford Knolls Drainage project - none received. One solicited came in at \$120,550.

Preliminary price on the Johnson Road project came in at \$900,000.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

10. RESOLUTION 2023-7: A RESOLUTION SELECTING MCCLELLAND CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SAME.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve res 2023-07. Dan Barnes introduced himself and the company. This is their 60th anniversary this year and they are municipality specialists. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea.

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.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor