



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**July 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**City Hall**

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### **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, Council Member Sean Engle, and Council Member John Wright. 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.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **1. JUNE 13, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 City Council Meeting. 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, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

##### **2. POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Community Policing:

Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas daily.

“Blue Lights and Backpacks” community event scheduled for July 8th was a success. Chief Kelley thanked the Fire Department, sponsors and all those who made it a success. Made over \$600. Next task is identifying needy families in the community and looking forward to the next event.

Enforcement:

Based on community complaints, Officers enforced speed violations throughout the city. JPD 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. One of the PIU's is nearing completion and will be deployed to the Fleet shortly.

Personnel update:

One applicant is currently in the background investigation phase.

Currently advertising for two vacant Police Officer positions. Utilizing Facebook, Instagram, and Indeed for advertising.

Qualification/Training:

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

2 Officers attended Glock Armorer's Course in June.

1 Officer received Patrol Rifle training and is certified to carry the AR15 rifle.

1 Officer was certified as a Taser Instructor.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Events:

Blue Lights and Backpacks great event with the PD.

Attended Stacy Lewis Invitational at the Blessings Golf Course. Provided First-Aid and BLS services.

Employment update:

Added 2 additional Part-Time Employees

Fleet Update:

Brush Truck 1 is out of service due to a Transmission leak and power steering leak - waiting for parts.

Ladder Truck 1 is out of service with a broken leaf spring awaiting second opinion on Turbo.

Fayetteville Engine 5 is out of Service with oil leak.

Engine 2 is scheduled to be fixed by July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as long as parts arrive on time. Getting crane to take the body off.

Training:

Chief Wright Completed 2-week Inspector 1 course.

Jordan Womack is currently in EMT school.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 2 (new homes); Mechanical Permits: 12; Inspections: 38; Finals: 5 (2 new homes)

Inspected all traffic light battery backups (all passed). Started generators, MS4 inspections after rain events. Multiple calls with the city attorney and the city engineer. Attended a meeting with future developers. Zoom meeting with MS4 compliance group, had 2 cobra lights converted to led lights at the bypass. Also issued 3 citations to Wrights BBQ for MS4, grading runoff and Large-Scale Development violations. Ordered the new ICC code books and new fire code books. They are being reviewed for any major changes, so the city can adopt

them soon.

Vehicle maintenance:

Police department - 1 oil change and a low beam headlight

Public works - order 2 power steering hose for one the 1-ton trucks

Issued 3 citations for Wright's Barbeque all regarding Clay to list them again 2 LSD, one expired, other approved and decided to not get the building permit.

Circle K covered up a manhole, buried by 8 feet and Springdale water will not sign off until it is brought up the 8 feet.

## 5. PUBLIC WORKS

Guys are mowing, doing limb pick up twice a month, and working on final grading in park.

Repaired and replaced several large areas on Slape Street, by removing concrete and packing the holes, but it will need an overlay. They have been sealing roads in other areas of town as time permits. Equipment is in good shape, and everyone is healthy again.

## 6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Planning Commission Chair Dan Cross said the City has been struggling with the City Engineer for accuracy and timeliness for quite a while, also slow with PC requests. After discussion it was unanimously approved to sever the contract and hire a new city engineer.

Cross said Council Member Engle had asked the PC to look at RV parking restrictions. After discussion it was Current code is in line with surrounding cities. No citations have been issued, PC opted to leave it as is and not look any deeper.

## 7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

State Turnback has been received, Property Tax and Sales Tax have not.

James McKean, Legislative Auditor, is at work on the 2020, 2021, and 2022 audits. A site visit for fixed asset review has been completed. He is now working on the Court section of the audit.

## 8. CITY ATTORNEY

Regarding Wilkerson and Main project ROW/UE acquisitions - Cassie Elliott works on the acquisitions - she has the one on one with the property owners. We have people that are not communicating so there are four properties to move on to condemnation proceedings. In condemnation, the appraiser has valued the property and we give a check to the court for this amount to hold and proceed with the project. Hopefully this process will bring them back to the table and get it resolved. The City has a timeline and has got to get this done. The four properties involved belong to 12:34 NWA Property Holdings, Colvin Properties, Short, and Walker. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to authorize City Attorney Eichmann to proceed with the filing of these four condemnation proceedings. Motion made by Council Member Cross. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle

9. MAYOR

Park update: hopefully 4 to 5 weeks out from opening. Project is currently \$80K under budget. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to spend \$58,000 to pave and get new goals for the basketball court. 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, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle. Ashford Knolls drainage project was put out for bids - none received; one solicited bid came in way too high; looking for other options. Greenway lighting project - executed agreement is with the federal government.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to adjourn. 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, Council Member Wright, Council Member Engle.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Chris Keeney, Mayor