



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 08, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00. Present were Council Member Bob Fant, Council Member Angela Perea, Council Member John Wright, Council Member Dan Cross, Council Member Bob Bova 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.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Keeney, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross, Council Member Bova

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 11, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 City Council Meeting.

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

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Statistics were provided in the packets.

Administrative: Annual fixed asset inventory completed.

Community Policing: Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas on a daily basis. In January, we continued to respond to citizen complaints of speeding on Johnson Mill Blvd in front of Johnson Square and on Greathouse Springs/Johnson Mill. Additionally, we enforced truck traffic coming off Wilkerson and onto Main Dr. Several warnings and citations were issued.

Employment update: One open Police Officer position continued to be advertised. Collecting applications currently.

Fleet update: 1 Chevy Tahoe and 1 Ford PIU are being upfitted for Patrol deployment.

Grant update: JPD applied for the State and Community Highway Safety Grant. This was the grant proposal presented to the Council on October 12, 2021 whereby application was made for computers, software and printers to be installed in patrol vehicles to facilitate traffic citation issuance. To date, JPD is still in contention for grant award however there is no date certain on when that award may occur.

Training: All officers are registered for the required 24 hours of State mandated training for the year. All officers will receive crime scene processing/documentation training during the month of February.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department News: Signed up with ESO RMS system with integrated CAD system. Received 2 new Portable Radios and 1 mobile Radio for improved communications between Johnson, Fayetteville and Springdale.

Employment update: 1 open slot. Continuing search for viable candidate.

Fleet update: E2 went to Springfield to fix air leak.

raining: Ben Dickey will attend NWA fire academy to obtain FF2 cert on March 23, 2022.

Rural Fire Association quarterly payments will be increasing to \$15,000 for 2022.

Will be attending the RFA air pack meeting Feb. 15, 2022. Washington County is purchasing the packs with ARPA money and distributing them to the Fire Departments in the county.

Still looking for a full time fire fighter candidate.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 3 (1 new homes, solar panels and 1 pool) Mechanical Permits: 13

Inspections: 24 Finals: 2 (solar panels)

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 multiple new construction house plans. Called in possible water leak to Springdale water. Held a zoom meeting with a future developer.

Vehicle maintenance: Police vehicles: 1 oil changes, lower ball joints installed, belt tensioner, radiator in a charger, installed new cable for the watch guard gps in a Tahoe and installed new accessory battery relay in unit 1901.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Spent time cleaning out the land for the future trail connection between the Meadowview Townhomes and Sam and Samatha before the snow hit. Guys put in a lot of hours during the snow event. They did a great job of clearing the roads.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Due to the early date of this meeting, no State Turnback, Property Tax or Sales Tax has been received yet. Restructured our CD portfolio as reflected in the new balance of \$1,729,969.60. If Council Members have not submitted their 2021 Statement of Financial Interest form, please do so ASAP. This is a required by the Arkansas Ethics Commission and is state law. Forms can be notarized by Michelle at City Hall.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Items on the agenda tonight are items that have been worked on with the Mayor. The Animal and fowl Ordinance addresses a number of significant items in the previous code. The second one is the Organizational Ordinance. State law requires after each year the Council organizes. This gives the Council the ability to set the rules for how meetings and business are conducted. It was discussed last year, but thought it best to get it in an Ordinance to help track procedures and lay them out clearly..

9. MAYOR

First part of the year has been working with the engineering firm on the Wilkerson Road project. The are working with Springdale Water and other utilities, but the project is moving forward.

Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District (NWAEDD) and AR Parks, tourism and Heritage to the paperwork done for the grant and have the kick off meeting. The upcoming resolution allows us to go into an administrative service agreement with NWAEDD to have them administer the grant and keep up with all the paperwork.

Spent time out with the pubic works guys; it was cold and snowy, but they did a great job. Moving forward, the City is going to see a lot of changes soon with regard to the road project, the park and future development.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. Proposed Project Plan at 1st Street and Wilkerson

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to pick back up Ordinance 2022-02 that was tabled last month for more information and discussion. 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, Council Member Bova.

Gavin Smith of Gavin Smith Civil Engineering, representing developer Tim McMahon,

presented a prospective plan for the development at 1st and Wilkerson so the Council could have a visual of how the proposed two-way section as an entrance to the development would work.

11. ORDINANCE 2022-02: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED MASTER STREET PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.

At the suggestion of City Attorney Justin Eichmann, Mayor Keeney started the process over, asking for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2022-02 by title only waiving the second and third readings. 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, Council Member Bova. City Attorney Justin Eichmann read Ordinance 2022-01 by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading of Ordinance 2022-02 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Bova, Seconded by Council Member Fant.

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

NEW BUSINESS

12. Appointment of Stewart Walton to the Planning Commission through 12/31/2022

Henry Layes resigned from the Planning Commission due to health issues. Mayor Keeney asked for the Council's approval of the appointment of Stewart Walton to serve out Henry Layes' term as Planning Commissioner through 12/31/2022. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Bova.

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

Dan Cross asked since Henry was vice chair does Stew step into that position? City Attorney Justin Eichmann said no, the PC determines their structure and would need to determine offices on their own.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to present **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INC.** Motion made by Council Member Perea, Seconded by Council Member Fant.

Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross, Council Member Bova. Mayor Keeney read the Resolution by title and said the exhibit shows the responsibility of the NWAEDD. Mayor

Keeney asked for a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02. 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, Council Member Bova.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03:AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED AT 2171 West Main Drive WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2022-03 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Bova.

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

City Attorney Justin Eichmann read Ordinance 2022-03 by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve this reading of Ordinance 2022-03 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Bova.

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

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6: ANIMAL AND FOWL OF THE JOHNSON MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND TO PROVIDE FOR UPDATED ANIMAL AND FOWL REGULATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2022-04 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, Council Member Bova. Ordinance 2022-04 was read by City Attorney Justin Eichmann by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve this reading of Ordinance 2022-04 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, Council Member Bova. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion read the emergency clause. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Bova.

Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross, Council Member Bova. City Attorney Justin Eichmann read the emergency clause. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the emergency clause. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Bova.

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

16. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY COUNCIL, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2022-05 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Perea.

Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross, Council Member Bova. City Attorney Justin Eichmann read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the emergency clause. 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, Council Member Bova. City Attorney Justin Eichmann commented this emergency clause reads a bit differently than usual because it comes from the Municipal League and proceeded to 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 Perea.

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

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to pay the bills. 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, Council Member Bova

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 Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross, Council Member Bova

Meeting adjourned at 6:45