



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 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, Council Member Angela Perea 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 Morgan Doughty. Council Member Sean Engel was 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, Council Member Wright.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. DECEMBER 13, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 City Council Meeting. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Fant. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

2. POLICE DEPARTMENT
Community Policing:
Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas on a daily basis.
Dollar General collected toys to be donated. JPD brought the donations to Arkansas Children's Hospital prior to Christmas.
Enforcement:
Officers enforced speeding throughout the city. We have seen a downward trend in Speed citations issued (September-December).
JPD enforced Truck Route violations of truck traffic coming off Johnson Mill/Wilkerson/Elmore and onto Main Dr.
Fleet Update:

Equipment to upfit the two 2022 Ford PIUs has arrived. Installation/upfit will commence shortly.

Mr. Wilson installed a new engine in the 2017 Tahoe and it has been deployed to Patrol (this was one of the 3 Tahoe engine failures during 2021).

Grant update:

We have received all of the equipment from Howard Technology that will be utilized for the E-Crash/E-Cite program. Currently awaiting an install date from Howard Tech. Howard believes should be able to install in February.

Personnel update:

Currently advertising for 3 vacant Police Officer positions, one will be filled by the end of the month.

Qualification/Training:

Two officers will be attending Breath Alcohol certification in Little Rock during January. A continuation of the E-Cite/E-crash training will be provided to all officers in January.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT

2022 Recap:

Equipment:

JFD Purchased 2 New AWIN Radios to help with communications with Fayetteville and Springdale

Replaced 2 Headsets in Ladder 1, Installed 4 Headsets in Engine 2

Purchased New extrication tool – ION Spreaders

Purchased New FLIR Thermal Imager

Received 16 New Airpacks from Washington County with ARPA funds

Purchased New Rapid Intervention Team Pack

Purchased 4 New sets of Gear

Employment update:

Johnson FD started the year with 4 Full time employees. Currently we are Fully Staffed with 7 full time employees. We also have 18 Part Time employees and 3 Volunteers. In total we have 28 Firefighters, 26 Firefighters at the FF2 level, 16 Firefighters who are at EMT level and 9 who are Registered Paramedics

Fleet Update:

April 24, 2022, Johnson FD responded to a motor vehicle accident on the interstate.

Conditions were bad with heavy rain as well as low visibility. However, Captain Zoll, FF Dicky, and FF Cox did exactly as expected when responding to the incident. FF Dicky positioned Engine 2 appropriately to block a single lane of traffic as well as the shoulder on the west side of the interstate. While working with Central EMS, Engine 2 was struck from behind by a passenger vehicle. None of the first responders were injured during the accident and we were able to extricate the victims from the vehicle and into the ambulance in a timely fashion where life saving measures were administered. Engine 2 is still awaiting repairs.

JFD has received 2 loaner trucks from Fayetteville Fire Department and still maintains 1 currently until Engine 2 is repaired.

Received 2022 Ram 1500 as Car 1

Equipment Maintenance:

Airpacks Hydrostatic tested and passed, Ladders were tested and passed, Air compressor was tested and passed, All Apparatus was pump tested and passed with the note of Ladder 1

losing pressure but still able to function, All hose was tested, and all passed but 100ft of 5in. and 50 ft of 1 3/4 inch

Training:

1471 Hours of Training have been completed. All the training that we completed is compiled from company level training, local training, as well as national training. Members of our department have conducted training with Fayetteville, Springdale, Tontitown, Siloam Springs, Farmington, and other small departments from Benton County.

With a lot of our part time members being a part of other Fire departments, we are able to benefit from their training as well. Some members traveled to Nevada, Texas, South Arkansas, Florida, and to the National Fire Academy in Maryland.

Community Events:

JFD attended the JPGA golf tournament held at the Blessings over 4 days as first responders for golfers and family members.

Cleaned off part of the Trail for a bike race after the flood

Trimmed Trees on Main Dr to for large trucks to pass under

Attended Johnsons annual Trunk or Treat

Total Calls for service: 471 (62 Traffic Accidents, 21 Structure Fires, 12 Vegetation Fires, 10 Vehicle Fires, 6 Cardiac Arrest, 1 Water Rescue – 34 Victims)

Significant Calls for Service:

March 30, 2022 – Tornado struck inside Johnson

April 24, 2022 – Engine 2 hit on the interstate

May 5, 2022 – Flooding with multiple water rescues

These calls for service are all compiled by Central EMS which serves as our dispatch service.

However, there are also many calls that we complete without receiving run numbers. With the fire station being a sign of help to anyone who needs it, we regularly get people who come by the station who need our assistance. Whether its directions, help changing a flat, or helping an expecting parent with their new car seats, the members of Johnson Fire Department are always willing to help anyone who needs assistance.

4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 4 (commercial build out, 1 pool Mechanical Permits: 5 Inspections: 28
Finals: 8 (1 solar and 7 flood repairs)

Inspected all traffic light battery backups (all passed). Started generators, MS4 inspections after rain events, and attended the yearly MS4 training class

Police Vehicle maintenance: 1 oil change, radiator and fan assembly unit 1102

5. PUBLIC WORKS

Guardrail on the trail damaged in May 5 flood has been repaired.

Working on Cris Hollow Road, lots of washout.

Park has been demoed, play equip useasble have been moved to Ed Bockenstedt park.

Received a bench on the Greenway donated by Ritter Communication.

6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

No State Turnback, Property Tax or Sales Tax have been received.

First of the year bills totaled almost \$39,000, common for this time of year. There will be some

more annual payments due in the next 2 months.

Still working with a couple of local businesses on their Park A&P payments. Want everyone caught up so there are no issues getting their business licenses.

Finished 2022 in a very strong financial position and anticipate a great 2023 as we see some of the projects we have been planning and saving for come to fruition.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

Prosecution is going well; dockets are pretty steady.

9. MAYOR

Last month no bids had been received for the dirt work at Main Drive Park. A bid was received from Diamond C after last council which includes water, electrical and all dirt and concrete work. This will be discussed in new business.

The rebranding is beginning to show up on the greenway. Every city has a designated color and ours is a beautiful orange and the mile marker designating the City of Johnson is up. If the carbon reduction Grant comes to fruition, it will be great to have the lighting installed down there as well.

The official notice for our State Aid for Streets grant has been received at the maximum \$300,000 and work will begin early spring.

For the Main and Wilkerson project, 70% has been completed on getting the right of way and easements valued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

10. UPGRADE OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOS

Washington County dispatch has been working on upgrading the radio system to AWINS for at least 7 years. Our current radios will not work with this system. The mobile units for the vehicles provided by the county will be fine. Our Fire and Police require the waterproof drop proof public safety models. It is a non-budgeted expenditure but an expected price increase of 15% will happen in February. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to purchase the public safety models for our police and fire departments for \$74,951.22, Kenwood Viking 6000 models. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright.

11. **RESOLUTION 2023-01: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. 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, Council Member Wright.

12. **RESOLUTION 2023-02: A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DIAMOND C CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.** Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02 authorizing the Mayor to negotiate

and enter into a contract with Diamond C Construction to do the dirt work, get in the utilities and the concrete work. 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.

13. ORDINANCE 2023-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.24.07: TAX SCHEDULE OF THE JOHNSON MUNICIPAL CODE; DECLARING AND EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read Ordinance 2023-01 by title only waiving the second and third readings. 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. City Attorney Morgan Doughty read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the reading. Motion made by Council Member Wright, Seconded by Council Member Fant. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to read the emergency clause. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Perea. Voting Yea: Council Member Cross, Council Member Fant, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright. City Attorney Morgan Doughty read the emergency clause. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the emergency clause. 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, Council Member Wright.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to pay the bills. 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.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

Chris Keeney, Mayor