



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 11, 2022 at 6:00 PM**

**Johnson City Hall**

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### **MINUTES**

#### **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 Dan Cross and Council Member Katherine Hudson. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Building Official Clay Wilson, and City Attorney Justin Eichmann. Council Member John Wright and Fire Department Head Chance Wright were absent.

1. Appointment of Bob Bova to serve as Council Member for Ward 1, Position 1, through 12/31/2022. Mayor Keeney asked for the Council's approval of the appointment of Bob Bova to serve out Bill Burnett's term as Council Member for Ward 1, Position 1, through 12/31/2022. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Cross.  
Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross.  
Mr. Bova was sworn in by Mayor Keeney and took his place on the Council.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. December 14, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 City Council Meeting. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Fant.

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

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Statistics were provided in the Council packets. 157 calls for service.

Administrative:

Evidence room audit has been completed. Destruction Orders were completed on cases that have been adjudicated.

Annual fixed asset inventory in process and will be completed shortly.

Community Policing:

Patrols were conducted of residential and business areas daily. In December, we focused on multiple citizen complaints of speeding on Johnson Mill Blvd in front of Johnson Square and on Greathouse Springs/Johnson Mill. Employment update: One open Police Officer position has been re-advertised. Collecting applications currently.

Fleet update:

1 Chevy Tahoe and 1 Ford PIU are being upfitted for Patrol deployment. 1 Chevy Tahoe (#2101) has been deployed to Patrol.

Training in December:

All officers completed online Crisis Intervention Response for Law Enforcement training. Semi-annual Rifle and Shotgun qualification completed by all officers.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Keeney said Chance Wright is on vacation. Only major addition is they have gone to a 24/7 department and things seem to be going well. Budgeted position for a full-time fire fighter still to be filled.

5. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 1 (home); Mechanical Permits: 5; Inspections: 20; Finals: 1; New Business inspections: 1 (Swetnam Cosmetic Surgery)

I attended the yearly MS4 storm water meeting, completed MS4 inspection after rain events and completed the final inspection on the Carley road sidewalk project with EDA.

6. PUBLIC WORKS

Equipment is ready in case there is a significant amount of snowfall. Still maintaining right of way. Good chance we will get an audit by ADEQ this year.

7. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

8. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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

Beginning of the year bills totaled almost \$43,000 – significant ones include Worker’s Comp \$20,488; ARML Membership \$6,355.75; Annual payment for judge \$3,751.26; tower rental \$3,646.52 and the WA County Jail Fee \$2,935.69.

The City ended the year financially strong, and we are poised for a great 2022.

9. CITY ATTORNEY

Updated Treasury regulations regarding ARML finally came last week. Participating in the ARML training tomorrow. Working on an update of the Ordinance on regulation of animals that needs to be changed and it should be ready for February meeting.

10. MAYOR

There will be a kickoff meeting with engineers and Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism grant people on 1/18/2022 to get the park project started. This is the first step in getting the project moving.

The Board for the Regional Ambulance Authority voted in November to use ARPA money to support the expansion of Central EMS. As a result, CEMS has requested money from the cities in the county, \$36000+ asked of the City of Johnson from our ARPA money, but there is no agreement yet.

Poised to have a much better start to 2022 than 2021. A lot of development is ready to come into the City.

Going with engineers from Hawkins-Weir to a meeting with Springdale Water for the Wilkerson Road project to find out where they stand on the plans and up sizing down Wilkerson.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **11. RESOLUTION 2022-01: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to present Resolution 2022-01: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINAL 2021 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Cross.

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

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Cross.

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

### **12. ORDINANCE 2022-01: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-17 WHICH APPROVED THE JOHNSON SQUARE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) TO PROVIDE FOR UPDATED SIGNAGE STIPULATIONS WITHIN THE JOHNSON SQUARE PUD.**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2022-01 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Cross, Seconded by Council Member Hudson.

Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, 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 and adopt Ordinance 2022-01 by title only. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Cross.

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

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

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve reading Ordinance 2022-02 by title only waiving the second and third readings. Motion made by Council Member Hudson, Seconded by Council Member Perea.

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

Ordinance 2022-02 was read by City Attorney Justin Eichmann by title only. Mayor Keeney opened discussion. Council Member Cross stated the Planning Commission met in November and voted on sending this Ordinance to the City Council for approval. The PC was shorthanded and Cross cast the vote for the tie breaker granting approval. 1st Street is a one-way street heading east towards Wilkerson. Commercial driveway approximately 150' make that small section of roadway feel like two way to the entrance of the development. Only entrance is this south side entrance/exit. There was

discussion of the project and potential issues. Changes to the master street plan doesn't approve the design of the project, it just allows the developers to continue on to the design phase that will have to come back through the PC for approval. Any LSD or PUD still must come through the Planning Commission. City Attorney Justin Eichmann stated that approving the ordinance does not make the street automatically two way. MSP is a future forward-thinking document. No drawings were available for review by the Council and 2 members of the Council expressed concern at having no visual representation of what this proposed project requiring the change looked like. After more discussion, the Gavin Smith of Gavin Smith Civil Engineering who was representing developer Tim McMahon asked that the Ordinance be tabled until they could provide the Council with more information. Mayor Keeney asked for Council approval to table Ordinance 2022-02. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Bova.

Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, 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 Perea.

Voting Yea: Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, 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 Bova, Seconded by Council Member Fant.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer Allen CMC, CAMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Chris Keeney, Mayor