



## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**September 14, 2021 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 PM. Present were Council Member Bill Burnett, Council Member Bob Fant, Council Member Angela Perea, Council Member John Wright, Council Member Katherine Hudson, and Council Member Dan Cross. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Allen, Police Chief Chris Kelley, Fire Department Head Chance Wright, City Attorney Justin Eichmann, and Building Official Clay Wilson.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion made by Council Member Fant, Seconded by Council Member Hudson. Voting Yea: Council Member Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

2. **POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Statistics were provided. Closed out some of the lingering open cases. 166 calls for service. Amped up code compliance - long grass, etc. Monitored speed issues on Johnson Mill Boulevard and parking issues in the neighborhoods. Very glad to have Lt Halfhill back after 2 months of being out with COVID.
3. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
54 calls for service - as many calls at night as during the day.  
General Notes: Purchased new training program called Target Solutions (online based training that gives accredited training - trackable for ISO) Gear was purchased for part-time fire fighter Jordan White. Attended NWA Metro Chiefs meeting. Hired Ben Dickey as 4th Full Time Fire Fighter. Performed hydrant maintenance. Redesigned Fire Department patch to include new City logo and replaced 1983 (fire dept est.) with 1881 (City est.). Ordered LED Lights for Ladder 1. Public Education – 5 Hours. 14 annual Inspections. Doorway Triage for COVID is still in effect. Training Notes: Completed a multi-agency training walk-through of Americold that included Fayetteville FD, Central EMS, as well as Johnson FD and its volunteers - toured the facility and discussed direct action plans. Joined the NWA Training Officers Association. Department Head Wright completed 32 Hours of National Fire Academy courses: Incident Safety Officer and Health and Safety manger. Wright is in class this week with Captain Zoll taking the Instructor 1 class. Zoll is also scheduled for Swift Water Technician, Captain Montano is scheduled for Man vs Machine and Jordan

Womack is taking Introduction to PPE and Fire Fighting. CPR training for PD/FD is scheduled this weekend with Central EMS - No current CPR certified instructors in the FD but they are working on it.

#### 4. BUILDING OFFICIAL

Building Permits: 8 (6 new homes); Mechanical Permits: 17; Inspections: 17. Wilson completed MS4 inspections after rain events, held a TPR meeting (10 petitions 3 of 10 didn't show up), inspected all traffic light battery backups (all passed), multiple phone calls and emails with developers, reviewed multiple new construction house plans and commercial plans. Called in possible water leaks to Springdale water and Fayetteville water. Replaced sparks in the Police department backup generator. Replaced the photocell for the street at KSF5 on 48<sup>th</sup> street. Wilson wrote 4 stormwater violation warnings for construction site run off and breaking a city curb. Vehicle maintenance included: 1 oil change, started taking the engine apart on unit 1601 after a lifter failed with only 3,000 miles on the rebuild. Replaced a battery, front brakes, and rotors for Police vehicles. For Public Works ordered a battery, alternator, and a negative battery cable for one of their trucks.

#### 5. PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works truck was repaired; constant mowing including City right of way and trails, painted the parking lot. Would like to add another employee during the mowing season.

#### 6. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### 7. CITY CLERK/TREASURER

State Turnback and Property Tax has been received, but Sales Tax has not. Act 833 funding of \$5,508.63 was received August 18, 2021. Once Resolution 2021-5 is passed this evening, the \$386,623.69 received for the American Rescue Plan Act will be move to a separate ARPA Fund checking account for auditing purposes.

#### 8. CITY ATTORNEY

Eichmann said he has been working on the sales tax bond and A&P. Outdoor Restaurant Act (ORA) entertainment districts will be brought forward next month; there are good examples to go by from other cities in the state. Plan is to have everything online the first of the year when the A&P tax goes into effect. This topic should be looked at by the Planning Commission, but as far as creation of the districts is concerned, rules and boundaries, it is up to City Council. There has not been any guidance for ARPA monies; the City needs to sit tight and see what happens.

#### 9. MAYOR

Received confirmation that the park grant request been received. Spent time with Ryan Bowman and Kevin Faught to get the bonds issued. A Special Council Meeting will be held September 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM to accept the bonds.

Everything is going well in the City and there are 2 new businesses open - both extremely busy. Wright's new breakfast place should open in the next 90 days. Funding has been released for phases 2&3 of Gene George Blvd. Phase 3 is in Johnson. Nice to know as a lot of development will be happening soon. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. This year the event has been relocated to Creekview & Main in the Worlds Under Water parking lot. Citywide clean up is scheduled from 8:00 – 5:00 October 15 & 16, 2021.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

10. **RESOLUTION 2021-5: A RESOLUTION TO SET UP A BANK ACCOUNT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATORIES THEREBY FOR THE CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS.**

Mayor Keeney read the resolution and asked for a motion to approve. Motion made by Council Member Perea, Seconded by Council Member Cross.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief Becky Stewart of Central EMS: continue to respond to every call for assistance. Personnel tired and spread very thin but the call volume continues to grow. They are doing what they can to meet the need of the community. WRMC been great about making room.

**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 Burnett, Council Member Fant, Council Member Perea, Council Member Wright, Council Member Hudson, Council Member Cross

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mayor Keeney asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Council Member Burnett, Seconded by Council Member Fant.

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

Meeting 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