

**MINUTES
CITY OF JOHNSON CITY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm on October 6, 2020 at the Blanco County Annex, Hoppe Room by Mayor Rhonda Stell.

Council Members Shelton Coleman, Gayla Guthrie, Teresa Babb, and Pat Dildine were present. Member Clayton Young was present via Zoom.

Present city staff included City Attorney Elizabet Elleson, Dep. City Secretary Whitney Walton, Interim Public Works Director BJ Sultemeier, Police Chief Ross Allen and Investigator Garrett Scallorn. Interim City Secretary Anthony Holland joined the meeting at 7 pm.

Texas Water Development Staff include Carlton Wilkes and Daniel Palacios.

2. INVOCATION

Pastor Steve Sanchez led the invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no public comments

5. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

a. PRESENTATION: UPDATE BY MAYOR STELL

Mayor Stell said that interviews would be held this week to fill the position of Chief Administrative Officer. She also gave an update of recent Covid-19 cases and mitigation steps.

b. PRESENTATION: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber president Craig Van Englen said that there had been an uptick in visitors and that there were hoping to extend visitor center hours.

c. PRESENTATION: ANTHONY HOLLAND, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

There was no presentation.

6. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. APPROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.**
- b. APPROVE PUBLIC WORKS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.**
- c. APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 REGULAR MEETING.**
- d. APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP**
- e. APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING.**
- f. APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING.**
- g. APPROVE INVOICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.**
- h. APPROVE FINANCIAL CONDITION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.**
- i. APPROVE BUILDING PERMIT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.**
- j. APPROVE WORK ORDER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020.**

Public Works Director BJ Sultemeier reported that there was equipment failure this past month at the wastewater treatment plant and warranted expensive repairs. He also updated that status of the upcoming paving project. Police Chief Ross Allen touched on the number or vehicle accidents over the last month and that they have been in contact with TX-DOT over ways to mitigate the issues at a specific location. Council Member Guthrie made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Member Dildine made a second, all were in favor and the consent agenda was approved

7. PRESENTATION BY CARLETON S. WILKES. SENIOR ADVISOR, TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD REGARDING THE 2015 TWDB WATER LOAN.

The council has no questions or comments regarding Mr. Wilkes presentation. No action was taken.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TWDB PROGRAMS AND THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2015 TWDB WATER LOAN.

No action was taken.

9. PUBLIC HEARING: RECEIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE VARIANCE SUBMITTED BY CRAIG VAN ENGELEN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 217 281 LOOP. LEGAL DESCRIPTION – ABSA0147 SURVEY 172 J. DUEL, ACRES 91.55.

The public hearing opened at 6:36 pm and closed at 6:37 pm.

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE VARIANCE REQUEST SUBMITTED BY CRAIG VAN ENGELEN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 217 281 LOOP.**

Craig Van Englen spoke about the overall development and plans for landscaping, house exteriors, roads, entrances, and HOA. Council Member Shelton Coleman made a motion to approve the variance for the property located at 217 281 Loop. Council Member Gayla Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the variance was granted.

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCOUNT CREDIT TO THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR THEIR IRRIGATION ACCOUNT (#163).**

The requested credit amount of \$4581.89 was presented. Council Member Dildine made a motion to approve the requested credit for the Methodist Church irrigation account. Council member Babb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 20-102 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17-1202 REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES TO INCLUDE WASTEWATER RATE AVERAGING.**

There was no discussion. Council member Coleman made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-102 amending Ordinance No. 17-1202 regarding water and sewer rates to include wastewater averaging. Council Member Babb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 20-1001 AMENDING THE CITY OF JOHNSON CITY PERSONNEL POLICY DEFINING THE WORK PERIOD AND COMPENSATORY AND OVERTIME FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.**

After discussion, Council member Dildine made a motion to table Ordinance No. 20-1001 amending the City of Johnson City Personnel Policy. Council member Babb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the ordinance was tabled.

14. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION/ORDER NO. 20-1001 AUTHORIZING A COLLECTION FEE TO DELINQUENT COURT FINES AND FEES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 103.031 OF THE TEXAS CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.**

Council member Guthrie made a motion to approve Resolution/Order No. 20-1001 authorizing a collection fee to delinquent court fines and fees pursuant to article 103.031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution was adopted.

15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY.**

Council member Guthrie made a motion to table the motion regarding accepting applications for the position of City Attorney. Council Member Babb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was tabled.

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE INTO A CLOSED SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY FOR DELIBERATION REGARDING:**

- A) THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT; AND**
- B) LETTERS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR FY 2018 AUDIT AND FY 2019 AUDIT AND AMENDMENTS TO AND/OR DISENGAGEMENT OF SAME.**

The Council went into executive session at 7:41 pm and closed the session at 9:00 pm.

17. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING:**
A) THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT; AND
B) LETTERS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR FY 2018 AUDIT AND FY 2019 AUDIT AND AMENDMENTS TO AND/OR DISENGAGEMENT OF SAME.

Council member Babb made a motion to hire an investigator to investigate the issues presented in the 2016 - 2017 audit. Council member Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Council member Babb made a motion to set the audit presentation deadline for the FY 2018 and 2019 audits to December 15, 2020. Council member Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

18. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO THE DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THE REOPENING OF CITY PARK PLAYSAPES.**

Council member Guthrie made a motion to amend the disaster declaration to allow for the reopening of the city park playscapes. Council member Young seconded the motion. All were in favor and the amendment passed.

19. **ADJOURN**

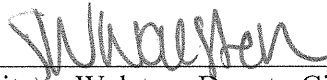
Mayor Stell adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS



Rhonda Stell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Whitney Walston, Deputy City Secretary