

MINUTES
CITY OF JOHNSON CITY
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Members of the City of Johnson City, Texas held a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 303 E Pecan Drive, Johnson City Texas.

City Council members present were: Mayor Pro-Tem Rhonda Stell, Mitchell Liesmann, and Pat Dildine. Council Member Shelton K. Coleman and LeAndy Pletcher were absent, but a quorum was still present

Mayor Capra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City staff members present were: City Secretary Anthony Holland, Public Works Director Michael Ulbig, and City Attorney Elizabeth Elleson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alyce Duncan, citizen, asked for more enforcement during special events on Main Street to help reduce the number of visitors walking around the downtown area with open containers. Additionally, she has noticed a few properties in the City limits that are in violation of the dilapidated building ordinance and should be cited by Code Enforcement.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION: POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

No update was provided.

B. PRESENTATION: JOHNSON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Visitors Center hosted 276 visitors in the month of November 2015. Market Days was very successful and had 18 registered vendors despite weather conditions.

D. PRESENTATION: PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

No updated was provided.

E. PRESENTATION: WAGS

Margie Masada, resident, asked the City Council to help her with the feral cat situation at 710 Ranchview Drive. She has reported the issue to City Hall and the Johnson City Police Department and the issue hasn't been resolved. Mayor Capra noted that the city staff would have an updated ordinance at the January meeting for the City Council to take action on. No representative from Wag's Inc. were present.

D. PRESENTATION: PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Public Works Director Mike Ulbig discussed the progress of the update to the WWTP and confirmed that the air blower was a reimbursable expense by Texas Water Development Board. Additionally, the creek crossing at Ash Street was been approved by FEMA and the bids are being finalized. Renovations at the event center are mostly complete with the restrooms and doors are the only pending items. Traffic and street signs have all been received and installation shall begin once the renovation of the event center is completed.

F. PRESENTATION: CITY SECRETARY'S UPDATE

City Secretary Anthony Holland advised the City Council of the two new hires at City Hall. Amy Van Pelt was selected as the City Clerk/Administrative Assistant and Jordan Liesmann was selected as the Maintenance Worker.

G. PRESENTATION: MAYOR CAPRA'S UPDATE ON LCRA PARK

Mayor Capra updated the City Council regarding the LCRA park and added that discussion regarding the easement for LCRA would have to be an item on the agenda for discussion and possible approval at a later time. Additionally, discussion was held regarding the liability the City would assume due to the changes in use of the park. City Attorney Elleson was tasked with reviewing this issue further.

5. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 REGULAR MEETING.

B. APPROVE INVOICES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

C. APPROVE FINANCIAL CONDITION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stell made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member Dildine seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SUBDIVISION PLAT SUBMITTED BY AFRITEXAS CONSTRUCTION WHICH IS PROPOSING A 54 LOT SUBDIVISION IN CREEKVIEW ESTATES, SECTION 2.

Discussion was held regarding the new subdivision and the City Council welcomed the addition. Council Member Dildine made a motion to approve the subdivision along with a revision to the street name of Brianna Loop North & South. Council Member Liesmann seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THE YOUTH MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (YMAC) TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL SUMMIT HOSTED BY TML IN PEARLAND, TEXAS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stell made a motion to authorize the funding for YMAC students to attend the Youth Advisory Council Summit in Pearland. Council Member Liesmann seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A TIMELINE FOR THE NEW ZONING ORDINANCE.

The City Council approved the following timeline for the possible adoption of the new zoning ordinance:

City Council Workshops:

January 6, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

January 13, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

January 20, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Joint Workshop: City Council & Planning and Zoning Commission

February 2, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing

February 2, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PEC FOR A SOLAR FARM LOCATED AT THE HOHENBERGER PROPERTY.

Council Member Dildine made a motion to authorize Mayor Dawn Capra to begin negotiations on a lease agreement for a solar farm with Pedernales Electric Coop. Council Member Liesmann seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Stell abstained from the motion and discussion.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2015-16 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANT PROGRAM.

This item was tabled until further notice.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING OPTIONS FOR CORRECTING ISSUES SURROUNDING GONZALES AVENUE.

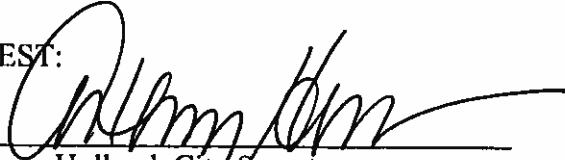
Discussion was held regarding the issues surrounding Gonzales Avenue. Ed Shackelford was present and advised the City Council FEMA had programs that were available to people in similar situations such as this. No action was taken.

12. ADJOURN

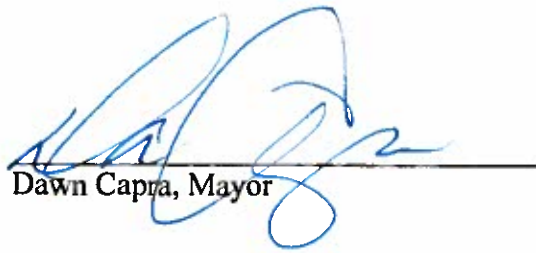
Mayor Capra adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS

ATTEST:



Anthony Holland, City Secretary



Dawn Capra, Mayor

