

**MINUTES
CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL**

The City of Johnson City City Council met for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 303 E. Pecan Drive, Johnson City, Texas 78636. This was an open meeting, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas.

Present: Rhonda Stell, Mayor
Gayla Guthrie
Stephanie Fisher
Teresa Babb
Patricia Dildine
Shelton Coleman

Staff Present: Rick Schroder, CAO
Whitney Walston, City Secretary
BJ Sultemeier, Public Works Director
Ross Allen, Police Chief
Elizabeth Elleson, City Attorney

Citizens: Tricia Hartmann
Sam Richardson
Barbara Hudson

1. Call to order.

Mayor Stell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

OPEN SESSION:

2. Citizens to be heard.

Sam Richardson spoke about fire response in the district and JCVFDs community first mission.

PROCLAMATION:

3. A proclamation proclaiming October 2022 as Hill Country Night Sky Month within the City of Johnson City, Texas. (Mayor Stell)

Mayor Stell presented a proclamation proclaiming October 2022 as Hill Country Night Sky Month to Blanco County Friends of the Night Sky.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEM NOS. 4 - 9):

4. **Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas designating the Johnson City Record Courier as the official newspaper for the City of Johnson City, Texas for Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2023; providing that all official public notifications be published in said newspaper; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**
5. **Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas approving an Investment Policy and Strategy for public investment purposes for FYE 2023; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**
6. **Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas designating Investment Officer(s) for public investment purposes for FYE 2023; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**
7. **Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas approving a list of approved brokers / dealers for public investment purposes for FYE 2023; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**
8. **Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas repealing Resolution No. R20-044 and implementing GASB Statement 54 requirements; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**
9. **Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas supporting the draft 2022 Lower Colorado-Lavaca Regional Flood Plan, including, but not limited to, the Report's inclusion of emergency management, drainage, and floodplain projects within Blanco County and Johnson City; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**

Councilmember Coleman made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the items were approved.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

10. **Discussion of and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas making appropriations for the support of the City of Johnson City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay the interest and principal of the City's indebtedness; adopting the annual Budget(s) of the City of Johnson City for the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year; authorizing personnel positions and salaries; setting the 2022 – 2023 holiday schedule for City employees; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to expend monies and sign documents in accordance with said Budget(s); incorporating recitals; providing for severability; repealing any other Code provisions, ordinances, or parts of ordinances, and other provisions in conflict herewith; and setting an effective date. (Staff)**

Councilmember Dildine made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas making appropriations for the support of the City of Johnson City for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023; appropriating money to a sinking fund to pay the interest and principal of the City's indebtedness; adopting the annual Budget(s) of the City of Johnson City for the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year; authorizing personnel positions and salaries; setting the 2022 – 2023 holiday schedule for City employees; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to expend monies and sign documents in accordance with said Budget(s); incorporating recitals; providing for severability; repealing any other Code provisions, ordinances, or parts of ordinances, and other provisions in conflict herewith; and setting an effective date.

Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion.

Gayla Guthrie – Yes
Stephanie Fisher – Yes
Teresa Babb – Yes
Patricia Dildine – Yes
Shelton Coleman – Yes

All were in favor and the motion carried.

11. **Discussion of and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas levying an ad valorem (property) tax rate for the Tax Year 2022 in the amount of \$0.356900 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation and directing the Blanco County Appraisal District to assess, account for, and distribute the ad valorem (property) taxes as herein levied; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Ordinance; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; repealing any other Code provisions, ordinances, or parts of ordinances, and other provisions in conflict herewith; and setting an effective date. (Staff)**

Councilmember Fisher moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.356900 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 14.65% increase in the tax rate. This motion includes:

- 1) the adoption of an ad valorem (property) tax rate for the Maintenance and Operations expenditures of the City of Johnson City at \$0.249200 cents per \$100 valuation for the Tax Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022; and
- 2) the adoption of an ad valorem (property) tax rate for the principal and interest payable on the Interest and Sinking (debt service) expenditures of the City of Johnson City at \$0.107700 cents per \$100 valuation for the Tax Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion.

Gayla Guthrie – Yes
Stephanie Fisher – Yes
Teresa Babb – Yes
Patricia Dildine – Yes
Shelton Coleman – Yes

12. **Discussion of and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas ratifying the adoption of the fiscal year (FY) 2022 – 2023 Municipal budget(s) raising more revenue from ad valorem (property) taxes due to increased property valuations and the addition of real property to the tax roll than in the FY 2021 – 2022 Municipal budget(s); authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Ordinance; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; repealing any other Code provisions, ordinances, or parts of ordinances, and other provisions in conflict herewith; and setting an effective date. (Staff)**

Councilmember Dildine made the motion to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas ratifying the adoption of the fiscal year (FY) 2022 – 2023 Municipal budget(s) raising more revenue from ad valorem (property) taxes due to increased property valuations and the addition of real property to the tax roll than in the FY 2021 – 2022 Municipal budget(s); authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Ordinance; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; repealing any other Code provisions, ordinances, or parts of ordinances, and other provisions in conflict herewith; and setting an effective date.

Councilmember Babb seconded the motion.

Gayla Guthrie – Yes
Stephanie Fisher – Yes
Teresa Babb – Yes
Patricia Dildine – Yes
Shelton Coleman – Yes

All were in favor and the motion carried.

13. **Discussion of and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas establishing and amending fees, costs, and fines charged by the City of Johnson City; adopting savings, repealer, and penalty clauses; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**

Councilmember Babb made to motion to approve the Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas establishing and amending fees, costs, and fines charged by the City of Johnson City. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. Councilmembers Fisher, Guthrie, Babb, and Coleman were in favor, and Councilmember Dildine opposed.

The motion carried 4-1.

14. **Pursuant to Section 5 *Management of Funds* of a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funding Agreement dated February 2021 between the City of Johnson City, Texas and the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce, discussion of and action on the Chamber's FYE 2023 HOT Fund Budget. (Chamber/Council)**

Councilmember Fisher moved to table the item until the chamber was available to attend. Councilmember Babb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the item was tabled.

The council adjourned into closed session

CLOSED SESSION:

15. **The City Council will convene into Closed Session in accordance with Government Codes:**

§551.071 *Consultation with Attorney* and §551.087 *Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations* to receive legal advice and deliberate a Chapter 380 Economic Development Award and Loan Agreement between the City of Johnson City, Texas and Titan Milling, Inc. for the relocation of the entity's business operations to the City and the renovation of 401 E. Main St., Johnson City, Texas 78636 in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00). (Staff)

The council adjourned into open session at 7:16 pm.

16. **Discussion of and action on matters discussed in Closed Session. (Council)**

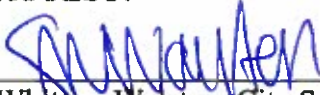
Councilmember Coleman made the motion to direct staff to obtain more information regarding the Chapter 380 agreement from Titan Milling. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.



Rhonda Stell, Mayor
City of Johnson City, Texas

ATTEST:



Whitney Walston, City Secretary