

MINUTES
CITY OF JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL

The City of Johnson City City Council will met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 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
Shelton Coleman
Stephanie Fisher
Teresa Babb

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

Citizens Present: Trish Hartmann, JCRC
Ashley Kortis
Peter Claffey
Steve Sanchez
Darrin Cherason
Bob Corrigan
Lin Corrigan
Bart Burkhard

1. **Call to order.**

Mayor Stell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pastor Sanchez led the invocation.

OPEN SESSION:

2. **Citizens to be heard.**

There were no public comments.

REPORTS:

3. **Proclamations, Presentations, and/or Reports.**

- a) **Presentation – Chief Executive Officer Peter Claffey, Science Mill.**
C.E.O. Claffey spoke briefly about the science mills upcoming programming along with previous, current, and future marketing efforts.
- b) **Report – Chief Administrative Officer Rick Schroder.**

- CAO Schroder provided a report in the council packet.
- c) **Report – Public Works Director Brent Sultemeier.**
Public Works Director Brent Sultemeier presented and spoke on the topics included in his report. The report was provided in the council packet
 - d) **Report – Police Chief Ross Allen.**
Police Chief Ross Allen presented and spoke on the topics included in his report. The report was provided in the council packet.
 - e) **Report – Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Oestreich.**
The report was provided in the council packet.
 - f) **Report – Municipal Court Judge Tom Walston and Court Clerk Patricia Mikla.**
The report was provided in the council packet.
 - g) **Building Permit Report.**
The report was provided in the council packet.
 - h) **Report – Johnson City Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Center.**
The visitors center had 450 contacts along with 77 phone calls. The new website is in the process of being launched and will be live ASAP.
 - i) **Quarterly Report – Grant Development Services.**
GDS reported to council on the recent updates to all current and upcoming projects.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEM NOS. 4 - 5):

- 4. **Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Johnson City City Council dated December 6, 2022. (Staff)**
- 5. **Approval of the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2023 Revenue and Expense, Check Register, and Balance Sheet Reports dated December 31, 2022. (Staff)**

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

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- 6. **Discussion of and action on the selection of a City Arborist for the City of Johnson City, Texas, including, but not limited to, the following:**
 - **A Request for Proposal for Arborist Consulting Services issued by the City on November 18, 2022;**
 - **A proposal received by Urban Tree Company / Scott Anderson on December 15, 2022; and**
 - **An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas approving the terms of a Professional Services Contract between Scott Anderson and the City of Johnson City for professional services as the City Arborist; specifying services and associated fees; incorporating recitals; providing for severability;**

repealing any other Code provisions, ordinances, or parts of ordinances, and other provisions in conflict herewith; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)

Councilmember Babb made the motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the item was approved.


7. **Discussion of and action on a Professional Services Agreement between Grant Development Services, Inc. and the City of Johnson City, Texas for 2023 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Transportation Alternatives Grant Pre- and Full-Application Services and Construction Administration related to a grant application for bicyclist and pedestrian infrastructure construction. (Staff)**

GDS gave a brief overview of the project. Councilmember Fisher made the motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Babb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the item was approved.

8. **Discussion of and action on an Ordinance amending Section 1.03.036 of Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article 1.03 City Council, of the City of Johnson City Code of Ordinances; amending rules of procedure; and providing for an effective date. (Councilwoman Babb)**

Councilmember Babb made the motion to approve the items as presented. Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion. Councilmembers Babb and Fisher voted for the item while Councilmembers Coleman and Guthrie voted No. Mayor Stell broke the tie with a no vote. The motion failed.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.



Rhonda Stell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Whitney Walston, City Secretary