

Minutes
City of Johnson City, Texas
City Council

The City of Johnson City City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 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: Stephanie Fisher, Mayor
Shelton Coleman
Gayla Guthrie
Patricia Dildine
Kari Thomas
Teresa Babb (Via Zoom)

Staff Present: Rick Schroder, CAO
Whitney Walston, City Secretary
Brent Sultemeier, Public Works Director

Citizens Present: Steve Sanchez
Bart Burkhard
Rhonda Stell
Frances Ann Giron
Brett Bray
June Elmore

1. **Call to order.**

Mayor Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Pastor Boatright led the invocation.

CEREMONIAL:

2. **Oath of Office administered to Mayor Stephanie Fisher, Councilmember Kari Thomas, and Councilmember Shelton Coleman.**

Blanco County Judge Brett Bray administered the oath of office to Mayor Fisher and Councilmembers Thomas and Coleman.

OPEN SESSION:

3. **Citizens to be heard.**

Bart Burkhard spoke about the 360 virtual tours. Steve Sanchez spoke about Fidelity Month.

REPORTS:

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

- a) **Report – Chief Administrative Officer Rick Schroder.**
CAO Schroder had no report for the month.
- b) **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.
- c) **Report – Police Chief Ross Allen.**
Police Chief Ross Allen presented the racial profiling report and spoke on the topics included in his report. The report was provided in the council packet.
- d) **Report – Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Oestreich.**
The report was provided in the council packet.
- e) **Report – Municipal Court Judge Tom Walston and Court Clerk Patricia Mikla.**
The report was provided in the council packet.
- f) **Building Permit Report.**
The report was provided in the council packet.
- g) **Work Order Report.**
The report was provided in the council packet.
- h) **Report – Johnson City Chamber of Commerce and Visitor’s Center.**
There were 285 visitors to center this month and the chamber will be hosting a mixer on June 22nd at Farmhouse Vineyards.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEM NOS. 5 - 9):

5. **Approval of the following minutes:**

- **Regular Meeting of the Johnson City City Council dated May 2, 2023;**
- **Called Meeting of the Johnson City Board of Adjustment dated May 16, 2023;**
- **Regular Meeting of the Johnson City City Council dated May 16, 2023; and**
- **Special Meeting of the Johnson City City Council dated June 1, 2023. (Staff)**

6. **Approval of the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2023 Revenue and Expense, Check Register, and Balance Sheet Reports dated May 31, 2023. (Staff)**

7. **Approval of the reappointment of the following Commissioners for two (2) year terms to the Johnson City Planning and Zoning Commission:**

- **Paul Babb;**
- **Stephanie Bass**
- **Kenneth Bible;**
- **Kevin Tully; and**
- **Suree Birck;**
- **James Whitfill. (Staff)**
- **Bart Burkhard;**

8. **Approval of the reappointment of the following Committee Members for two (2) year terms to the Johnson City Capital Improvements Advisory Committee:**

- Paul Babb;
- Stephanie Bass;
- Kenneth Bible;
- Suree Birck;
- Bart Burkhard;
- Kevin Tully;
- Craig VanEngelen; and
- James Whitfill. (Staff)

9. **Approval of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas providing for the abandonment and release of a utility easement in the City; and providing for the approval and acceptance by the City of a new public utility easement and temporary construction easement; and providing for an effective date. (Staff)**

Councilmember Coleman made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Dildine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

10. **Discussion of and action on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax and a pledge of certain surplus revenues of the City's Waterworks and Sanitary Sewer System; approving and authorizing the execution of all instruments and procedures related thereto, including a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase and Investment Letter; and declaring an effective date. (Bond Counsel)**

Councilmember Dildine made the motion to approve the Ordinance with the amendment of striking through "home rule" and replacing with "general law". Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the ordinance was approved with amendments.

11. **Pursuant to Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter One *General Provisions*, Article 1.02 *Authority and Powers*, Division Two *Use of Official City Seal and Other Insignia*, discussion of and action on requests by Mrs. Debbie Burkhard and Mr. / Mrs. Woody Gish to continue to use the City logo for retail purposes, including, but not limited to, shot glasses, fabric shopping / tote / wine bags, magnets, and other souvenir items. (Applicant)**

Councilmember Coleman motioned to approve the item as stated with a five year term. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the item was approved.

12. **Discussion of and action on a Professional Services Agreement for Marketing Services between Deep Roots Small Business Services and the City of Johnson City, Texas,**

including, but not limited to, an associated scope of work, production of services, and compensation. (Staff)

Councilmember Guthrie motioned to approve the Professional Services Agreement and to allow staff to negotiate the contract. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. Councilmembers Thomas, Guthrie, and Coleman voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Dildine opposed the motion. Motion passed 3-1.

13. **Discussion of and action on a Visitor Information Center Services Agreement and Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding Agreement between the City of Johnson City, Texas and the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce for the initial term of April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023, including, but not limited to, an FYE 2023 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Fund Budget for Visitor Center and related operations and Senior and Assistant Visitor Center Staff job descriptions. (Chamber)**

Councilmember Dildine made the motion to approve the agreement and job descriptions as provided. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the item was approved.

14. **Discussion of and action on the election of a President (Mayor) Pro Tempore for the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas. (Staff)**

Councilmember Guthrie nominated Councilmember Coleman for the position of Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Dildine seconded the motion. All were in favor and Councilmember Coleman was appointed as Mayor Pro Tempore.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Stephanie Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Whitney Walston, City Secretary

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Shelton Coleman, Mayor Pro Tem
Gayla Guthrie
Patricia Dildine
Kari Thomas
Teresa Babb

Staff Present: Rick Schroder, CAO
Whitney Walston, City Secretary
Elizabeth Elleson, City Attorney

Citizens Present: Bob and Lin Corrigan
Lynn Moore

1. Call to order.

Mayor Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilmember Babb led the invocation.

OPEN SESSION:

2. **Citizens to be heard.**

Bob Corrigan spoke about the Polk Cemetery restoration.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEM NOS. 3 - 4):

3. **Approval of rescheduling the July 4, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Johnson City City Council from July 4, 2023 to July 11, 2023 in observance of Independence Day. (Staff)**
4. **Approval of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas authorizing certain budget amendments pertaining to the adopted Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2023 Budgets; incorporating recitals; authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Ordinance; providing for severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and setting an effective date. (Staff)**

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

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

5. **Pursuant to Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 *Subdivision Regulation*, Article 10.03 *Stormwater Detention and Drainage*, Section 10.03.007 *Fee-in-Lieu of Detention*, discussion of and action on a request by 603 Hwy. 281, LLC for the payment of a Fee-in-Lieu of Detention in the amount of \$3,090.73 related to a 50' x 25' (1,250 sq. ft.) addition to an existing laundromat located at 505 S. U.S. Hwy. 281, Johnson City, Texas 78636, more particularly described as BCAD Property ID No. 7521. (Applicant)**

Councilmember Dildine made the motion to approve the fee-in-lieu of detention. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

6. **Discussion of and action on the selection of employee and retiree medical insurance benefits for Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2024. (Staff)**

Councilmember Dildine made the motion to continue with the current employee and retiree medical insurance plan. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. Councilmember Dildine withdrew her motion and recused herself based on personal benefit. Councilmember Babb motion to select the plan with no change from the FYE 2023 plan. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with Councilmember Dildine recusing herself.

7. **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, Texas and related to Municipal Solid Waste Collection; adopting savings, repealer, and penalty clauses; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**

Councilmember Coleman motioned to table the item. Councilmember Babb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the item was tabled.

8. **Discussion of and action on the submittal of a Permit Amendment Application to the Blanco-Pedernales Groundwater Conservation District for an increase in water production for the City of Johnson City, Texas, including, but not limited to, a Hydrogeological Testing Report and other Permit Amendment Application requirements. (Staff)**

Councilmember Dildine motioned to proceed with the application submittal. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

9. **Discussion of and action on a Geophysical Survey of the James Polk Johnson Cemetery located near the intersection of W. Pecan Dr. and N. Ave. L, including, but not limited to, a Monument Restoration Quote from Texas Cemetery Restoration, LLC for monument leveling, cleaning, and related repairs. (Staff)**

Councilmember Babb made the motion to table the item. Councilmember Dildine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the item was tabled.

10. **Discussion of a cost sharing agreement between the City of Johnson City, Texas and the North Blanco Co. Emergency Services District No. 1 for the removal of a sewer lift station at 204 Ranch Road 2766 / 105 Bill Watson Drive, Johnson City, Texas 78636, more particularly described as BCAD Property ID No. 5886. (Staff)**

The council directed staff to obtain informal bids and set up a meeting with ESD1 to discuss. The Mayor requested to also attend the meeting.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Stephanie Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Whitney Walston, City Secretary