

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

The City of Johnson City City Council met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 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, Mayor Pro Temp
Kari Thomas
Gayla Guthrie
Patricia Dildine
Teresa Babb

Staff Present: Rick Schroder, CAO
Whitney Walston, City Secretary
Brent Sultemeier, Public Works Director
Ross Allen, Police Chief
Lee Simmons, City Attorney

1. Call to order.

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

OPEN SESSION:

2. Public Comments.

Public comments were made by Zoe King and Rhonda Stell.

REPORTS:

3. Proclamations, Presentations, and/or Reports.

- a) Report – Chief Administrative Officer Rick Schroder.**
CAO Schroder has no report.
- 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.**
The report was provided in the council packet.
- i) **Report – Blanco County Cat Coalition, Inc.**
The report was provided in the council packet.
- j) **Report – Mr. Bob Corrigan.**
The report was provided in the council packet.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEM NOS. 4 - 8):

- 4. **Approval of the minutes of the Regular, Special, and Workshop Meetings of the Johnson City City Council dated November 6, 2023, November 7, 2023, November 20, 2023, and November 29, 2023. (Staff)**
- 5. **Approval of the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2024 Revenue and Expense, Check Register, and Balance Sheet Reports dated November 30, 2023. (Staff)**
- 6. **Approval of rescheduling the January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Johnson City City Council to January 9, 2024. (City Council)**
- 7. **Pursuant to 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, approval of the issuance of a check in the amount of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$12,878.56) to the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce for Johnson City Visitor Center operations from July 2023 – September 2023. (Chamber)**
- 8. **Approval of the temporary suspension of water and wastewater utility disconnections related to late and/or unpaid utility bills for the month of December 2023 and directing City Staff to resume the same disconnections in January 2024. (Mayor Fisher)**

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

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- 9. **Discussion of and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Johnson City, Texas amending an existing permanent easement for utilities benefitting the City, and which encumbers certain real property located at 408 N. Hwy. 281, Johnson City, Texas 78636. (Staff/Property Owner)**

Councilmember Dildine motioned to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Babb seconded the motion. All were in favor and the Resolution was approved.

10. **Pursuant to Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 13 *Utilities*, Article 13.05 *Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan*, discussion of and action on the termination of Stage One Voluntary Drought Restrictions within the City of Johnson City, Texas. (Staff)**

Councilmember Dildine made the motion to lift the stage one drought restrictions. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

11. **Discussion of and action on planting a tree in Memorial Park in memory of June Dahman to replace the pine that died. (Councilwoman Dildine)**

Councilmember Babb motion to approve a memorial tree in Memorial Park. Councilmember Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the tree was approved.

12. **Discussion of and action on Johnson City Visitor Center operations, including, but not limited to, Visitor Center location(s), days and hours of operation, part- / full-time employment status, and job description. (Councilwoman Dildine / Mayor Fisher)**

Councilmember Babb motioned for the Visitor Center Specialist position to be part-time. Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. Councilmembers Guthrie, Thomas, and Babb were in favor of the motion with Councilmembers Coleman and Dildine opposing. The motion passed.

Councilmember Babb motion for the days and hours for Center operations be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 11 am to 4 p.m. Councilmember Thomas seconded the motion. Councilmembers Guthrie, Thomas, Colemand, and Babb were in favor of the motion with Councilmember Dildine opposing. The motion passed.

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

Stephanie Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Whitney Walston, City Secretary

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The City of Johnson City City Council met for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the old 290 Vinery, LLC location, 300/303 W. Main St., 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, Mayor Pro Temp
Gayla Guthrie
Patricia Dildine
Teresa Babb

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

1. Call to order.

Mayor Fisher called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

There were two public comments. Craig Van Englen and Rhonda Stell.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

2. Discussion of and action on the purchase of 300/303 W. Main St., Johnson City, Texas 78636 for municipal purposes. (Staff)

Councilmember Babb made the motion to:

1. Created an exploratory committee consisting of the Mayor and Councilpersons Babb and Coleman, all cc'd onto this email.
2. The exploratory committee is charged with the following:
 - a. Determine what the legal / bond counsel requirements are for purchasing the property and funding improvements;
 - b. To hire a commercial broker to determine the appropriate price for the new property (to buy) and the existing Municipal Complex (to sell);
 - c. With the commercial broker, the exploratory committee will determine what the appropriate offer / price is for the property;
 - d. The committee was authorized to submit, on behalf of the full Council, an offer with a 30-day due diligence period and subsequent option periods in order to allow sufficient time to hire an architect / designer to determine needed renovations and

additions and associated costs. These costs would be combined with the property purchase price for a potential bond issuance.

3. The committee was not authorized to proceed past the 30-day due diligence period. Said discussion would be held by the full Council during the regular meeting on January 9th.

Councilmember Guthrie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

With no further business before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Stephanie Fisher, Mayor

ATTEST:

Whitney Walston, City Secretary