



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 19, 2024
6:30 PM**

The Joshua City Council will hold a Work Session at 6:30 pm. A Regular Meeting will be held immediately following the Work Session in the Council Chambers at Joshua City Hall, located at 101 S. Main St., Joshua, Texas. This meeting is subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas.

Individuals may attend the meeting in person or access the meeting via videoconference or telephone conference call.

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Meeting ID: 81894726707 Passcode: 814176

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Kimble announced a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. United States of America
2. Texas Flag

C. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Theresa Boydston, Area Director of Johnson County Young Life

D. WORK SESSION

1. Review and discuss questions related to the budget report and financial statement for November 2024. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

City Manager Peacock stated that tax revenues are below expectations, but it is not abnormal for this time of year. Each department is under budget.

2. Discussion on lowering the speed limit of Waterford Way from 30 mph to 25 mph. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

City Manager Peacock stated that the city has been studying road traffic for a while, he believes the public works director's recommendation to lower the speed limit from 30 to 25 is understandable. In addition, he stated that the staff is going to ask Type B to fund a speed flashing sign.

Councilmember Kidd asked what initiated this. City Manager Peacock answered citizens' complaints.

City Manager Peacock stated that the traffic policy may be updated by next year.

The City Council directed staff to bring this item back next month for action.

3. Update on the City Park Project. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

Parks Manager Gill gave a brief update regarding the City Park Project.

E. UPDATES FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, UPDATES FROM CITY STAFF MEMBERS:

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, the Mayor and Members of the City Council may report on the following items of community interest, including (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolences; (2) information about holiday schedules, (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming City Council events; (5) information about community events; and (6) announcements involving any imminent threat to public health and safety. Staff Updates will address operational issues in various City departments. No deliberation is authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act.

NA

F. PUBLIC FORUM, PRESENTATION, AND RECOGNITION:

The City Council invites citizens to speak on any topic. However, unless the item is specifically noted on this agenda, the City Council is required under the Texas Open Meetings Act to limit its response to responding with a statement of specific factual information, reciting the City's existing policy, or directing the person making the inquiry to visit with City Staff about the issue. Therefore, no Council deliberation is permitted. Each person will have 3 minutes to speak.

Glen Walden introduced Josh Howard, JCSUD General Manager.

Mayor Kimble moved to the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Kimble returned to this item after all items were discussed.

Mayor Kimble presented Councilmember Merle Breitenstein with a proclamation officially declaring December 19 as "Merle Breitenstein Day" in perpetuity. Additionally, Mayor Kimble honored Councilmember Breitenstein with the Distinguished Service Award, commemorated by a beautifully inscribed plaque recognizing his exceptional contributions to the City of Joshua.

Councilmember Johnny Waldrip further celebrated the occasion by presenting Councilmember Breitenstein with a Texas flag that had flown over the State Capitol. The flag symbolized Breitenstein's commitment to both local and state communities throughout his years of service.

Councilmember Mike Kidd delivered congratulations on behalf of Governor Greg Abbott, presenting Councilmember Breitenstein with a certificate from the Governor's office. The certificate acknowledged Breitenstein's invaluable contributions to Joshua's growth and well-being.

In a heartfelt moment, Councilmember Shelly Anderson read a letter signed by all members of the City Council. The letter expressed deep gratitude to Merle Breitenstein and his wife, April, for their unwavering service and dedication to the community. It highlighted their lasting impact on the City of Joshua and their legacy of service to both the local community and the nation.

The evening concluded with a special acknowledgment of April Breitenstein. Mrs. Kim Kimble, wife of Mayor Kimble, presented April with a stunning bouquet of flowers in recognition of her steadfast support and partnership throughout Merle's years of service.

The City Council and attendees expressed their profound appreciation to Merle and April Breitenstein for their lasting contributions to the City of Joshua.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on November 21, 2024, meeting minutes. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)
2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on December 09, 2024, meeting minutes. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Motion made by Councilmember Waldrip to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Nichols.

Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Waldrip, Councilmember Kidd, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Breitenstein, Councilmember Anderson

H. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possibly action on an Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County to house the City's Police Department Class C Misdemeanor Prisoners. (Staff Resource: S. Fullagar)

Motion made by Councilmember Kidd to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Breitenstein.

Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Waldrip, Councilmember Kidd, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Breitenstein, Councilmember Anderson

2. Discuss, consider, and possibly action on an Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County to house the City's Fire Department Marshal's Class C Misdemeanor Prisoners. (Staff Resource: J. White)

Motion made by Councilmember Anderson to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Breitenstein.

Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Waldrip, Councilmember Kidd, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Breitenstein, Councilmember Anderson

I. STAFF REPORT

1. Police Department
2. Fire Department
3. Municipal Court
4. Public Works
5. Animal Services
6. Development Services
7. Code Enforcement
8. Parks and Recreation
9. City Secretary's Office

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/REQUESTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Councilmembers shall not comment upon, deliberate, or discuss any item that is not on the agenda. Councilmembers shall not make routine inquiries about operations or project status on an item that is not posted. However, any Councilmember may state an issue and request to place the item on a future agenda.

NA

K. ADJOURN

Mayor Kimble adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Approved: January 16, 2025

Scott Kimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Holloway, City Secretary