MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 20, 2026
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.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. United States of America

2. Texas Flag

The City Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilmember Kidd.

D. WORK SESSION

1. Review and discuss questions related to the financial report for June 2026. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

   City Manager Peacock stated that all departments are within their operating budget. No major expenditures.

2. Review and discuss questions related to the financial report for July 2026. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

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3. Discussion on the 2020 Go Bond balance. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

   City Manager Peacock provided an update on street improvement funding, including the use of bond proceeds for improvements to Vetch Street, Santa Fe Street, and Main Street.

4. Discussion on the Public Works Street Fee Assessment. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

   Assistant City Manager Aaron Maldonado presented the Public Works report included in the meeting packet, which provided a comparison of estimated costs for completing projects in-house versus utilizing contracted services.

   Public Works Director Kristin Hubacek provided additional information and responded to questions regarding staffing, equipment, and other operational considerations associated with completing the work in-house.

5. Discussion on the FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

   City Manager Peacock provided an overview of the proposed budget and highlighted key areas, including a current budget of approximately $7.3 million. He noted that the proposed budget includes an $8,000 market adjustment for Police Department officers, as well as a 1.5% adjustment and a 1.5% cost-of-living adjustment for all employees.

   Mr. Peacock stated that there were no changes to the revenue projections, with the exception of items to be discussed later on the agenda.

6. Discussion and receive an update regarding the July 3, 2026, America's 250th Celebration. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

   City Secretary Holloway provided an update on the Independence Day event. The City Council gave positive feedback regarding the event and commended staff for their efforts in making the event a success.

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.

Mayor Kimble reported that he had the opportunity to meet Congressman Ellzey, who represents the western portion of Joshua.

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.

Jameye Jones invited everyone to attend the Johnson County Pioneers and Old Settlers' Reunion.

State Representative Helen Kerwin provided an update regarding proposed data center development along Highway 67 toward Glen Rose. She stated that approximately 1,800 acres had been secured for the development; however, permitting was currently impacted by an order from the Governor.

1. Proclamation recognizing September 17–23, 2026, as Constitution Week in the City of Joshua, sponsored by the local chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

   Mayor Kimble read aloud a proclamation recognizing September 17–23, 2026, as Constitution Week in the City of Joshua, sponsored by the local chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the May 11, 2026, June 18, 2026, and August 4, 2026, meeting minutes. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a resolution approving the City of Joshua Investment Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2026. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Interlocal Cooperation Contract. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

   Motion made by Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Place 1 Dees.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Place 1 Dees, Councilmember Place 2 Kidd, Councilmember Place 3 Nichols, Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein, Councilmember Place 5 Grall, Councilmember Place 6 Anderson

H. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

   Mayor Kimble opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

   City Manager Peacock reported that staff met with the City's tax attorney and discussed the use of debt service reserves. Based on this information, the proposed tax rate, if approved, would remain unchanged from the current year. He stated that the current tax rate of $0.689468 would provide for a balanced budget.

   Mayor Kimble closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a resolution proposing the adoption of an ad valorem tax rate for tax year 2026, and schedule a public hearing subject to the public hearing requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

   City Manager Peacock stated that staff and Mayor Kimble met with the City's tax attorney earlier that afternoon and discussed the City's debt service reserves. Based on that discussion, staff recommended maintaining the same overall tax rate as the previous year while providing for an adequate debt service reserve.

   Motion made by Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein to propose a total 2026 tax rate of $0.689468 per $100 valuation, the same total tax rate as 2025, consisting of a Maintenance and Operations (M&O) rate of $0.571979 per $100 valuation and a debt rate of $0.1174898 per $100 valuation. The proposed debt rate represents an 8.7% increase from the calculated debt rate of $0.108062 per $100 valuation, which represents the minimum amount necessary to service the City's debt for the next fiscal year.

   The additional revenue generated by the proposed debt rate would be used to maintain an adequate debt service reserve consistent with sound fiscal practices. The motion authorized only the possible future adoption of the proposed increased debt rate.

   Seconded by Councilmember Place 2 Kidd.

   Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Place 1 Dees, Councilmember Place 2 Kidd, Councilmember Place 3 Nichols, Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein, Councilmember Place 5 Grall, Councilmember Place 6 Anderson

   A record vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Public hearing on a request for a zoning change regarding approximately 2.6 acres of land in the E.M. Thomason Survey, Tract 1 & 3B, Abstract 827, City of Joshua, Texas, located at 1100 N. Main Street, to change from (R-1) Single Family Residential District to the (R-1L) Single Family Residential Large Lot District. (Staff Resource: A. Maldonado)

   Mayor Kimble opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

   Assistant City Manager Aaron Maldonado presented the staff report as included in the meeting packet.

   Mayor Kimble closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a request for a zoning change regarding approximately 2.6 acres of land in the E.M. Thomason Survey, Tract 1 & 3B, Abstract 827, City of Joshua, Texas, located at 1100 N. Main Street, to change from (R-1) Single Family Residential District to the (R-1L) Single Family Residential Large Lot District. (Staff Resource: A. Maldonado)

   Motion made by Councilmember Place 3 Nichols to approve the request. Seconded by Councilmember Place 2 Kidd.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Place 1 Dees, Councilmember Place 2 Kidd, Councilmember Place 3 Nichols, Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein, Councilmember Place 5 Grall, Councilmember Place 6 Anderson

5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an Ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Business Regulations," of the City of Joshua Code of Ordinances by repealing existing Article 4.04, "Food Trucks," and replacing it with a new Article 4.04, "Mobile Food Vendors." (Staff Resource: A. Maldonado)

   Assistant City Manager Aaron Maldonado presented the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Business Regulations," of the City of Joshua Code of Ordinances by repealing and replacing Article 4.04 relating to mobile food vendors.

   The City Council discussed the proposed ordinance at length and raised several questions and concerns regarding its provisions and requirements. Following discussion, Council expressed a desire to receive additional information and clarification before considering approval of the ordinance.

   Motion made by Councilmember Place 6 Anderson to table until the September meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein.

   Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Place 1 Dees, Councilmember Place 2 Kidd, Councilmember Place 3 Nichols, Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein, Councilmember Place 5 Grall, Councilmember Place 6 Anderson

6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a Resolution supporting legislation requiring county election administrators to offer annual election services. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

   Motion made by Councilmember Place 3 Nichols to approve a resolution supporting legislation requiring county election administrators to offer annual election services. Seconded by Councilmember Place 2 Kidd.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Place 1 Dees, Councilmember Place 2 Kidd, Councilmember Place 3 Nichols, Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein, Councilmember Place 5 Grall, Councilmember Place 6 Anderson

7. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching Services for FY 2026-2027**.** (Staff Resource: S. Fullagar)

   Police Chief Shawn Fullagar presented the renewal of the dispatch services contract and reviewed the associated cost breakdown. Chief Fullagar noted that the City experienced an approximately 6%

decrease in calls; however, the City remains responsible for its allocated percentage of the overall dispatch costs under the agreement.

8. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approving an asset forfeiture agreement with the District Attorney's Office. (Staff Resource: S. Fullagar)

   Police Chief Shawn Fullagar explained that federal and state laws contain provisions regarding asset forfeiture. He stated that the proposed agreement between the Police Department and the District Attorney's Office establishes the distribution of proceeds received through asset forfeiture.

   Motion made by Councilmember Place 2 Kidd to approve the agreement. Seconded by Councilmember Place 6 Anderson.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Place 1 Dees, Councilmember Place 2 Kidd, Councilmember Place 3 Nichols, Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein, Councilmember Place 5 Grall, Councilmember Place 6 Anderson

9. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the purchase of new .223-caliber patrol rifles. (Staff Resource: S. Fullagar)

   City Manager Peacock stated that he recently learned that the Police Department's existing AR-15 rifles were more than 20 years old and that some were in poor condition and required temporary measures to keep components secured. He explained the importance of ensuring each officer has reliable equipment and recommended the purchase of new rifles and cases. Eighteen rifles would be issued to officers, with two additional rifles available as needed.

   Mayor Kimble asked about the maintenance schedule for the rifles. Police Chief Fullagar stated that the rifles are required to be cleaned monthly.

   City Manager Peacock noted that funding is currently available for the purchase.

   Motion made by Councilmember Place 5 Grall to approve the purchase. Seconded by Councilmember Place 3 Nichols.
   Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Place 1 Dees, Councilmember Place 2 Kidd, Councilmember Place 3 Nichols, Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein, Councilmember Place 5 Grall

10. Discuss, consider, and possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute employee benefit contracts with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas and United Concordia. (Staff Resource: B Grounds)

    Motion made by Councilmember Place 6 Anderson to approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to sign. Seconded by Councilmember Place 3 Nichols.
    Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Place 1 Dees, Councilmember Place 2 Kidd, Councilmember Place 3 Nichols, Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein, Councilmember Place 5 Grall, Councilmember Place 6 Anderson

11. Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding granting an additional day of vacation to all City employees on September 8, 2026, in recognition of the successful July 3, 2026, 250th Freedom Celebration, thereby extending the Labor Day holiday to two days. (Resource: Mayor Kimble)

    Motion made by Mayor Kimble to grant an additional shift of time off to all City employees on September 8, 2026. Seconded by Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein.
    Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Place 1 Dees, Councilmember Place 2 Kidd, Councilmember Place 3 Nichols, Councilmember Place 4 Breitenstein, Councilmember Place 5 Grall, Councilmember Place 6 Anderson

I. STAFF REPORT

1. Police Department
2. Municipal Court
3. City Secretary's Office
4. Animal Services
5. Human Resources
6. Economic Development
7. Parks Department
8. Development Services
9. Code Enforcement
10. Public Works

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 8:12 pm.

Approved: September 17, 2026

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Scott Kimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Alice Holloway, City Secretary