



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 15, 2024
6:30 PM**

PRESENT

Mayor Scott Kimble
Councilmember Johnny Waldrip
Councilmember Mike Kidd
Councilmember Angela Nichols
Councilmember Dakota Marshall
Councilmember Shelly Anderson

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Mike Peacock

ABSENT

Councilmember Merle Breitenstein

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, on August 08, 2024. 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: 811 7431 5061 Passcode: 205586

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Kimble announced a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. United States of America
2. Texas Flag

The City Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. INVOCATION

Councilmember Kidd led the invocation.

D. WORK SESSION

Mayor Kimble announced that the next item that will be discussed is the Public Forum, Presentation, and Recognition.

1. Discussion on the FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget.

City Manager Peacock stated that three options are being presented for consideration.

Option A:

- Includes proposed increase in City tax rate
- Provides for Reserve Fund balance in the amount required by City policy with an estimated overage of \$284,809.00 available for additional use or additional Reserve Fund increase.
- Funds all current positions including 4 current vacant
- No increase in salaries or Cost of Living Adjustment

Option B

- Hold City tax rate at the current level of \$0.651229
- Provide for Reserve Fund balance in the amount required by City policy with an estimated overage of \$377,624.00 available for additional use or additional Reserve fund increase
- Funds all current positions except the 4 current vacant
- No increases in salaries or Cost of Living Adjustment

Option C

- Includes proposed increase in City tax rate
- Provides for Reserve Fund balance in the amount required by City policy with an estimated overage of \$655,751.00 available for additional use or additional Reserve Fund increase
- Funds all current positions except the 4 currently vacant
- No increases in salaries or Cost of Living Adjustment

In addition, City Manager Peacock stated that he is in the process of selecting a 5-member committee to review the city infrastructure and put together an infrastructure improvement plan.

Councilmember Waldrip stated that he is not in favor of cutting the police department budget.

Councilmember Kidd stated that he agrees with Councilmember Waldrip.

Councilmember Nichols stated that the City cannot keep cutting.

Councilmember Marshall stated that we must do what it takes to provide for the citizens.

Councilmember Anderson stated that she is a taxpayer too, and the council has proven that we have reduced taxes when we can, it is a tough decision, especially asking employees to come to work, put their lives on the line, and get no increases, and possibly taking on more workload.

Mayor Kimble stated that the arguments presented make sense, but he still has an objection to a tax increase.

Mayor Kimble asked each council member to direct staff which option they would like to see as the budget.

- Councilmember Waldrip- Option A
- Councilmember Kidd- Option A
- Councilmember Nichols- Option A
- Mayor Kimble- Option B
- Councilmember Marshall- Option A
- Councilmember Anderson- Option A

2. Discussion on the 2024-2025 proposed medical, dental, and vision benefit plan.

Human Resource Director Grounds presented the plan for medical, dental, and vision benefits. She gave a brief explanation for each plan.

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.

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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.

Mayor Kimble stated that the Johnson County Pioneer Days in Alvarado is scheduled for Saturday, August 28th through August 31st and two employees will be recognized, one from the police and one from the fire department.

1. Proclamation honoring Arden and Dee Lockett's 75th Wedding Anniversary.

Mayor Kimble read out loud a proclamation recognizing and honoring Arden and Dee Lockett's 75th Wedding Anniversary. In addition, he presented a diamond-shaped plaque and white roses to Mrs. Lockett.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the July 18, 2024, and August 6, 2024, meeting minutes.
2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on approving the 2024/2025 medical, dental, and vision benefits.

Motion made by Councilmember Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Kidd.

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

H. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

Mayor Kimble opened the public hearing at 7:37 pm.

After no comments were made from the public, Mayor Kimble closed the public hearing at 7:39 pm.

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a resolution proposing the adoption of an Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024 and schedule a public hearing subject to all public hearing requirements of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Motion made by Councilmember Anderson to approve a resolution setting the proposed tax rate at \$0.689468 per \$100. Seconded by Councilmember Waldrip.

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

3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an Ordinance disannexing a tract of land located at 238 Ranch Road pursuant to Section 4.142 of the Texas Local Government Code as requested by the property owners. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Motion made by Councilmember Waldrip to approve an Ordinance disannexing a tract of land located at 238 Ranch Road pursuant to Section 4.142 of the Texas Local Government Code as requested by the property owners. Seconded by Councilmember Nichols.

Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Waldrip, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Marshall, Councilmember Anderson. Voting Nay: Councilmember Kidd

4. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an Ordinance disannexing tracts of land located at 101 Wilson Ln., 107 Wilson Ln., and 4310 Red Bird Ln., pursuant to Section 4.142 of the Texas Local Government Code as requested by the property owners. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Motion made by Councilmember Nichols to approve an Ordinance disannexing tracts of land located at 101 Wilson Ln., 107 Wilson Ln., and 4310 Red Bird Ln., pursuant to Section 4.142 of the Texas Local Government Code as requested by the property owners. Seconded by Councilmember Marshall.

Voting Yea: Mayor Kimble, Councilmember Waldrip, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Marshall, Councilmember Anderson. Voting Nay: Councilmember Kidd

5. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an Ordinance amending Subsections (a), "Location," of Section 1.10.005, "Food Truck Requirements," of Article 1.10, "Food Trucks," of Chapter 1, "General Provisions," of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion made by Councilmember Anderson to table this item until November 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Nichols.

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

6. Discuss, consider, and possible action on stop funding allocations to the Joshua Area Chamber of Commerce. (Mayor Kimble)

Asst. City Manager Bransom stated that she serves on the board of directors for the chamber. She stated that she has been on the board for less than a year. In addition, she stated that since then, they have changed CPAs. Mrs. Bransom also stated that the chamber has lost their tax-exempt status, but the chamber does not owe any IRS taxes. Mrs. Bransom suggested that the City keep funds in the budget but not disburse it.

EDC Director Martin suggested that the City keeps funds and pays for events for the city.

Councilmember Kidd suggested that the City start receiving quarterly updates from the chamber. Asst. City Manager Bransom agreed.

Mayor Kimble stated that the lack of communication with the members is the biggest complaint that he has received.

No action was taken on this item.

I. STAFF REPORT

1. Police Department
2. Fire Department
3. Municipal Court
4. Development Services
5. Public Works
6. Animal Services
7. City Secretary

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Joshua will recess into Executive Session (Closed Meeting) pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

1. Pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code: to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information received from or the offer of a financial or other incentive made to a business prospect seeking to locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations.
2. Pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code: to discuss or deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

Mayor Kimble announced that the City Council will recess into Executive Session at 8:27 pm.

K. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551, the City Council will reconvene into regular session and consider action, if any, on matters discussed in the executive session.

Mayor Kimble announced the City Council has reconvened into regular session. No action was taken.

L. 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

M. ADJOURN

Mayor Kimble adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Scott Kimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alice Holloway, City Secretary