



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 06, 2024
6:30 PM**

The Joshua City Council will hold a Budget Workshop at 6:30 pm. A Special Meeting will be held immediately following the Budget Workshop 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.

PRESENT

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

STAFF

City Manager Mike Peacock
Asst. City Manager Amber Bransom
City Attorney Terry Welch
City Secretary Alice Holloway

ABSENT

Councilmember Merle Breitenstein
Councilmember Shelly Anderson

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89325339389?pwd=siuhAdajy7IPsr0RHN7kDb6FljJPI9.1>

Meeting ID: 893 2533 9389 Passcode: 765640

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

Councilmember Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Kidd led the Invocation.

C. BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Discussion on the FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

City Manager Peacock stated the following:

The proposed budget is balanced and restores fund balances reserves.

Revenues over proposed expenditures are \$324,636.

The amount of \$20,568 could be allocated by the council as needed. The budget is based on the proposed tax rate of \$0.689468.

The Property Tax Revenue is based on estimations by the Tax Assessor's Office and the Johnson County Appraisal District Certified Values, an increase of \$844,168 is projected for FY 2024-25.

The Debt Service Fund expenditures from the fund are projected to be \$1,881,818 and of that amount, \$189,907 will be covered by excess debt collections fees from the 23-24 budget and \$318,945 will be covered by transfer from the Type B Fund. The remaining debt service of \$1,372,966 is allocated by the debt service revenue in the proposed tax rate.

The Capital Reserve Fund is used to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the purchase of vehicles, equipment, and facility improvements.

Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund is to assist in funding of expenditures related to tourism and community development. Total revenues for this fund are projected to be \$30,500 and expenditures of \$226,240.

Sales Tax Revenue is generated from sales tax and is based on a 0.01 tax rate. Sales tax is the second largest source of revenue for the general fund. Sales tax for FY 2024-25 is projected to be \$1,386,000, a budgeted decrease of \$14,000 from the FY23-24.

Property Tax:

2024 Estimated Tax Base - \$650,284,655

FY24-25 M & O Tax Rate - \$.0512618

FY24-25 Debt Tax Rate - \$.176850

FY24-25 Total Tax Rate - \$5.014,758

After exemptions, protest loss, TIF recapture(s), and frozen taxes added back:

FY24-25 - No New Revenue Tax Rate - \$0.635873

FY24-25 - Voter Approval Tax Rate - \$0.690213

FY24-25 - De Minimus Tax Rate - \$0.749297

City Manager Peacock stated that there are no raises in the proposed budget and no filling of current vacant positions.

HR Director Grounds presented two medical plans for the council's review. One is the regular plan, and the second is a buy-up plan that will cost employees up to \$75.00 per paycheck.

City Council Kidd stated that the city needs to stop going backwards, all to cut taxes. He stated that there comes a point to do what it takes to support the city so it can be what everyone wants it to be.

The City Council directed staff to bring back different budget options showing different tax rates at the next meeting.

2. Discuss and give directions regarding future budget workshop dates. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

The City Council gave direction to hold the next budget discussion on August 15, 2024.

D. 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.

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E. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an Ordinance amending Section 6.02.009, "Notice of Violation; Order to Abate Prior to Abatement by the City," of Article 6.02, "Nuisances; Generally," of Chapter 6, "Health and Sanitation," of the Code of Ordinances. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

Motion made by Councilmember Kidd to approve the Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Waldrip.

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

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on the award of the contract to Black Fox Services, LLC. for the 609 N. Broadway Drainage Improvements.

Motion made by Councilmember Nichols to award the contract to Black Fox Services, LLC. Seconded by Councilmember Marshall.

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

F. 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.

G. ADJOURN

Mayor Kimble adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.