



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2021
6:30 PM**

City Council Present: Joe Hollarn, Mayor; Mike Kidd, Place 2; Angela Nichols, Place 3; Merle Breitenstein, Place 4; and Scott Kimble, Place 6.

City Council Absent: Rick DePriest, Place 1 and Robert Fleming, Place 5;

City Staff Present: Mike Peacock, City Manager; Amber Bransom, Asst. City Manager; Shaun Short, Police Chief; Terry Welch, City Attorney; and Alice Holloway, City Secretary.

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- By phone: Please call 817/558-7447 ext. 2003 by 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting and provide your name, address, and question. The City Secretary will read your question in the order they are received.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Hollarn announced a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. United States of America
2. Texas Flag

Councilmember Breitenstein led the Pledge to the flags.

C. INVOCATION

Robert Purdom, former member of Joshua City Council, led the invocation.

D. BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Discuss the FY 2021-2022 Budget. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

City Manager Peacock stated that this workshop is mainly reviewing the employee benefits. He stated that we are currently paying an estimate of \$400.00 per employee each month for health

insurance he is looking into upgrading the plan to a PPO instead of a HMO and with a deductible of \$3500.00 instead of \$6500.00. City Manager Peacock stated that the cost will be near \$1000.00 per employee monthly.

Councilmember Kimble asked if we should share benefits with other cities to help get a better plan at a lower cost. City Manager Peacock stated that he and Asst. City Manager Bransom is looking into the possibility.

Mayor Hollarn asked if the City is paying 50% of an employee salary in benefits. Asst. City Manager Bransom stated in the worst case scenario that is correct.

Councilmember Kidd stated that very few places pay 100% of employee health insurance and would like to see a better plan for the employees, but a cost share between the City and the employee.

Mayor Hollarn stated that it may be more cost effective if the City just paid the deductible for the employees instead of the \$1000.00 per month cost.

City Manager Peacock asked for opinions regarding employee health insurance regarding monthly cost and deductible. Mayor Hollarn directed staff to bring recommended plan to council to review.

2. Discuss the 2021 Budget and Tax Rate Adoption Rate Calendar. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Mayor Hollarn stated that the calendar is prepared as if there is no tax increase. In addition, he stated that if council proposes to increase taxes, additional public hearings will be required.

E. WORK SESSION

1. Review and discuss questions related to the budget report and financial statement for June 2021. (Staff Resource: M. Peacock)

No discussion on this item (D1)

2. Discuss a Park Naming Policy. (M. Peacock)

City Manager Peacock explained that the policy in the agenda packet is just a draft and is open to suggestions. Mayor Hollarn stated that he would like to see that the person who's name is being considered should be deceased a minimum of five (5) years. Council directed staff to have the Type B/Parks Board review and make recommendation.

3. Discuss a request for a school zone to be placed near the Joshua Christian Academy. (M. Peacock)

No discussion on this item (D3)

4. Questions regarding Regular Session agenda items.

No discussion on this item (D4)

F. PUBLIC FORUM, PRESENTATIONS, 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.

Police Chief Short introduced the following new Sworn Police Officers:

- Sergeant Shawn Fullagar
- Officer Enrique Resendez
- Officer Taylor Clark
- Officer Justin Cox

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Meeting held on June 17, 2021. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Councilmember Kimble moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 17, 2021. Councilmember Breitenstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider, and possible action on an Ordinance designating the Tax Assessor-Collector of Johnson County as the person to perform the required calculation of the relevant tax rates and preparation of notices for publication. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Councilmember Breitenstein moved to approve an Ordinance designating the Tax Assessor-Collector of Johnson County as the person to perform the required calculation of the relevant tax rates and preparation of notices for publication. Councilmember Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss, consider, and possible action on a resolution amending the personnel policy. (Staff Resource: A. Bransom)

Councilmember Kimble stated that he did not get the redline version until Monday and has not had time to review it. Mayor Hollarn asked if he would like to table the item until next month.

Councilmember Kimble moved to table this item (G2) until the August meeting. Councilmember Breitenstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss, consider, and possible action on board appointments. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Councilmember Kidd moved to appoint Nicholas Larson to the vacant position on the Type B/Parks Board. Councilmember Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed. Councilmember Kimble voted against.

H. STAFF REPORT

June 2021

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

Councilmember Kimble asked City Secretary Holloway to add the date, filing year, and the original amount to the Lien Report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/REQUESTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS TO BE ON THE NEXT AGENDA

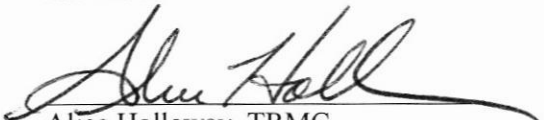
Councilmembers shall not comment upon, deliberate, or discuss any item that is not on the agenda. Councilmembers shall not make routine inquiries about operations or project status on an item that is not posted. However, any Councilmember may state an issue and request to place the item on a future agenda.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hollarn adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.


Joe Hollarn, Mayor

ATTEST:


Alice Holloway, TRMC
City Secretary

Approved: August 19, 2021

**CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS PROPOSING THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 OF \$0.711493 PER \$100.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING SUBJECT TO ALL PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Joshua, Texas met and reviewed the proposed annual operating budget for Fiscal Year 2022 on this the 19th day of August, 2021 and has hereby determined it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Joshua to propose a tax rate that does not exceeds the City's no new revenue tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to consider and vote on the proposed total tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022 at a future meeting of the City Council following a public hearing if required by the Texas Property Tax Code.

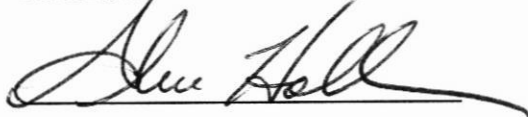
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS:

Section 1. The above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein in their entirety.

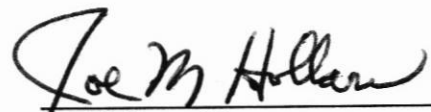
Section 2. The City Council of the City of Joshua, Texas hereby agrees to place on a future City Council Agenda a proposal to consider the adoption of a total ad valorem tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022 of \$0.711493 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. The item will be placed on the September 16, 2021 meeting agenda.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOSHUA, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

ATTEST:



Alice Holloway, City Secretary


Joe Hollarn, Mayor