



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2020
6:30 PM**

City Council Present: Joe Hollarn, Mayor; Rick DePriest, Place 1; Mike Kidd, Place 2; Angela Nichols, Place 3; Robert Purdom, Place 4; Jerry Moore, Place 5; and Scott Kimble, Place 6.

City Council Absent: NA

City Staff Present: Josh Jones, City Manager; Mike Peacock, Asst. City Manager; Aaron Maldonado, Director of Development Services; and Alice Holloway, City Secretary.

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- By phone: Please call 817/558-7447 ext. 2003 and provide your name, address, and question. Your question will be read by the City Secretary in the order they are received.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM PRESENT

Mayor Hollarn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

B. WORK SESSION

1. Review and discuss questions related to the budget report and financial statement for April 2020. (Staff Resource: J. Jones)

City Manager Jones stated that staff received sales tax allocation and we are running approximately 3.5 percent ahead of budget.

2. Review and discuss the Johnson County ESD #1 Draft Contract for Municipal Fire Departments for FY2020-2021.

City Manager Jones stated that this is the same contract that we look at yearly. Mr. Jones stated that there is one change, but it does not affect the City. In addition, he stated that we will not receive dollar figures until late July or early August.

Councilmember Kimble asked how many radios the Fire Department will be using that the contract will be utilizing. Chief Griffith stated that it will not exceed the 14 in the contract.

3. Discussion on providing assistance to community businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Mayor Hollarn stated that he and City Manager Jones have had several conversations regarding this item. Mayor Hollarn stated that it is primary that we continue keeping everyone up dated as things open.

City Manager Jones updated the council on the Cares Act Program regarding possible funding. Currently private business may apply for government assistance without going through the City.

Mayor Hollarn stated that he sent a letter to the county commissioners asking for relief from the dispatch fees with everything going on this year.

4. Discussion on potential of adopting a local homestead exemption on city property tax of 5%.

Mayor Hollarn stated that this was discussed at the last meeting and directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance.

City Manager Jones stated several things needs to be consider as we discussed lowering revenue.

Mayor Hollarn asked the City Manager to have an estimate in numbers at the next meeting showing the effect of the adoption of a homestead exemption on the City budget.

5. Discussion on contracting with Johnson County Elections Department for the November 2020 General Election.

City Manager Jones stated that the county contracts with entities for election services on odd years.

City Secretary Holloway stated that she has received quotes to contract with the county. She stated that the quotes came in high, but they did not include the fact that other entities will be joining the agreement. Once other entities join, the cost will go down to approximately seven to nine thousand. In addition, she stated that the cost is higher than normal because there are longer early voting dates and longer extended hours in November than in May.

6. Questions regarding Regular Session agenda items.

NA

C. PUBLIC FORUM, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNATION:

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. No Council deliberation is permitted. Each person will have 3 minutes to speak.

NA

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of minutes from the City Council Meeting held on March 26, 2020, April 16, 2020, and May 12, 2020. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Councilmember Kimble moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Purdom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss, consider and take action on an ordinance granting to Atmos Energy Corporation, a Texas and Virginia Corporation, its successors an assigns, a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate pipelines and equipment in the City of Joshua, Johnson County, Texas, for the transportation, delivery, sale, and distribution of gas in, out of, and through said city for all purposes; providing for the payment of a fee or charge for the use of the public rights-of-ways,; and providing that such fee shall be in lieu of other fees and charges, excepting ad valorem taxes; and repealing all previous gas franchise ordinances.

Councilmember Purdom moved to approve the ordinance granting to Atmos Energy Corporation, a Texas and Virginia Corporation, its successors an assigns, a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate pipelines and equipment in the City of Joshua, Johnson County, Texas, for the transportation, delivery, sale, and distribution of gas in, out of, and through said city for all purposes; providing for the payment of a fee or charge for the use of the public rights-of-ways,; and providing that such fee shall be in lieu of other fees and charges, excepting ad valorem taxes; and repealing all previous gas franchise ordinances. Councilmember Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discuss, consider, and take action on an Interlocal Agreement between JCSUD and the City of Joshua for Water Utilities Facilities Relocation and Maintenance relative to the Joshua Meadows Phase 3B Development.

Councilmember Kimble moved to approve Interlocal Agreement between JCSUD and the City of Joshua for Water Utilities Facilities Relocation and Maintenance relative to the Joshua Meadows Phase 3B Development and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents. Councilmember Purdom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss, consider, and take action on a waiver application filed by Heather Kelley regarding height requirements of a privacy fence.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve a waiver application filed by Heather Kelley regarding height requirements of a privacy fence. Councilmember DePriest seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss, consider and take action on board appointments.

Councilmember Moore moved to appoint Bryan Sears to the Planning and Zoning Commission Seat #6. Councilmember Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

F. STAFF REPORT

April 2020

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

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/REQUESTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS TO BE ON 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

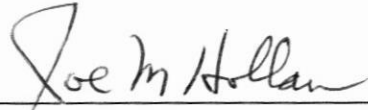
posted. Any Councilmember may, however, state an issue and a request that this issue be placed on a future agenda.

The following item was requested to be added to a future agenda:

1. Blanket Zoning Change for the Littlebrook Street area.

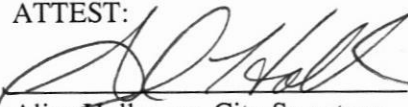
F. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hollarn adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.



Joe Hollarn, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice Holloway, City Secretary

Approved: June 18, 2020