

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 17, 2024

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 17th, 2024 with Mayor Pat Landes presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Pat Landes, Ronna Larson, Al Gordon, Jeff Underhill, & Richard Pinaire. Staff present was: Interim City Manager Vernon, City Clerk Diaz Lorenzo, City Finance Director Wilcox, and City Attorney Stites.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT

Gary Olds, 3308 Frontier Circle, Manhattan Kansas, stated objections on the proposed budget and not exceeding R&R. City Attorney Stites and Finance Director Wilcox answered questions.

Fredrick Redwine, 1200 Sovereign Row, Oklahoma City Oklahoma, discussed his protest of the proposed 2025 budget. The budget notice missing 2023 totals and the tax increase on the Bluffs property. City Attorney Stites and Finance Director Wilcox answered questions.

Sed Mayberry, discussed concerns with the vision of the city, issues with Grant Avenue and snowplows. Community Development Director Srackangast answered questions.

Rachel R., Brookbend, Junction City Kansas discussed snow removal, cutting of grass, and fallen trees in her area. Community Development Director Srackangast answered questions.

Tom Hollis, 800 Crestview Drive, Junction City Kansas discussed what cost saving measures were put within the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Underhill moved to adopt the 2025 Budget as presented, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Gordon, Underhill, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Commissioner Gordon moved, seconded by Commissioner Underhill to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Gordon, Underhill, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- a. Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-18 dated – September 3, 2024 – September 18, 2024, in the amount of \$992,888.57 and pre-approval for items listed below in the amount \$6,520.40.
Verizon \$6,520.40.
- b. Consideration of August 2024 ambulance contractual obligation adjustments for \$21,431.20 and bad debt adjustments for \$13,787.71.
- c. Consideration of the City Commission Minutes from the September 3rd, 2024 Meeting.
- d. Consideration of the Special Event Permit application for the Flint Hills Church Harvest Block Party on October 31st, 2024.
- e. Consideration of the Special Event Permit application for the Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce All Treats Day for October 24th, 2024.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Landes declared November 1st, 2024 as Extra Mile Day in the City of Junction City.

Presentation by Martine Chery-Hilaire with the First Thousand Members Club regarding a grant to help construct a multipurpose cultural center at 1020 N. Washington Street.

Presentation by the Fresh Start Emergency Shelter, Inc. regarding an MOU with the City of Junction City. Board Member RA McMillin discussed the Fresh Start Emergency Shelter and their proposed MOU needs. Director Debbie Savage answered questions.

Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve a cash match of \$17,500, In-Kind Match of \$6,000 to the Fresh Start Emergency Shelter, Inc. to support the start-up project to provide Transitional Housing to Rapid Re-Housing for eligible citizens in Junction City/Geary County, seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, Gordon, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Underhill moved to stop the water, trash, & sewer charges moving forward for the Fresh Start Emergency Shelter, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, Gordon, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

8:30 – 8:38 Bathroom Break

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NEW BUSINESS COMMENT

Shawn Chauncey 2728 Samantha Drive, Junction City Kansas, why is the city picking and choosing who get parts of the sidewalks fixed. Public Works Director Ibarra answered questions.

Philip Courdre, 2504 Highway K18 Junction City Kansas, Discussed communication between the Sheriff's office and Junction City Police Department.

Martine Chery-Hilaire, Junction City, Kansas asked what the fiscal sustainability plan entailed.

Gary Olds, 3308 Frontier Circle, Manhattan, Kansas discussed the last fiscal sustainability plan and the proposed new plan.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

The Memorial Tree & Bench Policy was reviewed. Mark Thompson, City Intern gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the Memorial Tree & Bench Policy Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, Gordon, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The MOU with the Fort Riley Fire Department & Junction City Fire Department was presented. Chief Lankas, JCFD gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the MOU with the Fort Riley Fire Department & Junction City Fire Department, seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, Gordon, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Junction City Fire Department application for the Rural EMS 2024 Program Grant was presented. Chief Lankas, JCFD gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the Junction City Fire Department application for the Rural EMS 2024 Program Grant, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, Gordon, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The request for the Junction City Fire Department request to go out to bid for the purchase of a new fire engine was presented by Chief Lankas, JCFD. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the Junction City Fire Department request to go out for bid for the purchase of a new fire engine, seconded by Commissioner Underhill. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, Gordon, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Change Order #1 for the 2023 Sidewalk Repairs in the amount of \$11,309.74 was presented. Public Works Director Ibarra gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve Change Order #1 for the

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2023 Sidewalk Repairs in the amount of \$11,309.74, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, Gordon, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Change Order #2 for the 2024 Water System Improvements in the amount of \$151,046.50 was presented. Public Works Director Ibarra gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve Change Order #2 for the 2024 Water System Improvements in the amount of \$151,046.50, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, Gordon, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. S-3300, confirming the agreement of the governing body with the Junction City Land Bank to abate and remove past due installments of special assessments from the tax intent of the governing body to reamortize such special assessments when the Land Bank parcels are conveyed by the Land Bank was presented. City Attorney Stites gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Larson moved to approve Ordinance No. S-3300, confirming the agreement of the governing body with the Junction City Land Bank to abate and remove past due installments of special assessments from the tax intent of the governing body to reamortize such special assessments when the Land Bank parcels are conveyed by the Land Bank, seconded by Commissioner Underhill. Ayes: Landes, Gordon, Underhill, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. G-1308, an Ordinances Compensation and Salaries in Article VI, Entitled "Compensation and Salaries" of Chapter 105, Entitled "Administrative Departments" of Title I, Entitled "Government Code" of The Ordinances of The City of Junction City was presented. City Attorney Stites gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve Ordinance No. G-1308 so salaries can be published in the gross numbers and can be perspective, seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Ayes: Larson, Gordon, & Pinaire. Nays: Landes, Underhill. Motion carried.

The request for a financial advisory firm to develop a fiscal sustainability plan was presented. Interim Manager Vernon gave details and answered questions.

Commissioner Pinaire moved to table discussion until the commissioners are able to review the old plan, seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Ayes: Gordon & Pinaire. Nays: Landes, Underhill & Larson. Motion failed.

Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the request to put out an RFP not to exceed \$50,000, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, & Larson. Nays: Gordon & Pinaire. Motion carried.

MAYOR, COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

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Mayor, Commissioners and Staff provided reports on Committees and Community Events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nicket Patell, discussed the leak at his hotel. Public Works will meet with him and a plumber to try to resolve issue.

Gary Olds, 3308 Frontier Circle, Manhattan, Kansas discussed the replacement of the water valves, 1202 North Adams, & the 2025 budget.

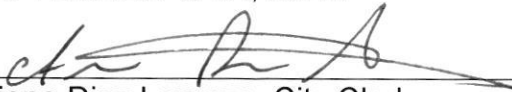
Yurii Zhupnyk, 342 Grant Avenue, discussed the water bill process. The city will be giving a presentation explaining how the water bills are calculated.

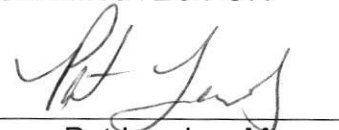
Mark Thompson, City Intern discussed that he has enjoyed working with the city staff during his internship.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Underhill moved, seconded by Commissioner Gordon to adjourn at 10:46 p.m. Ayes: Landes, Underhill, Larson, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2024.


Ariana Diaz Lorenzo, City Clerk


Pat Landes, Mayor



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