

The Johnson City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00pm at City Hall with Mayor Bryan Ellis presiding. Council members present were Bret Kendrick, Seth Nelson, Andrew German, and Clayton Winger. Others present were city superintendent Tyce McMillan, city clerk Kenna Rohrenback, and city attorney Clint Floyd. Guests present were Sarah Martin from the Stanton County Museum, and Ruth Walker, Samantha Torres, and Carina Jacob all from the Stanton County Health Department. Council member Tera Barnhardt joined the meeting at 12:03pm.

June 5<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed. Bret Kendrick moved to approve the minutes as written, with Andrew German seconding. Motion carried, 4-0.

Andrew German moved to approve June bills as presented. Clayton Winger seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

June, 2024 Expenditures	
General Fund	34,100.51
Employee Benefit	8,556.84
Electric Utility	97,705.73
Water Utility	22,372.36
Trash Utility	10,510.49
Sewer Utility	418.35

Sarah Martin from the Stanton County Museum met with council to request the closure of some streets and intersections for various activities. The first closure requested will be on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at East Logan and Main Street which will include the street to the north of the courthouse and the street to the west. The second closure will also be Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 9:00pm, and will only be the block from Main Street to Chestnut Street on East Sherman. The third closure will be on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and include the entirety of the parade route beginning at the High School and continuing down Main Street, beginning at 10:30am with the parade. Bret Kendrick made a motion to approve the closures as written and proposed. Clayton Winger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The proposed budget for the City of Johnson for 2025 was presented to Council for approval. Seth Nelson moved to approve the proposal and schedule a budget hearing for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at City Hall. Andrew German seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

One building permit for a fence and carport addition at 204 E Grant was presented to Council. Bret Kendrick made a motion to approve the permit and Seth Nelson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

El Torino applied for a special Cereal Malt Beverage license for Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 10:00am to 11:59pm at Battin Park. A motion to approve was made by Seth Nelson and seconded by Tera Barnhardt. Motion carried 5-0.

Ruth Walker returned to the July Council meeting to report on the survey auditing the need and want to harbor chickens within City limits. She requested time to create one more survey and return to the August meeting with that information as well. The completed survey yielded results from 153 residents in Johnson. Ms. Walker also provided information for the Stanton County Health Coalition, telling of funding opportunities that have become available to the Coalition. Ms. Walker also announced her upcoming retirement.

An ordinance pertaining to the keeping of dogs was tabled for revisions. Bret Kendrick moved to table the ordinance. Seth Nelson seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Tyce McMillan brought a quote to Council from Dutton-Lainson Company for updated software necessary to read the electric meters, and a trial set of hardware to test radio read on the water meters. Purchase price will be

\$13,492.52 for the software with a \$3,920.52 annual fee thereafter. Hardware is quoted at \$248.38. Clayton Winger moved to accept the quote and purchase the update with Bret Kendrick seconding. Motion carried 5-0.

A spreadsheet of wage comparison with other cities in the League of Kansas Municipalities was discussed and consensus was to address comparisons with further information in the November meeting.

Superintendent Tyce McMillan updated Council on various items. He stated that the yearly test for the generator capacity was completed and went well. Mr. McMillan said that street sealing will begin around July 24<sup>th</sup>, and will include all of Lake Street, Nipp Street, Chestnut Street, West Logan Avenue, and West Sherman. He reported that he was looking into pricing to finish changing a complete section of water meters to electronic all at the same time so that they may be read by radio signal as the electric meters are. Mr. McMillan told Council that letters had been sent by certified mail for property cleanup and were received by the property owners in violation. Finally, he reported that the JCB skid steer was aging and was going to need to be replaced in the near future, and he would like to inquire about an asphalt milling attachment to add to a new skid steer when purchased.

The next Council meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at City Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

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Bryan Ellis, Mayor

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Kenna M Rohrenback, City Clerk