

The Johnson City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 at 12:00pm at City Hall with Mayor Bryan Ellis presiding. Council members present were Bret Kendrick, Tera Barnhardt, Seth Nelson, Andrew German, and Clayton Winger. Others present were city superintendent Tyce McMillan, city clerk Kenna Rohrenback, and city attorney Clint Floyd. Guests included Camille Davidson with the Stanton County Hospital. Also present were USD 452 Class of 2026 representatives Galilea Don Juan, Corey Wilson, David Crane, Karlee Nairn, Avery Scott, and Gerardo Robles. Ruth Walker and Carina Jacob representing the Stanton County Health Office joined at 12:21pm.

May 1st minutes were reviewed. Bret Kendrick moved to approve the minutes as presented. Tera Barnhardt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Tera Barnhardt moved to approve May bills as presented. Bret Kendrick seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

May, 2024 Expenditures	
General Fund	17,824.31
Employee Benefit	7,649.94
Special Highway	3,479.15
Electric Utility	85,949.68
Water Utility	21,417.35
Trash Utility	11,470.94
Sewer Utility	10,197.03

A renewal of the franchise agreement with Atmos Energy Corporation as written in Ordinance number 407 was presented for Council approval. Andrew German moved to approve the Ordinance pending review by City Attorney Clint Floyd and Clayton Winger seconded. Motion carried by vote of 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 407

An ordinance granting a franchise by the City of Johnson City, County of Stanton, Kansas to Atmos Energy Corporation, its successors and assigns, the right to furnish, sell and distribute gas to the City and to all persons, businesses and industries within the City and the right to acquire, construct, install, locate, maintain, operate and extend into, within and through said City all facilities reasonably necessary to furnish, sell and distribute gas to the City and to all persons, businesses and industries within the City and in the territory adjacent thereto and the right to make reasonable use of all streets and other public places as may be necessary, and fixing the terms and conditions thereof.

Camille Davidson, Stanton County Hospital Administrator, met with Council to ask for permission to improve the hospital-utilized parking lot with new concrete and rock, as the City owns that lot. Ms. Davidson told of the hospital receiving a Health Resources and Services Administration grant that has been pre-approved for construction and moveable equipment upgrades. Each project must be submitted for approval within the grant. A motion was made by Bret Kendrick and seconded by Andrew German to approve improvements to the lot. Motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Tyce McMillan addressed the Council concerning the Masonic Lodge Building. He stated that low membership is causing difficulty in meeting tax and utility obligations. Discussion ensued on whether the City could do anything for the building as a historical building if the Masons disbanded.

Ruth Walker and Carina Jacob with the Stanton County Health Office met with Council. Ms. Walker stated that she has been approached by people who want to harbor chickens on their properties in City limits, and she would like to get a survey out to the public for opinion on the matter. Council agreed to hear the results of the survey and requested items to be added to the survey.

Building permits were presented as follows:
112 S Graves – Move shed across property
403 E Logan – Above ground pool and fence

Clayton Winger made a motion to approve building permits as presented and Seth Nelson seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

A comparison of wages to other municipalities was tabled for next meeting.

Superintendent Tyce McMillan compiled a list for Council of properties that were in violation of weeds, junk, and junk car ordinances. City Clerk Kenna Rohrenback was instructed by Council to send letters to the property owners with a 30 day compliance window.

Superintendent Tyce McMillan updated Council on the arrival time of the GIS mapping system that has been ordered. He said that street sealing was being scheduled for this summer.

Representatives from the class of 2026 met with Council to follow up on their request to issue registration on Pioneer Day and the 4th of July for ATVs/UTVs for use on City streets for those days. Council agreed that they could proceed with their fundraiser, and stated that the class needs to require proof of insurance with a showing of a valid driver's license to register.

Bret Kendrick inquired on the status of fireworks, and general consensus was to keep the current ordinance for use of fireworks in place, allowing use contingent on the issue of a burn ban at that time.

The next Council meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10th at 12:00pm at City Hall.

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

Bryan Ellis, Mayor

Attest:

Kenna M Rohrenback, City Clerk