MEETING OF A WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOURDANTON, TEXAS AT THE JOURDANTON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 1604 HIGHWAY 97 E, JOURDANTON, TEXAS, 78026, ON THURSDAY JANUARY 25, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present:

Mayor Robert Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Chester Gonzales
Councilmember Pamela Manning
Councilmember Karen Pesek
Councilmember Raul Morales
Councilmember Katrina Wiatrek

City Manager Interim Debbie G. Molina
City Secretary Interim Samantha Nicholson
City Attorneys: Richard Lindner

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Invocation was done by Mayor Williams.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS
Norma Ortiz advised she would like the city to follow the state law for Vicious Dogs.

Tommy Tyndall is working with the city to follow through on the ISO insurance packet, a total of 23 pages were mailed. The due date is March 1st, he has allowed plenty of time, if any information needs to be addressed after the review. He is hopeful to try and reduce our current score to help decrease the insurance percentage.

Doctor Stephanie Collins, a local veterinarian, advised that pets are property, the ordinance being reviewed is redundant. She stated that the city should follow State Codes.

WORKSHOP

2.1 Discussion and possible action regarding Ordinance Amending Article 2 of the Jourdanton Code of Ordinances Relating to Animal Control. (City Attorney).

Councilmember Wiatrek wanted to ensure that we are focusing on the issue, not adding more laws that will be timely and unable to follow. Councilmember Gonzales wanted to know if we are going to focus on being proactive or reactive. He advised we have the opportunity to start a baseline for what is best for the community. Officer Henry Dominguez advised to “keep it simple” and focus on Public Safety & Quality of Life.

Interim City Manager Molina advised City Employee Josh Rodriguez has provided the right equipment. Officer Dominguez advised that once he has assumed the position, he has one year to get the Certificate.

Dr. Collins advised that darting a vicious animal is not always the best policy. Maybe contracting that service out would be a safer option for the city. Atascosa County Animal control does not provide dart service.

Mayor Williams stated that the city supports Jourdanton ISD FFA Program & the ordinance needs to consider that some students keep their animals at their properties. Mayor also included that we need to take into consideration the wild animals that enter the city and how to handle these conditions.

Councilmember Pesek, Manning, & Wiatrek would like to be on the sub-committee to review and alter the ordinance for animal control.

Attorney Lindner & Mayor Williams advised that the committee members would be appointed on the meeting February 5, 2024 & March 4, 2024 the revised ordinance will be presented to the council. The meeting for March 18, 2024, is the goal to pass the revised Animal Control Ordinance.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Discussion and possible action of social calendar of events and council general announcements/information (Mayor Robert A. Williams)

No announcements at this time.
ADJOURN

4.1 Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilmember Morales and seconded by Councilmember Pesek to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm

Samantha Nicholson, Interim City Secretary  Robert A. Williams, Mayor