MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING 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 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

Present:

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

Interim City Manager Debbie Molina
Interim City Secretary Samantha Nicholson
City Attorney Molly Solis

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Robert A. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Invocation & Pledges lead by Bradley Troxen with the First Baptist Church.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

1.1 Norma Ortiz, spoke on behalf of the drainage project stating that the growth rate of the city does not justify the fourth (4th) water well. We should spend that money towards the drainage shortfall not the water well.

Cynthia Simons, announced early voting is happening now and asked everyone to go out and vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Action to approve the minutes for the meetings for January 2, 2024, January 16, 2024, January 25, 2024, January 26, 2024, and February 5, 2024. (Mayor Robert Williams and Samantha Nicholson, Interim City Secretary)

A motion was made by Councilmember Pesek and seconded by Councilmember Manning to approve the minutes for January 2, 2024, January 16, 2024, January 25, 2024, January 26, 2024, and February 5, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

3.1 N/A

ITEMS CONSIDERATION/DISCUSSION

4.1 Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Resilient Communities Program Project application to the general land office; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the city’s executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city’s participation in the community development & revitalization program. (Interim City Manager Debbie Molina and Jerri Conrad-Planning from Langford Community Management Services)

Anna Martin, representing Langford, presented to the council a grant that will help pay for the comprehensive plan for the City of Jourdanton. The grant allows up to $300,000 and includes an 11% grant administration fee. If the full $300,000 is awarded, $267,000 will be for the plan and $33,000 will be for the grant admin. This is all inclusive and there are no additional fees for the city.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pesek and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation Resilient Communities Program
4.2 Discussion and possible action on conducting a Water and Sewer Rate Study. (Interim City Manager Debbie Molina and Mark McKinley, Bond Counsel)

Interim City Manager advised that Jeff Snowden from Capex Consulting group (dba Capex Resources completed the last Water & Sewer Rate Study. She advised that Mr. Snowden team will analyze population, growth, and debt collected since 2020. She stated that it is conducted every five years. The city is scheduled to do a rate evaluation in order to keep up with inflation and to cover the cost of the city.

A motion was made by Councilmember Morales and seconded by Councilmember Manning to approve the Interim City Manager to conduct a rate study with Capex Resources and present to council the findings. The motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Update: Jourdanton Police Department resuming the K-9 Program. (Interim City Manager Debbie Molina and Sergent Walker)

Mayor Williams has postponed the agenda item 4.3.

4.4 Discussion and possible action to have the City Contribute funding to the Independence Weekend Celebration on July 6, 2024. (Councilmember Karen Pesek)

Councilmember Pesek presented to the council that every year the city contributes funds to the Independence Weekend Celebration. This year Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Celebration on Saturday July 6th, 2024, at the Jourdanton City Park.

A motion was made by Councilmember Morales and seconded by Councilmember Pesek to approve the action to have the City Contribute $3,000.00 to the Independence Weekend Celebration on July 6, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

4.5 Discussion and possible action to set a date for a "Community Volunteer Day" to clean and make ready the Jourdanton sports complex for Little Baseball League season. (Mayor Pro Tem Chester Gonzales)

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales presented to the council that he would like to have a "Community Volunteer Day" at the sports complex on Saturday before the Little Leagues team season opener.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and seconded by Councilmember Pesek to approve the "Community Volunteer Day" at the City of Jourdanton Sports Complex on March 2, 2024, and authorized the Interim City Manager to purchase supplies needed including top soil not to exceed $3,000.00 with a point person, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales. The motion passed unanimously.

4.6 Discussion and possible action on update on the job posting, evaluating, and selecting and/or Hiring Process for the City Manager Position. Mayor Robert Williams - standing item until position filled)

Mayor Williams advised this will be discussed after Executive Session.

STAFF/BOARD REPORTS

5.1 Interim City Manager monthly report. (no action)

- Sewer main break at Campbell, three contractors have bid on this project has a contract has been awarded. The contractor will commence repairs on Saturday February 24, 2024
- City Park front gates were damaged by an unknown vehicle; the city is currently getting proposals for repairs.
- Water/Sewer rates will increase during the next billing cycle and be reflected on the bills going out at the end of February.
- No changes with the light project.
- Rise Broadband: they have completed digging; however, they are finalizing the installation of the fiber optic lines in the city limits.
- Animal Control workshop scheduled for February 29, 2024
- TxDot Sidewalks – The city will be publishing an RFQ in September 2024
5.2 MONTHLY REPORTS (Information available in City Council Packets. No Discussion or action to occur)
   a. Police Department
   b. Municipal Court
   c. Permits
   d. Utility Department
   e. January 2024 Financial and Accounts Payable Report. (unaudited)

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Entered into Executive Session at 7:09pm

6.1 Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.074 Personnel Matters and 551.07 Consultation with Attorney. The city of Jourdanton City Council will convene in executive session on following items:

1. Discuss and consider additional information requested and received regarding the remaining candidates for the City Manager position.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.
Reconvene into Open Session at 9:02pm

7.1 Following the closed session, the City Council will convene into open session to take action on items discussed in executive session.

1. Discussion and possible action to make a conditional offer to a candidate for City Manager position.

A motion was made by Councilmember Morales and seconded by Councilmember Manning to authorize the Interim City Manager Debbie Molina to enter into an agreement to make a conditional offer for the City Manager position with terms to be negotiated and brought back to the City Council for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MESSAGES

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

Councilmember Manning informed the City that there will be a Animal Control Workshop on February 29, 2024 at 6pm.

Councilmember Pesek announced the Chamber of Commerce is having the Annual BBQ & Auction at St Matthew’s Hall on March 3, 2024 from 11am to 1 pm $12:00 per plate.

Councilmember Morales advised Junior high is having the relays and softball and baseball tournaments this weekend.

Councilmember Wiatrek stated the spring sports have started, hopes that the city will come out and support.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales announced the Community Volunteer clean up date.

Bulk trash can be put out starting February 26, 2024, with the pick-up beginning March 11th and continuing through the 15th.

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 9:07 pm

Samantha Nicholson, Interim City Secretary

Robert A. Williams, Mayor