MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOURDANTON AT
THE JOURDANTON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT 1604 HIGHWAY 97 E, JOURDANTON, TEXAS,
78026, ON MARCH 6, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present:

Mayor Robert Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Chester Gonzales
Councilmember Norma Q. Ortiz
Councilmember Karen Pesek
Councilmember Raul Morales
Councilmember Patricia J. Elizabeth
Tynnak-Daughtrey

City Manager Bobby J. Martinez
Secretary Debbie G. Molina
Chief Eric Kaiser
City Attorney Valerie Elizondo

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Pastor Christopher Raiford from the St. John Lutheran Church gave the invocation. Williams gave the Pledges of Allegiance.

1.1 HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Citizen Janice Jones informed the Council that city staff assisted her with her meter readings from her residence. She stated that she understood that the City needed time to review the accounts and was confident it would be resolved.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance to install a stop sign on Simmons Avenue at the intersection with Elm Street creating a four way stop at that location.

Council Member Tynnak-Daughtrey requested to remove item 2.1 from the “Consent Agenda Items.” Mayor Williams removed the agenda item for discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/CONSIDERATION

2.1 Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance to install a stop sign on Simmons Avenue at the intersection with Elm Street creating a four way stop at that location.

Chief Kaiser informed the Council that currently the east/west traffic at the intersection of Elm Street and Simmons Avenue has stop signs but the north/south traffic on Simmons Ave does not. Chief Kaiser stated that a citizen requested for a 4-way stop signage to minimize traffic hazards for children playing in the area.

A motion was made by Council Member Pesek and seconded by Council Member Morales to approve an Ordinance to install a stop sign on Simmons Avenue at the intersection with Elm Street creating a four way stop at that location. Council Members Pesek, Morales, Ortiz, and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales were in favor. Council Member Tynnak-Daughtrey was opposed. The motion passed.

3.1 Council consideration and Action to terminate Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C., as Legal Counsel for the City of Jourdanton.

City Attorney Valerie Elizondo representing Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Bernal, P.C. informed the Council that Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech P.C. were appointed in June, 2007 as legal counsel for the City of Jourdanton. City Attorney Valerie Elizondo interpreted and advised the Council of the law regarding how the governing body of the municipality could remove a municipal officer. She explained that the termination would be effective only if a supermajority of the elected council members vote in favor.
A motion was made by Council Member Tymrak-Daughtrey and seconded by Council Member Ortiz to terminate Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech, P.C., as Legal Counsel for the City of Jourdanton effective immediately because of no confidence. Council Members Tymrak-Daughtrey, Ortiz and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales were in favor. Council Members Pesek and Morales were opposed. The motion failed.

3.2 Council consideration and Action to direct City Manager Bobby J. Martinez to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) Outlining Qualifications for Legal Counsel for the City of Jourdanton to be brought to the City Council at the next regular City Council meeting and to direct the City Manager to advertise the RFP for legal services.

A motion was made by Council Member Tymrak-Daughtrey and seconded by Council Member Ortiz to direct City Manager Bobby J. Martinez to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) Outlining Qualifications for Legal Counsel for the City of Jourdanton to be brought to the City Council at the next regular City Council meeting and to direct the City Manager to advertise the RFP for legal services. Council Members Tymrak-Daughtrey, Ortiz and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales were in favor. Council Members Pesek and Morales were opposed. The motion passed.

3.3 Status Report: City Smart Meter Replacement Program.

Finance Department Utility Billing Update:

Code Compliance Specialist Rachel Garza informed the Council that twenty-five percent of the utility billed accounts lost history beyond thirteen months and were inadvertently deleted December, 2020. She stated that 300 were affected.

Finance Director Vanessa Alvarado informed the Council that 1,638 accounts with new meters installed were functioning properly with consumption showing normal reading.

3.4 Council discussion and possible action to approve the use of Jourdanton City Park on July 1, 2023, for the Jourdanton Chamber of Commerce to hold a free Independence Day event, including a fireworks show by a professional insured pyrotechnic company and authorize the City Manager to contribute $3000 from the City of Jourdanton General Fund to the Jourdanton Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Pesek spoke on behalf of the Jourdanton Chamber of Commerce. She informed the Council that the Chamber had held fireworks display for many years. The fireworks display has not been conducted since Covid 2020. Council Member Pesek requested for a contribution of $3000 from the City of Jourdanton General Fund to the Jourdanton Chamber of Commerce to serve the community an event and fireworks display on July 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales to approve the use of Jourdanton City Park on July 1, 2023, for the Jourdanton Chamber of Commerce to hold a free Independence Day event, including a fireworks show by a professional insured pyrotechnic company and authorize the City Manager to contribute $3000 from the City of Jourdanton General Fund to the Jourdanton Chamber of Commerce. Council Members Morales, Ortiz, Tymrak-Daughtrey and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales were in favor. Council Member Pesek abstained because she was representing the Chamber of Commerce.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS
(Information available in City Council Packets. No discussion nor council action expected or required)

4.1 Utility Report: Outside the City Utility Service Request
4.2 City Bulk Pick Up: March 13, 2023: Contractor will station dumpsters at the Old Little League Ballfield- Not at the Sports Complex
4.3 Library: Resume Pre-Covid Hours- Open half Day on Saturday- One Late Night.
Information on Website
The City Manager’s reports were presented.

Executive Session

"Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Jourdanton reserved the right to consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter", to include any item listed on this agenda.


RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

At the conclusion of the closed session, the City Council shall reconvene in open session and may act on any matter lawfully discussed in closed session.

Mayor Williams postponed agenda item 5.1.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 Discussion and possible action of social calendar of events.

Council Member Morales announced ongoing sports at Jourdanton ISD and wished Lytle and Tilden ISD good luck at the state championship at the Alamo Dome. City Manager Bobby J Martinez stated that the “no thru traffic” signs had been ordered. Council Member Tymrak-Daughtrey informed everyone that the St Matthew’s Church is holding a fried fish dinner plate every Friday evening during lent.

7.1 ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Pesek to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Debbie G Molina, City Secretary
Robert A. Williams, Mayor