MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP
OF THE CITY OF JOURDANTON CITY COUNCIL
AT THE JOURDANTON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AT 1604 HIGHWAY 97 E., JOURDANTON, TEXAS, 78026,
ON MONDAY APRIL 22, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

Present:
Mayor Pro Tem Chester Gonzales
Councilmember Pamela Manning
Councilmember Karen Pesek
Councilmember Katrina Wiatrek

City Manager Debbie G. Molina
Secretary Interim Samantha Nicholson

Absent:
Mayor Robert Williams
Councilmember Raul Morales

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Chester Gonzales called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and lead the Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

1.1 None at this time.

WORKSHOP (No action to be taken)

2.1 Discuss creating a vision statement for the city.

Councilmember Manning stated, “We the council should collaborate to make a vision statement & bring ideas to the table next meeting.”
Mayor pro tem Gonzales advised that he would like to see the vision/mission statement published.

2.2 Discuss and identify at least 5 top priority goals for the city.

a. short term goals:

Councilmember Wiatrek would like to see the city’s short term & long term goals written down and available. She would like the finance department to take into consideration and high priority that the auditor advised feedback from the 21-22 audit. Written goals and evaluation for each individual position and as a group. She also would like to promote the TML financial bootcamp as an Agenda item.

Councilmember Pesek would like to see the bathroom at the park and continued education for better understanding of city employees job & cross training.

Councilmember Manning would like to see the city implement the policy and procedures for short term goals, like answering people in a timely manner & records retention. She is requesting better financial reports to ensure to make better decisions.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales would like to see accountability and advised that this workshop is an opportunity to discuss what the goals are and then one person can sponsor this as an agenda item and at that time the council would vote on it.

All councilmember agreed that Finances are the major priority.
b. long term goals:

Councilmember Manning would like to see the city-wide drainage issues and infrastructure problems addressed. She would like to focus on strategies for development and better organization for large projects. Would like to look forward and prepare for future development for business coming into the city.

Councilmember Pesek advised that a comprehensive plan needs to be put in place & apply for as many grants as possible for our city. Audits need to be up to date.

Councilmember Wiatrek would like to see an agreement with the county to see if there are additional options for the roads, a tracking system for where all the pinpoint all the turnoff valves, meters etc. like to have multiple grant companies looking for grants.

Councilmember Gonzales advised that he would like to see the funds not rolling back into the general fund, this process is not beneficial for the streets. Changing that policy to keep funds within the department as years progress. He advised he would like to see progress on the grant funded projects that have been awarded and to see them through.

2.3 Direction to staff for Regular City Council Meeting in May Agenda item for council consideration and action.

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURN

7.1 Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilmember Pesek and seconded by Councilmember Manning to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Pro Temp Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Samantha Nicholson, Interim City Secretary

Robert A. Williams, Mayor