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 MAY 1, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.

Present:
Mayor Robert Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Chester Gonzales
Councilmember Norma Q. Ortiz
Council Member Raul Morales
Councilmember Karen Pesek
Councilmember Patricia J. Elizabeth
Tymrak-Daughtrey
City Manager Bobby J. Martinez
Secretary Debbie G. Molina
Chief of Police Eric Kaiser
Interim City Manager Tom Cate

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Mayor Williams gave the invocation. City Council recognized Jourdanton ISD boys and girls high school golf team and Coach Ponton. Rylee Slade and Kaylee Palmer gave the Pledges of Allegiance.

1.1 HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Planning and Zoning Chairman Donna Blue politely informed the Council that she wished to continue to serve the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Attorney Thomas Gwosdik introduced himself to the Council and stated he had submitted a proposal for legal services for the City of Jourdanton.

Property owner Tommy Tymrak expressed concern of the proposed Jourdanton Volunteer Department contract and city finances. He stated that he felt sorry for City Manager Bobby Martinez because of what he is having to deal with and hoped that Mr. Martinez stays to fix these issues.

2.1 Mayor’s Presentation of a Proclamation for Municipal Clerk’s Week, April 30-May 6, 2023

Mayor Williams read a Proclamation for Municipal Clerk’s Week for the week of April 30- May 6, 2023. City Secretary Debbie Molina was recognized.

2.2 Mayor’s Presentation of a Proclamation for National Police Week, May 14-May 20, 2023.

Mayor Williams read a Proclamation for National Police Week for the week of May 14-May 20, 2023. Chief of Police Eric Kaiser was recognized.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

3.1 Action to approve the minutes for Regular Called Meeting March 6, 2023:

A motion was made by Council Member Morales and seconded by Council Member Ortiz to approve the minutes for March 6, 2023. Council Members Morales, Ortiz, Pesek and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales were in favor. Council Member Tymrak-Daughtrey was opposed. The motion passed.
DISCUSSION ITEMS/CONSIDERATION

4.1 Discussion and action to approve advertising for individuals who are interested in being appointed to the Jourdanton Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a three-year term beginning on June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026, for two places on the commission stating that a submission of a letter of interest or application with resume is to be received at city hall by 3:00 p.m. on May 1, 2023:

A motion was made by Council Member Tymrak-Daughtrey and seconded by Council Member Pesek to advertise for individuals who are interested in being appointed to the Jourdanton Planning and Zoning Commission to serve a three-year term beginning on June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026, for two places on the commission stating that a submission of a letter of interest or application with resume is to be received at city hall by 1:00 p.m. on May 12, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Consideration and Action to Adopt a Resolution in Support of SB 2434 sponsored by Senator Paul Bettencourt for the passage of SB 2434 by both the Texas Senate and the Texas House and to be signed by the Governor that eliminates SH 130 Municipal Management Districts from state law by calling for the "Mandatory Dissolution, Except as provided by Section 3971.0903, not later than January 1, 2024, to become effective as of September 1, 2023" because it is totally detrimental to the growth and development of municipalities, especially now that municipalities are have been prohibited by state law from involuntarily annexing around their legal boundaries without a voluntary petition from the affected property owners asking for themselves to be annexed into the municipality and to deliver our Resolution by email immediately after its Adoption to Senator Paul Bettencourt, Senator Peter Flores and each and every member of the Committee on Local Government:

Council Member Tymrak-Daughtrey spoke to the council about her concerns regarding this bill, and the importance to submit the resolutions.

A motion was made by Tymrak-Daughtrey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales to Resolution in Support of SB 2434 sponsored by Senator Paul Bettencourt for the passage of SB 2434 by both the Texas Senate and the Texas House and to be signed by the Governor that eliminates SH 130 Municipal Management Districts from state law by calling for the "Mandatory Dissolution, Except as provided by Section 3971.0903, not later than January 1, 2024, to become effective as of September 1, 2023" because it is totally detrimental to the growth and development of municipalities, especially now that municipalities are have been prohibited by state law from involuntarily annexing around their legal boundaries without a voluntary petition from the affected property owners asking for themselves to be annexed into the municipality and to deliver our Resolution by email immediately after its Adoption to Senator Paul Bettencourt, Senator Peter Flores and each and every member of the Committee on Local Government. Council Member Tymrak-Daughtrey spoke to the council about her concerns regarding this bill, and the importance of submitting the resolutions. The motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Consideration, discussion, and possible action authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Jourdanton Volunteer Fire Department.

No Action Required at This Time:

City Manager Bobby J. Martinez informed the Council he visited with Chief Jay Foitik that there were three minor adjustments to the Jourdanton Volunteer Fire Department, being the accountable for nonprofit for the 501C, the accountability of the fire department and monthly fire reports.
CITY MANAGER REPORTS

(Information provided to City Council. No discussion nor council action is expected or required)

5.1 Finance Dept- Utility Billing

City Attorney Bobby J Martinez informed the Council that penalties and disconnects would be waived until the audit was conducted this month. City Manager Bobby Martinez advised the Council that the check reconciliation and the audit will delayed for fiscal 2021-2022 due to utility audit.

Finance Director Vanessa Alvarado agreed with Mr. Martinez and strongly advised the public to download the App "My Water Advisor 2.0" so they can view their daily usage.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 Discussion and possible action of social calendar of events and city council’s general announcements/information:

Council Member Pesek announced that the JISD named the Jourdanton Arrow Heads, will be attending a BBQ state competition in Georgetown, TX this coming weekend. Council Member Morales informed everyone that a regional track meet was held the past week. There were numerous schools throughout Texas who participated. This caused many local hotels to be booked. Many visitors complimented this city. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales reminded everyone of a food drive that will be held on May 13, 2023, and asked if anyone would be able to volunteer, it would be greatly appreciated. City Secretary Debbie Molina informed the Council that one new lifeguard and six lifeguards who worked for the city last year had applied. She asked everyone to encourage others to apply.

Executive Session

“Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Jourdanton reserves 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.

7.1 Mayor Request

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.

No executive session was conducted.

ADJOURN

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

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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