

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF JUNCTION
COUNTY OF KIMBLE

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* **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING April 11, 2022**
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The City Council of the City of Junction met in a regular session on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following members were present to-wit:

MAYOR:	RUSSELL HAMMONDS
ALDERMEN:	STEVE COUEY, Place 1
	PRESTON McDONALD, JR. Place 2
	MICHAEL MILLER, Place 4
	OLAN RALEY, Place 5
CITY SECRETARY:	GARVENE ADAMS

Visitors present: Candace Morrison, Hayden C., Allan Castleberry and Andrew Burnard.

Quorum established. Pledge said. Russell Hammonds gave the invocation.

Public Forum: Candace Morrison gave a report on the Farmer's Market and stated that the attendance was up for the market and things were going great.

Department Reports: Discussion only.

- Park –
- Water – Wastewater
- Street
- Police Department-Animal Control
- Fire Department
- Chamber
- JTEDC

Emergency Alarm System: Sheriff Allan Castleberry appeared to present a new emergency alarm system. Castleberry reported that he had applied for a grant to pay for the entire system of approximately \$145,000. He received only \$50,000 for the grant. This system would be a voice system and have 5 places. He reported that not all of the current sirens worked when tested. Since the current system is under 10 years old the decision on a new system was passed until the current system could be checked and see if it could be repaired.

Swimming Pool Hours & Rates: Secretary Adams reported that Stephanie Stewart would be the pool manager for this year and presented the schedule for hours and rates. The pool will open on Saturday, May 28 with a free swim. The rates will remain the same as last year. Alderman Raley made a motion to accept the schedule and rates. Alderman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 CPI Price Index Adjustment for Right-of-Way Access Line Rates For Telecommunications: The rates are the additional fees added to a customer's account on their monthly bill. None of the fees are paid by the company, they are all paid by the customer. After a discussion of the rates and of what the rates could be Alderman Miller made a motion to leave the rates the same as the previous year. Alderman Raley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AEP Rate Increase-Proposal to Join Lawsuit: A letter from attorneys representing other cities in a suit to prevent the AEP rate increase proposal, requesting the City of Junction to join the lawsuit. Alderman Raley made a motion to not join the lawsuit. Alderman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

First State Bank Vault & Location Agreement: Secretary Adams presented a proposed agreement between the City of Junction and the First State Bank which would allow First State Bank to have an emergency kit left in the vault of the City Office. At this time the kit is in the vault in the courthouse but with renovations upcoming the bank needs another

location. Alderman Couey made a motion to approve the Vault & Location Agreement. Alderman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chain of Command: Secretary Adams requested a change in the Chain of Command of City Employees. Adams told Council that all street, water and landfill employees were under the Public Works Director as well as the City Secretary. Adams requested that the park employees also be placed under the Public Works Director as well as the City Secretary. Alderman McDonald made a motion to add the park employees under the Public Works Director as well as the City Secretary. Alderman Raley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Issue: Employee Hoyt Moss requested an open session meeting concerning his complaint concerning another employee. Moss stated that after a loud verbal disagreement with inappropriate language in the City Office with another city employee who is employed as an officer that the officer followed him outside and physically shoved him. Both employees were written up for the loud verbal disagreement with inappropriate language. Moss wanted more punishment due to one being an officer and shoving him. He had been advised previously to make a report to the SO since it involved a PD Officer. Council passed the matter while the SO investigation is ongoing.

Consent Agenda: Alderman Raley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Couey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Alderman Couey made a motion to approve the March 14, 2022 minutes. Alderman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

CITY SECRETARY, GARVENE ADAMS

MAYOR, W.R. HAMMONDS