

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF JUNCTION
COUNTY OF KIMBLE

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* **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING June 13, 2022**
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The City Council of the City of Junction met in a regular session on Monday, June 13, 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
	ZNOBIA WOOTAN, Place 3
	DOUGLAS HAYNES, Place 4
	OLAN RALEY, Place 5
CITY SECRETARY:	GARVENE ADAMS

Visitors present: Mark Arrazola, Carol Neiman, Dale Guthrie, Molly Robinson, Mike Carter, Polly Robinson, Joe Hernandez, Randie Fraser and Andrew Burnard.

Quorum established. Pledge said. Douglas Haynes gave the invocation.

Public Forum: Andrew Burnard spoke concerning the proposed dam at the headwaters of the South Llano. He told Council that landowners involved with the Watershed Alliance were willing to help financially with a contested hearing and that they would give them the City's contact information. Burnard also presented each Council member with a bag to advertise keep the rivers clean. Inland fisheries brought 1000 bags to hand out to people using the river to collect their trash in. Burnard stated the bags would be given to kayak and canoe rentals, Chamber of Commerce, State Park and other groups to be used for this purpose.

Mark Arrazola was introduced as the new Chamber Manager and gave a brief description of events that have been scheduled for the next few months.

Department Reports: Discussion only.

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

Report on Building Renovations: Polly Robinson reported on the status of the building remodel. Robinson stated there were 2 bids and 2 more were expected to be in. Alderman Couey asked for a copy of the plans to see exactly what the EDC was planning to do to the City building. Robinson advised she would get a copy for him. Robinson did state that not any plan was set in stone at this stage. Their list of priorities are 1. Flooring, 2. Windows, 3. Bathroom, 4. Ceilings, 5. Paint exterior.

Proposed Baseball Fields: Dale Guthrie presented plans drawn by Engineer David Duplantis for 4 new baseball fields on the Baugh property. These plans also include walking paths, small play yard and concession stand. Guthrie stated there were numerous grants available for baseball fields and with the City's permission and help they would be applied for along with various fundraising events. All money raised would be put in a separate City account for the use of the fields. Alderman Wootan made a motion to hold a public hearing on July 7 @ 5:30 p.m. for citizen input. Alderman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Public Notice will run for 2 weeks in the Junction Eagle.

Drought Contingency Plan: The Drought Contingency Plan was submitted for renewal. Alderman Raley made a motion to approve the Drought Contingency Plan as submitted. Alderman Couey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem: Alderman Raley made a motion to appoint Alderman Douglas Haynes as Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Wootan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bank Signatories Resolution: Alderman Raley made a motion to approve Russell Hammonds, Mayor; Garvene Adams, City Secretary; Douglas Haynes, Mayor Pro Tem and Steve Couey, Alderman Place 1 as the bank signatories for the City of Junction. Alderman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Change Order for Main Force Sewer Line: A change order was presented on the Main Force Sewer Line due to additional work that was added after the contract in the amount of \$42,247.26. This brings the total cost of the Main Force Sewer Line to \$923,999.29. This being a FEMA grant the City's portion of the cost is 25%. The total FEMA estimated cost was \$1,506,800.00. The project is well under the estimated cost. Alderman Raley made a motion to grant the change order. Alderman Haynes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Health Insurance: Health insurance rates were presented. The current plan if retained would have a 13% increase, from \$668.98 per month to \$755.96 per month per employee. There were several other options available. Option 3 raised the deductible to \$750 from the current \$500 deductible and would also raise the out of pocket from \$4000.00 to \$5,000.00. This option would only be a 5.3% increase. This option will cost \$704.44 per employee per month. Alderman Couey made a motion to approve Option 3. Alderman Raley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TCEQ Contested Hearing on Proposed Dam: Alderman Haynes made a motion to table discussion on a Contested Hearing on the Proposed South Llano River Dam. Alderman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Minutes: Alderman Haynes made a motion to approve the May 9, 2022, May 16, 2022 and May 23, 2022 minutes. Alderman Raley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

CITY SECRETARY, GARVENE ADAMS

MAYOR, W.R. HAMMONDS