

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF JUNCTION
COUNTY OF KIMBLE

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* **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2016**
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The City Council of the City of Junction met in a regular session on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 5:30 o'clock in the City Hall Meeting Room with the following members were present to-wit:

MAYOR:	RUSSELL HAMMONDS - absent
ALDERMEN:	KEATON BLACKBURN, Place 2, Mayor Pro Tem
	STEVE COUEY, Place 1
	LARRY MADDUX, Place 3
	MICHAEL MILLER, Place 4 - absent
	OLAN RALEY, Place 5
CITY SECRETARY:	KRISTI BANNOWSKY

Visitors present were: James Murr, Polly Robinson, Robby Robinson, Jean Jacoby, Marshall Brown, Carol Neiman, Paul Ramsdell, Maurico Rosas, Harold Luna, Stephanie Boone. Quorum established. Pledge said. Larry Hammonds gave the invocation.

Public Forum: no public forum

Consent Items: A motion was made by Alderman Maddux to approve the consent agenda as written. A second was made by Alderman Couey. The vote carried unanimously.

JTEDC Financials: A brief history on the JTEDC financial procedures was given by City Secretary, Kristi Bannowsky. Initially the financials were processed by City Hall staff in the City accounting software used since the early 90's, Incode. Approximately 3 years ago, the check writing process was given to JTEDC staff to process. At the end of each month a City staff member would enter a journal entry for the financials as well as bank reconciliations. With the JTEDC executive director resigning in 2014 and that position left vacant – there has been a transition period that allowed for review of this process and to determine what process is most efficient, allowing for a high level of transparency in use of sales tax dollars as well as USDA grant monies received and expensed. It was also mentioned that the process could smoothly be transitioned back to City Hall to mirror the same as Tourism funds are currently handled. Alderman Maddux asked the JTEDC president, Polly Robinson, if she had an opinion on the process. She stated she did not and would discuss with her board. Alderman Maddux made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Alderman Raley seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

JTEDC Reporting to Council: Due to this item relating to the previous agenda item, Alderman Maddux made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Alderman Raley seconded. The voted passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Committee: This item was discussion only to ask for individual nominations for committee members. The nominees would then be contacted to extend an invitation to serve on the board. This committee creation was passed by council in January 2015. 5 board members will fill the committee. The members must be City residence. Alderman Blackburn stated he believed the committee member placement should be advertised on the web, newspaper and radio to gather potential public input.

Annexation: This item was discussion only. Kimco, LLC representative, Paul Ramsdell, was present to state they will be submitting a voluntary annexation request to the City in the near future. They are building a 75 room, 3 story Holiday Inn Express on 4 acres behind the current Best Western. Ramsdell stated the slab is scheduled to be poured December 2016 with construction completion estimated for January 2018. Further discussion was held to determine if including other property annexations at the same time would allow for tax dollar savings.

Water Rights: A discussion was held on directing the City attorneys to make contact with prospective water right owners to begin negotiations for leasing up to 250 acre feet. This could protect the City by having older water right dates as well as added water for future water needs. Alderman Maddux made a motion to table this item until the next meeting to determine more structured attorney fees for this project. Alderman Raley seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

City Water Plan Workshop: A discussion was held to express the importance of a workshop to gain public input on creating a strategic, long term City water management plan. Public notices would be placed in the newspaper, website, and on the radio as to the location, date, and time for the workshop. A specific date, time and location will be scheduled and brought back to council. No motion was made to allow for this workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

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MAYOR, RUSSELL HAMMONDS