

**MINUTES  
CITY OF JOSEPHINE – CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Holt called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Council members present: Doug Ewing, Clark Mitchell, Barbara Newton, Jason Turney and Joe Holt

Invocation: Barbara Newton

**General Discussion – Citizens**

Katie Shockly, Pastor of Copeville Methodist Church was present to invite the Council to the Community United Methodist Church of Copeville on Sunday, February 26, 2017 to join the formal dedication of the 106-year-old stained glass window of Jesus that was in Nevada and then in the Josephine Methodist Church for 30 years.

Open Public Hearing – This is being held regarding an ordinance of the City of Josephine, Texas amending the Comprehensive Zoning Plan and Zoning Map.

**Close Public Hearing**

Doug Ewing made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-02-13 – as amended with SF-2 parking requirement to be changed from 1 space to 2 spaces. Seconded by Clark Mitchell. All in favor, the motion carried.

Clark Mitchell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion carried.

Report from the Water Department given by Kirk Peters. For the month of January, there were:

Line locates: 5

Water meter turn on: 16                      Water meter turn off: 16 (final reads)

After hours re-connect: 1

Water meter re-reads: 6

Water meter leaks: 3

Service line leaks: 4

Sewer service line stoppages: 4

**Street Department:**

Patching done on Hubbard and rock put out

7 street signs and stop signs replaced

Milton Street: permanent guard rail barricade and signs installed to close road

New electric control panel installed at the park by Doug Daugherty

Report from the Fire Department given by Chief Brooks. For the month of January, there were:

City calls: 8

County calls: 12

Mutual aid calls: 10

Report from the Police Department given by Chief Briggs. For the month of January:

**Activity:** Personnel ran 101 calls for service

**Active Cases:**

**Felony:** 3

**Misdemeanor:** 1

**Closed Cases:**

**Felony:** 0

**Misdemeanor:** 2

**Arrests:** 5

**Progress in January:**

Citations arrived and are now in use

**TxDot:** Speed limit change on FM 6. TxDot requires ordinance passed for limit to be lowered to 50 from 55mph starting west of Sebastian to the 40mph limit sign east of the bridge.

**Communications Grant:** A grant was located to help fund the P25 radio purchase. Approval is pending on the requested \$50,300. This is in addition to the NIBRS grant which is also pending approval.

**Warrant collection:** The department began a telephone campaign to collect on outstanding warrant balances. In the first month, \$1,645.60 has been paid into the municipal court due to these efforts.

**Equipment donation:** Frisco PD generously donated 1<sup>st</sup> generation lights that were added to Unit 1301. Labor and equipment was acquired at no cost to the city and has contributed to a safer environment for officers using the truck to conduct day to day business.

**Storm Siren Radios:** Storm siren radios were received and have been tested. The test was successful as both sirens responded to radios activation signal and cancelation signal tests.

**Training:**

Crime Scene Investigation 40-hour class online

Property Room Tech 16-hour class online

**Department Needs:**

ICS Mobile

P25 Compatible Radios for the CCSO Upgrade

NIBRS compliant ICS Records Management System (RMS) w/Property

Patrol vehicle

TLO Investigative database subscription

**Recent Purchases:**

Citation books

Heat Sealer (Property room item)

Blood draw kits

**Code Enforcement:**

Total notices of violation issued – 9

Initial notices – 6

Second notices – 2

Final notices – 1

Violation Types

Trash and debris violations – 7

Junk vehicle violations – 2

The case set for Jury Trial on 01/30/17 was settled shortly before trial began. Per the terms of the settlement, the Defendant entered a plea of No Contest and is required to comply with city ordinances prior to a Show Cause Hearing scheduled for a later date.

**Property Demo:**

On January 9, 2017, the Josephine Building Commission held its first hearing. A case regarding the property at 408 East Street was presented and the Commission affirmed the structures are dangerous and ordered them to be demolished within a certain timeframe.

The Order was created, filed with the County, published in the newspaper, and sent to the property owners. A placard was posted on the property and the structures were secured from unauthorized access. Utility companies have also been notified to disconnect and remove service lines. Staff is currently obtaining bids for the demolition and awaiting the time period provided in the Order to expire before proceeding.

Clark Mitchell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-02-13 amending Resolution No. 2017-08-08-A Exhibit "A", Sec. 2.001 Building Permits; inspections to add a demolition fee of \$100.00 to cover pre-and post-inspections of demolished structures. Seconded by Jason Turney. All in favor, the motion carried.

Doug Ewing made a motion to table Item I regarding any proposed changes to the employee handbook. Seconded by Barbara Newton. All in favor, the motion carried.

Clark Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

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Patti Brooks, City Secretary

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Joe Holt, Mayor Pro-Tem