

**MINUTES  
CITY OF JOSEPHINE – CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2017**

Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Holt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Invocation: Barbara Newton

**General Discussion – Citizens**

Steven Lowes was present to announce dinner on June 10, 2017 at the Landmark on Lee Street in Greenville. This is sponsored by the Hunt County Veterans Honor Guard WWII and Korean Era Veterans.

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

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

Water mains repaired: 1

Water taps installed: 1

Line locates: 12

Water meters set: 1

Water meter turn on: 8      Water meter turn off: 7

Water meter re-reads: 4

Sewer service stoppages: 5

Street Department: Horizon's Way was bladed, pot holes on Hubbard were patched

Concrete was poured for the new control panel at the park

Emergency response team during the storms by assisting the Police Department and Fire Department with downed power lines/poles and downed trees. NTMWD sent out a generator for the pump station

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

City calls: 15

County calls: 29

Mutual aid calls: 7

Report from the Police Department given by Chief Briggs.

Activity during March

Personnel ran 93 calls for service

**Active Cases:**

Felony: 2                      Misdemeanor: 1

**Closed Cases:**

Felony: 2                      Misdemeanor: 0

Arrests: 2

**Progress in March:**

Various ordinances established for council review

Training: High Risk Stops (In-house)

**Code Enforcement:**

**Total notices of violation issued – 9**

**Initial notices – 9**

**Second notices – 0**

**Final notices – 0**

**Violation Types:**

**Trash and debris violations – 2**

**Junk vehicle violations – 3**

**High grass violations – 3**

**Zoning violations – 1**

Staff requested estimates from 7 contractors, including 2 Historically Underutilized Businesses to demolish the structures at 408 East Street. Staff chose Kenneth Gregory and Sons from the 5 estimates that were received and the structures were demolished on March 15, 2017. Notification of the demolition and an invoice for the costs were mailed to those having real interest in the property. If the invoice remains unpaid after a period detailed in Ordinance 2015-11-09, then those costs will be filed with the County Clerk and placed as a lien against the property.

Doug Ewing made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-04-10 amending the code of ordinances, Chapter 9, Personnel, Article 9.03. Seconded by Clark Mitchell. All in favor, the motion carried.

Doug Ewing made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-04-10-A amending the code of ordinances, Chapter 12, Traffic and Vehicles. Seconded by Clark Mitchell. All in favor, the motion carried.

Clark Mitchell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-04-10-B amending the code of ordinances by adding Chapter 15, Rules and Regulations for Park and Recreational Activities. Seconded by Barbara Newton. All in favor, the motion carried.

Barbara Newton made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-04-10-C amending the code of ordinances by adding Chapter 16, Child Safety. Seconded by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion carried.

Clark Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

**Patti Brooks, City Secretary**

**APPROVED BY:**

**Joe Holt, Mayor Pro-Tem**