

**MINUTES
CITY OF JOSEPHINE – CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 10, 2020**

Mayor Holt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: City Secretary Patti Brooks

Council members present: Mayor Holt, Doug Ewing, Katrina Heifner-Donihoo, Brad Ahlfinger, Cedric Powell and Jason Turney

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Katrina Heifner-Donihoo

Katrina Heifner-Donihoo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion carried.

Second Required Public Hearing for 703 E. Cook Street was opened at 7:04 p.m.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Katrina Heifner-Donihoo made a motion to approve the requested zone change for 703 E. Cook Street to make the total 23.858 acres SF-1 (Single Family Residential). Seconded by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion carried.

Brad Ahlfinger made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-08-10 amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and map of the City of Josephine to grant SF-1 (Single Family Residential District) on a 23.858-acre tract of land at 703 E. Cook Street. Seconded by Katrina Heifner-Donihoo. All in favor, the motion carried.

Doug Ewing made a motion to Order the Election for November 3, 2020 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two (2) Council Seats for a two (2) year term each. Seconded by Cedric Powell. All in favor, the motion carried.

Doug Ewing made a motion to publish the proposed property tax rate of 0.559080 and to set the required Public Hearing for September 8, 2020. Seconded by Jason Turney. Katrina Heifner-Donihoo, Brad Ahlfinger and Cedric Powell all voted for. Mayor Holt did not vote. Motion carried.

After this was submitted to Collin County Tax office, we were notified that a public hearing will not be required because the tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Josephine is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year. The meeting to adopt the tax rate will be on September 14, 2020.

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

Water mains repaired: 2	Contractor hit water mains
Line locates: 4	
Water meters set: 5	
Water meter turn on: 1	water meter turn off: 0
Water meter re-reads: 30	replaced 1 leaking valve
Water meter leaks: 0	4 check – 14 data logs
Emergency repair calls: 2	water main
Work orders received: 225	work orders completed: 225

Street Department:

Emergency road repair – Josephine Police Department (Hubbard)

Streets patched: East Street and Caddo

Street signs repaired: several posts replaced

Report from the Fire Department given by Chief Tripp. For the month of July, there were:
48 calls

Caddo Mills mutual aid: 1

Collin County unincorporated: 19

Copeville: 2

Farmersville mutual aid: 1

Josephine city limits: 16

Magnolia Pointe: 6

Nevada mutual aid: 3

Report from the Police Department given by Chief Briggs.

General PD Activity

Calls for service: 265

Active Cases:

Felony: 4 Misdemeanor: 6 Other: 3

Closed Cases:

Felony: 2 Misdemeanor: 6

Arrests: 4

Current Staff:

Full-time: 6

Part-time: 0

Reserve: 0

Civilian: 0

Upcoming Events:

None

Code Enforcement:

Total notices of violation issued – 64

Initial notices – 50

Second notices – 14

Violation Types:

High Grass and Weeds – 4

Junk Vehicle – 4

Trash and Debris – 8

International Property Maintenance Code – 4

Zoning Violation – 1

Sign Violation – 1

No Permit Violation – 1

Notes: Starting the second half of March, staff temporarily reformatted notices of violation to a less forceful “courtesy letter” in consideration of the increased stresses residents are currently experiencing. Staff will continue to identify violations of city code and work diligently with residents, including those experiencing hardships, to gain voluntary compliance.

Report from the Mayor:

2020-2021 Budget briefing

The Mayor appointed (2) council members to form a committee with resident input to make recommendations to the City Council at the October Council meeting on modifying the Fireworks Ordinance. This is not intended to be a ban on fireworks.

**Appointed: Brad Ahlfinger – Chairman
Doug Ewing**

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

ATTEST:

Patti Brooks City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Joe Holt, Mayor