

**MINUTES
CITY OF JOSEPHINE – CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2020**

Mayor Holt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll call: City Secretary Patti Brooks

Council members present: Mayor Holt, Doug Ewing, Katrina Heifner-Donihoo & Brad Ahlfinger

Council members absent: Jason Turney & Cedric Powell

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Katrina Heifner-Donihoo

General Discussion – Citizens

Hattie Walden, resident of Magnolia Pointe spoke about concerns regarding fireworks and requested that the Council consider coming up with something to make this safer. She presented a letter to the Council with recommendations: Prohibit fireworks in planned communities like Magnolia Pointe or coordinate with the Magnolia Pointe Board of Directors (DR Horton) for a unified ordinance to protect the health, safety and quality of life of our community.

Chief Briggs suggested that Ms. Walden stay for the rest of the meeting to hear further discussion regarding fireworks.

Doug Ewing made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion carried.

Item A – Rick Bernas, Manager of Republic Services will give an update at the August meeting.

Brad Ahlfinger made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve Magnolia Phase 7 and Phase 8 Final Plats. Seconded by Katrina Heifner-Donihoo. All in favor, the motion carried.

Doug Ewing made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-07-13 amending the Code of Ordinances, Article 3.08 Fences: providing for the permitting and regulations of fences. Seconded by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion carried.

Item D – Lloyd Brown, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission explained about the new category for Local Retail and C-1 and C-2 being combined.

Katrina Heifner-Donihoo made a motion to approve Chapter 14 with changes. Seconded by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion carried.

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

Water taps installed: 1

Line locates: 2

Emergency repair calls: 1

Water meter turn offs: 1

Water meter turn on: 0

Final reads: 45

Check for meter leak: 10

Re-reads: 34

Data logs: 2

Meter reading leak alarms: 22

The city took in a record amount of water in June: 18 million gallons
The new Magnolia temporary wastewater treatment plant is fully operational
Work orders received and completed: 154

Report from the Street Department given by Kirk Peters.
Mowing and spraying of city property done as needed
Cleaned drainage ditch in High Meadow
Superior Water System Signs installed at City Limit signs per TXDOT Permit approval
Potholes on East Street fixed
Installed a culvert for a citizen on Swanson Street

Report from the Fire Department given by Chief Tripp. For the month of June, there were: 27 calls
City: 6 Collin County: 14 Magnolia Pointe: 1 Mutual Aid: 6

Chief Tripp also addressed the issues with Fireworks on the July 4th weekend. There were multiple issues with getting through the neighborhoods to respond to calls due to Fireworks being set off in the street, cars blocking the road and heavy smoke from the Fireworks. The Fire Department responded to a call for a 2-year old that was burned and also the parent and had trouble getting through the neighborhood.

Chief Tripp updated the Council on the grant money that they have received from Collin CARES Act for expanding the Fire Department.

Report from the Police Department given by Chief Briggs.

General PD Information:

Activity: 224 calls for service

Active Cases:

Felony: 0 Misdemeanor: 6

Closed Cases:

Felony: 0 Misdemeanor: 6 Arrests: 1

Current Staff:

Full-time – 6

Part-time – 0

Reserve – 0

Civilian – 0

Upcoming Events: None

Code Enforcement:

Total Notices of Violation Issued – 27

Initial notices – 26

Second notices – 1

Violation Types:

High Grass and Weeds – 19

Fence Violation – 1

Trash and Debris – 3

International Property Maintenance Code – 3

Zoning 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 increases 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.

Chief Briggs discussed the July 4th weekend and the problems that were encountered. We need to consider options that would get the big Fireworks out of the neighborhoods without banning them completely. The growth that we are having, and the houses being built make it unsafe for Fireworks.

Doug Ewing made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Seconded by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Patti Brooks, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Joe Holt, Mayor