

**MINUTES  
CITY OF JOSEPHINE – CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2020**

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation: Katrina Heifner-Donihoo

**Citizen Comments:** Jane Ridgway spoke to the Council about the speed limit on FM 6 on the Hunt County portion and asked about having it lowered.

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

Jason Turney made a motion to approve the Murray Manor Preliminary Plat. Seconded by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion carried.

Doug Ewing made a motion to approve the De Berry Heritage Preliminary Plat. Seconded by Jason Turney. All in favor, the motion carried.

Brad Ahlfinger made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-10-12 altering the Prima Facie Speed Limits to a maximum of 40 miles per hour on FM 1777 (East Street) within the incorporated limits of the City of Josephine. Seconded by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion carried.

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

Water mains repaired: 0

Water taps: 18

Water meters set: 18

Line locates: 2

Sewer stoppages: 0

Emergency repair calls: 0

Water turn offs: 0      Water turn on: 4

Final reads: 34

After hours reconnects: 0

Check for meter leaks: 2

Re-reads: 90

Data logs: 5

Meter reading leak alarms: 32

The park drainage was extended 100'

Magnolia Phase 4 final walk through passed inspection

Work orders received and completed: 200

**Street Department: Mowing, spraying and weed eat city property**

The fog seal street treatment project started

City Park: The parking lot was paved and donated by DR Horton

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

Total calls: 33

Collin County unincorporated: 16

Copeville: 1

Farmersville Mutual Aid: 1

Hunt County: 1

Josephine city limits: 12

Nevada Mutual Aid: 2

Report from the Police Department given by Chief Briggs.

General PD Information:

Activity: 194 calls for service

Active Cases:

Felony: 3                      Misdemeanor: 10                      Other: 6

Closed Cases:

Felony: 2                      Misdemeanor: 10

Arrests: 4

Current Staff:

Full-time – 5

Part-time – 0

Reserve – 0

Civilian – 0

Upcoming Events: None

Code Enforcement:

Total Notices of Violation Issued – 27

Courtesy notices – 27

Initial notices – 0

Final notices – 0

Violation Types:

High Grass and Weeds – 9

Junk Vehicle Violation – 2

Fence Violations – 1

International Property Maintenance Code – 8

Zoning Violations – 1

Work without permit – 6

Notes: Once court citation was issued in September for high grass and weeds. 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.

Welcome and Badge Pinning to Officer Cody Kennemer

Congratulations to Sergeant Mike Gonzalez for promotion

Update on Fireworks report given by Brad Ahlfinger.

Brad Ahlfinger explained that this is not an attempt to ban fireworks, but an attempt to make them safer for the community. There will be some meetings set up to get input from citizens.

**Magnolia Pointe resident Hattie Walden asked to speak and encouraged the Council to possibly find a place to designate for citizens to do fireworks safely.**

**Mayor Holt thanked her for her previous letter and input to the Council.**

**Katrina Heifner-Donihoo made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion carried.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED BY:**

**Patti Brooks, City Secretary**

**Joe Holt, Mayor**