

**MINUTES
CITY OF JOSEPHINE – CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

Mayor Turney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Mayor Turney, Doug Ewing, Brad Ahlfinger, Alex Esquivel and Dr. Pam Sardo.

Council members absent: Gary Chappell.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Turney.

Invocation: Dr. Pam Sardo.

Police Chief Graham introduced new Police Officer Nicolas Trejo to the City Council.

Citizen Comments:

Barbara Hamilton – Josephine Cemetery. She told the Council that there is barbed wire around some of the cemetery, and she asked if the city could possibly have a fence built around it with fence materials.

Consent Agenda.

Doug Ewing made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Alex Esquivel. All in favor, the motion passed.

New Business.

Item A - Agreement between the City of Josephine and Nevada Special Utility District.

Victor Cristales with Coats/Rose Law Firm was present to request a CCN swap with Nevada Special Utility District so that Nevada Special Utility District can service the proposed Greenwood Municipal Utility District.

Alex Esquivel made a motion to approve the agreement between the City of Josephine and Nevada Special Utility District designating retail water service territory. Second by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion passed.

Item B - Update from Project Manager Ethel Huggins representing AGCM regarding the Community Center, Public Safety Building and City Hall Annex projects.

Major Activities Achieved this Period

Public Safety Building:

Pre-cast Wall Erection.

Roof Beams Joists.

Roof Decking.

Apparatus Bay Masonry work completed.

Steel & Electrical equipment delivered on site.

Community Center:

95% of the work has been completed.

The contractor is working to provide updates on the remaining items.

Coordination has taken place for the final inspection.

Annex Building
Completed.

Doug Ewing made a motion to accept the report. Second by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion passed.

Item C - Monthly engineering report from Dunaway/DBI – Jacob Dupuis.

Doug Ewing made a motion to accept the report. Second by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion passed.

Item D - Monthly engineering report from Kimley-Horn and Associates – Elizabeth Livergood.

Mayor Turney asked if Kimley-Horn is over the Caddo Street portion that the school is redoing. He asked if they have someone from their office on-site and how often. Elizabeth said the civil inspector had been out there, but she would need to check how often he is there and will let Lisa know.

Doug Ewing made a motion to accept the report. Second by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion passed.

Item E - Ordinance organizing the City of Josephine Fire Department. City Administrator Lisa Palomba. We will continue to work with the Volunteer Fire Department and this ordinance creating the City of Josephine Fire Department will allow Lisa to start applying for grants.

Alex Esquivel made a motion to adopt an Ordinance organizing the City of Josephine Fire Department. Second by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion passed.

Item F – Set a date for a City Council Strategic Planning and Goal Setting Work Session.

The work session will be on Monday, April 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Item G – Transfer of funds from the JCDC account to the City’s operating fund to pay for a portion of the Community Center renovations.

Brad Ahlfinger made a motion to approve the transfer of \$225,000 from the former JCDC account to the City’s operating fund to pay for a portion of the Community Center renovations. Second by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion passed.

Item H – Expenditure of \$28,755 for materials and labor to resurface the splash pad.

Brad Ahlfinger made a motion to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$28,755 for materials and labor to resurface the splash pad and to use funds left over from the JCDC. Second by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion passed.

Recess Regular Meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.

A. Pursuant to Section 551.071 – Government Code – Private Consultation with the city attorney. The City Council will meet in Executive Session (closed meeting).

1. Update regarding TCEQ matters related to the North Wastewater Treatment Plant.
2. Creation of Industrial Districts in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the city.

B. Pursuant to Section 551.072 – Government Code – Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property. The City Council will meet in Executive Session (closed meeting).

1. 405 Main Street.

**Adjourn Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.
Reconvene Regular Meeting at 7:05 p.m.**

Item I - Any items resulting from Executive Session discussions.

Dr. Sardo made a motion that pursuant to the executive session to endorse the City Administrator to move forward regarding the items that were discussed in executive session including TCEQ matters including value of real property and to mediate a settlement.

Also, we approve the City Administrator exploring Industrial Districts as the legislation has established. Second by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion passed.

Item J – Requests by Council members for items to be placed on a future agenda.

Dr. Sardo – Malcolm with the Fusion Center – to share with the Council what they are doing at the county level what they are doing with emergency management will be at the March 10, 2025, meeting. Dr. Sardo would also like to request an Executive Session after he is finished at the beginning of the meeting while he is still here to discuss Chapter 418 – Emergency Management.

Doug Ewing would like to talk about the Josephine Cemetery at some point and see what we can do with it.

Brad Ahlfinger asked if we have received any information regarding what can be put in the utility easements. Staff are working on this.

Brad Ahlfinger made a motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Second by Dr. Sardo. All in favor, the motion passed.

ATTEST:

Patti Brooks, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Jason Turney, Mayor