

**MINUTES
CITY OF JOSEPHINE – CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2025**

Mayor Turney called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Turney.

Invocation – Dr. Pam Sardo.

City Administrator Lisa Palomba introduced the new City Planner Miguel Inclan.

Citizen Comments.

Mayor Turney read the procedures for citizen comments into the record. Mayor Turney also reminded everyone that if there is anyone here to speak about EPIC, it is not in our city limits, it is not in Josephine's ETJ and it is not in our utility service area. The city has no jurisdiction over this.

Krista Shild – Hunt County Precinct Chair. Spoke about EPIC.

Barbara Hamilton – thanked Public Works for mowing the Josephine Cemetery and for the informational sign that has been posted regarding the Cemetery.

Jane Ridgway – the Council now has city cell phones that are paid for by the city tax payers and she asked if those cell phone numbers can be posted on the website.

Patrick Cusic – asked for an update on the electric grid in Fountain View. Mayor Protem Doug Ewing provided an update from our area manager. Oncor has tightened the underground lines, and they also replaced two trip savers. They did not see any issues out in the field that would be causing power outages, but they will continue to monitor.

Heather Leseberg – Magnolia – asked if the Council is prepared for the growth, how will they respond and how will the first responders handle the growth. How do we plan to handle the growth without over taxing the citizens. Is the Council prepared for a disaster? How will they handle it?

Elizabeth – lives on East Street and wanted to say thank you for moving so quickly to put a stop sign on East Street.

Consent Agenda.

Dr. Sardo had questions about the Planning & Development Report and about the minutes. It was discussed at the last meeting that we would continue with emergency preparedness, but because Chief Graham is not here, we can discuss it next month.

City Planner Miguel Inclan answered several questions that Dr. Sardo asked.

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

New Business.

Presentation by Justin Weiss, Economic Development Consultant regarding the proposed by-laws for the Josephine Municipal Development District.

Dr. Sardo would like to have the transparency of the MDD addressed in the bylaws. She would also like to have information on the website for the meetings.

Dr. Sardo went through the bylaws and had suggestions that she will send to Lisa so that they can be added or edited for the next meeting.

No action was taken.

Update from Ethel Huggins representing AGCM regarding the Public Safety Building.

Major activities achieved during this period:

Overhead Electrical Rough in Inspection.

Overhead Fire Sprinklers Rough in Inspection.

Framing Exterior.

Framing Interior.

Gary Chappell made a motion to accept the February and March report. Second by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion passed.

Monthly engineering report for Dunaway/DBI – Jacob Dupuis.

Jacob said that he missed putting something on the report and he informed the Council that DR Horton will be putting Wildflower, part of Riverfield on hold for now, maybe up to a year. The current plan for now is to work on what inventory they currently have.

Doug Ewing made a motion to accept the engineering report from Dunaway/DBI. Second by Alex Esquivel. All in favor, the motion passed.

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

Doug Ewing made a motion to accept the engineering report from Kimley-Horn and Associates. Second by Alex Esquivel. All in favor, the motion passed.

Resolution in support of House Bill 4211 – Lisa Palomba.

Dr. Sardo made a motion to approve the Resolution in support of HB 4211. Second by Alex Esquivel. All in favor, the motion passed.

Lease Agreement between the City of Josephine and Rise Broadband – Lisa Palomba.

Alex Esquivel made a motion to approve a five-year lease agreement between the City of Josephine and Rise Broadband. Second by Gary Chappell. All in favor, the motion passed.

Resolution regarding Collin County Emergency Services District No. 1. – Lisa Palomba.

Doug Ewing made a motion to approve a Resolution consenting to the inclusion of the City's ETJ in the proposed Collin County Emergency Services District No. 1. Second by Brad Ahlfinger. All in favor, the motion passed.

Resolution regarding the designated industrial district in the City’s ETJ and the Collin County Emergency Services District No. 1. – Lisa Palomba.

Gary Chappell made a motion to approve a Resolution consenting to the inclusion of territory designated as an industrial district in the City’s ETJ in the proposed Collin County Emergency Services District No. 1. Second by Alex Esquivel. All in favor, the motion passed.

Receive a Petition for Voluntary Annexation from Lloyd D. Brown – 830 East St., Josephine, TX for 1.00 acres.

Brad Ahlfinger made a motion to receive the petition. Second by Gary Chappell. All in favor, the motion passed.

Community Center Reservation and Use Policy.

Doug Ewing made a motion to approve the Community Center Reservation and Use Policy with changes discussed. Second by Alex Esquivel. All in favor, the motion passed.

Resolution to add Article 5 – Community Center Rental Fees to the Master Fee Schedule.

Doug Ewing made a motion to approve a Resolution to add Article 5 – Community Center Rental Fees to the Master Fee Schedule as discussed. Second by Gary Chappell. All in favor, the motion passed.

Ordinance for the 2024-2025 Mid-year Budget Amendments – Melissa Stillwell.

Alex Esquivel made a motion to approve an Ordinance approving the 24-24 mid-year budget amendment. Second by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion passed.

Presentation from City Planner Miguel Inclan regarding a possible pilot program for food truck vendors.

After discussion with the Council, they asked Miguel to bring them more information. They would like to have a designated place with hours of operation, permitting and guidelines.

Future requests by Council members for consideration of items to be placed on a future agenda.

Dr. Sardo asked about the cost of the new street signs, and she asked if it was possible to share the information. She has heard that they are \$30 to \$60 each and if we found a better deal that is amazing.

Emergency Preparedness from the last meeting, future training was discussed, and she would like to know what month that will be.

Development code violation – requested by a person that is present tonight. She asked if that can be discussed tonight or at the next meeting.

Mayor Turney said it could be at the next meeting.

Doug Ewing made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Second by Alex Esquivel. All in favor, the motion passed.

ATTEST:

Patti Brooks, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Jason Turney, Mayor