

**MINUTES
CITY OF JOSEPHINE – CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2019**

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

Roll call – City Secretary

Council members present: Mayor Joe Holt, Doug Ewing, Katrina Heifner-Donihoo, Becca Lutjen & Cedric Powell

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Katrina Heifner-Donihoo

General Discussion – Citizens

10 citizens present

Lisa Westbrook spoke to the Council about the current animal ordinance and explaining why she would like the Council to consider amending the ordinance to allow more horses than it currently does. Mayor Holt told her that it would be put on the September 9, 2019 Agenda after the Council has had time to review.

Margie Veselka lives in High Meadow Estates and spoke to the Council about concerns she has with all the construction being done in the neighborhood, the drainage problems, construction trash and speeding vehicles.

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

Doug Ewing made a motion to publish the Proposed Property Tax Rate at 0.575000 per \$100 and set the required Public Hearings for September 3, 2019 and September 9, 2019. Seconded by Katrina Heifner-Donihoo. All in favor, the motion carried.

Order of Election was approved for the November 5, 2019 General Election to elect (3) three Council seats for a (2) two-year term each.

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

Water taps installed: 4

Line locates: 3

Water meters turned on: 6 Water meters turned off: 6 (non-pay)

Final Reads: 18

Water meter re-reads: 8

Check for meter leaks: 8 Data logs: 2

Sewer Lift Station stoppages: 1

Emergency repair calls: 1 – Hot water heater

Work orders received and completed: 145

Water in-take from North Texas Municipal Water District for July: 9.715 Mg

Capital Improvements at the Pump Station: Upgraded all wiring and new pump motors

Report from the Street Department given by Kirk Peters.

City-wide mowing, spraying and weed eating done as needed

Potholes were filled on CR 642

Trimmed low overhanging trees on Jordan Street

City of Josephine Streets Capital Improvement Project: Hubbard and N. Greenville were completed

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

Calls in the city limits: 10 Collin County: 18

Copeville: 2

Farmersville Mutual Aid: 2

Magnolia Pointe: 1

Nevada Mutual Aid: 1

Report from the Police Department given by Chief Briggs.

General PD Information:

Activity: 246 calls for service

Active Cases:

Felony: 5 Misdemeanor: 4

Closed Cases:

Felony: 4 Misdemeanor: 3

Arrests: 3

Current Staff:

Full-time: 3

Part-time: 1

Reserve: 0

Civilian: 1

Code Enforcement:

Total Notices of Violation Issued: 104

Initial notices – 70

Second notices – 14

Third notices – 0

Final notices – 20

Violation Types:

High Grass and Weeds – 54

Junk Vehicle – 16

Trash and Debris – 12

International Property Maintenance Code – 8

Work without permit – 6

Fence Violations – 0

Zoning Violations – 8

Notes:

Staff also issued 2 court citations in July. One for work without a permit and the other for an inoperable motor vehicle in public view.

Report from the Mayor:

The final audit report will be presented at the September 9, 2019 meeting

We are working with Pam Mundo to try and separate some of the zoning uses into retail

We are working on a possible mutual boundary agreement with Farmersville

Katrina Heifner-Donihoo made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Seconded by Doug Ewing. All in favor, the motion carried.

ATTEST:

Patti Brooks, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Joe Holt, Mayor