

MINUTES
Special Called Meeting
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, August 26, 2021
6:00 PM

Members Present:

Mayor Steve Lawrence
Dr. Sonny Proctor
Kirk Raffield
Jim Looney
Anne Sneve
John Foust

Staff:

Brandon Douglas
Tara Benson
Lindsey Williams
Stacy Johnson

Guests in Attendance:

Green Suttles
Karen Proctor

Members Absent:

Legal Counsel:

David Syfan

Press:

Know Pickens
Pickens Progress- Larry Carver

Mayor Steve Lawrence asked Councilmember Anne Sneve if she recognized a quorum. Seeing a quorum, Mayor Lawrence recognized meeting as opening. He requested Development Manager Lonnie Waters to provide the invocation. He requested Councilmember Dr. Sonny Proctor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawrence advised that an agenda is in front of them and entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Proctor made a motion to adopt the agenda with Councilmember Sneve providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence stated that this is a Public Hearing and gave direction on procedure for those in attendance.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the first item under new business (item A) Request to annex into the City of Jasper Parcel JA10 052.001 consisting of 3.85 acres and rezone from County Highway Business to C-2 General Commercial. This Parcel is located at the intersection of Noah Drive and West Church Street. Mayor Lawrence stated that at the request of the owners this item is to be tabled. Before closing the public hearing Mayor Lawrence asked if anyone in the public wishes to speak. With no one coming forward Mayor Lawrence closed this portion of the Public Hearing.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item under new business (item B) Discussion of Health Insurance renewal. Mayor Lawrence called on Mr. Douglas to provide background information. Mr. Douglas wanted to clarify for the public and press that that aforementioned public hearing was held at the Planning Zoning Commission meeting on Tuesday evening as well. It was tabled due to the fact that the applicant was not able to provide a site plan as required, no issues with that. The matter is tabled, it will be on the agenda at our regular scheduled meeting on September 13th. Mr. Douglas went on to explain that when we have applications come into the development department, we begin advertising in the legal organ to allow for the process, to honor those dates that are put in advance 30 days prior 15 days prior we want to follow through. Mr. Douglas moved on to Health insurance, he highlighted information provided in packet. There are no changes to the employee or employer contributions. The net annual cost of \$1,047,282 at zero percent increase. Staff is seeking approval of accepting the GMA medical renewal with no premium change for 2022 as well as to accept the Anthem Dental and Vision renewal and to change the basic life insurance and voluntary and supplemental life coverage from Anthem to Standard with an annual saving to the City of \$3,630. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to renew health insurance. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Kirk Raffield provide a second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the second item under new business (Item B) Needs to address controlled residential grown and possible action thereof. He called on Mr. Douglas to provide more information. He gave a brief history on how the zoning ordinance was completely changed in accordance with zoning laws and adopted by council February 2021. Zoning districts were not addressed. Since the moratorium was lifted after the new ordinance was approved, the Development Department has been flooded with requests. Mr. Douglas gave information about the differences in residential zoning districts in the City of Jasper. He acknowledged the need to address the zoning districts and the impact of adding high density residential areas to our water and sewer system. Recent growth is beginning to outpace the City's capacity to add additional capacity to current services. He explained the process that began in 2019 to map future land use. City Attorney David Syfan explained the legal right for the City to impose a temporary moratorium resolution for any application for residential rezoning until March 2022. It will not stop all residential development. It would stop rezoning that affects density. The moratorium would not apply to annexations. Mayor Lawrence asked about the ability to extend the moratorium if the work to rewrite the zoning ordinance was not complete. Mr. Syfan commented that a 60-day extension would not be unreasonable. He recommended the initial period be for 6 months. Councilmember Proctor commented we would be able to rescind the moratorium if work was complete before March 2022. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve the moratorium resolution as

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presented. Councilmember Sneve made the motion and Councilmember Raffield provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion was had by Mr. Douglas and Mr. Syfan to clear up any confusion about the number of active lawsuits to be only one. Mr. Syfan commented there is only one filed and active lawsuit with a pending motion to dismiss.

Mayor Lawrence closed the regular session and asked for a motion to go into executive session for personnel. Councilmember Raffield provided the motion and Councilmember Proctor provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Councilmember John Foust provided the motion and Councilmember Raffield provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to approve the job vacancy announcement and job description for City Manager. Councilmember Looney gave the motion and Councilmember Raffield provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Proctor provided the motion to adjourn and Councilmember Raffield provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.



Steve Lawrence
Mayor



Beverly Ragland
Finance Director/City Clerk