

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON JUNE 21, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CIVIC CENTER, 16327 LAKEVIEW, JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warren at 7:08 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Bobby Warren	City Manager, Austin Bless
Council Member, Drew Wasson	City Secretary, Lorri Coody
Council Member, Sheri Sheppard	City Attorney, Justin Pruitt
Council Member, Michelle Mitcham	
Council Member, James Singleton	
Council Member, Gary Wubbenhorst	

Staff in attendance: Mark Bitz, Fire Chief; Isabel Kato, Finance Director; Kirk Riggs, Chief of Police; Robert Basford, Director of Parks and Recreation; Harry Ward, Director of Public Works and Bob Blevins, IT Director.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Prayer and pledge by: Scott Basso, Pastoral Care Programs and Global Missions, Foundry United Methodist Church, Jersey Village, Texas.

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of Employee of the Month.

Austin Bless, City Manager, presented the June Employee of the Month award to Captain Trent Herrod with the Jersey Village Fire Department.

2. Presentation of Police Department Lifesaving and Meritorious Conduct awards.

Mark Bitz, Fire Chief, presented a Lifesaving Award to Telecommunication Operators, Tynitris (Tina) Mckenzie and Amber Rozas and to Officers Hall, Gonzales, Lt. Hawley, and Sergeant Brandon for their bravery and quick actions taken during a life-threatening situation on February 9, 2020.

Kirk Riggs, Chief of Police presented the Meritorious Conduct Award to Lt. Heath Hawley, Cpl. Aaron Polster, Officers Jonathan Hall, Ryan Israwi, Issiac Gonzales, and Daniel Rodriguez in responding to a disturbance call at Whataburger on January 1, 2021.

D. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Citizens who have signed a card and wish to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the comment is on the agenda, the City staff and City Council Members are prevented from discussing the subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing policy. Citizens are limited to five (5) minutes for their comments to the City Council.

Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 461-1430: Mr. Maloy spoke to City Council about tax exemptions. He also asked about the public comment card and the instructions thereon. He asked that the Council grant the full 20% homestead exemption and that

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

the over 65 and the disabled exemptions be set at \$165,000. He pointed out that Harris County and the City of Houston have these exemptions and he wants the same for Jersey Village Residents. He gave information on what it would mean to the City budget should the Council approve these increases in tax exemptions. He asked a few clarifying questions to which the Mayor addressed his concerns.

Michael Stembridge, 15422 Jersey Drive, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 883-8647: Mr. Stembridge spoke to City Council about the tax exemptions. He wants City Council to approve this and thanks them in advance for their action. He also addressed City Council about the home elevations. He spoke to the TIRZ 3 and the tear down and rebuild project. He does not see how his family can join that program. He wants his home approved for a home elevation.

Merrilee Beazley, 14910 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas: Ms. Beazley spoke to City Council about election problems. She has contacted the SOS Elections Division, the Texas Attorney General, the Texas Rangers, the FBI and TABC about her concerns. She also has contacted Wayne Dolcefino, an attorney, to help with contesting the election and to file a lawsuit to review the ballots. She complained about Barbara Freeman being appointed to serve as the election judge during the last election. She gave reasons for her concerns to include how long it took to count the votes. She also complained about the indelible markers used during voting and she complained about the petition that was circulated and how it was declared void.

Jim Fields, 16413 St. Helier, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 206-1184: Mr. Fields spoke to City Council about the location of City Hall. He does not support moving the City Hall to Village Center. He gave his reasons to include costs, the fact that the developer cannot fund the project, the location is near to the railroad tracks and other reasons. He also voiced his concerns about the City pool. He has lifesaving experience. He outlined the problems that he saw with pool operations and stated that these issues are prohibited by the Red Cross.

James MacDonald, 16306 Acapulco Drive, Jersey Village, Texas (832) 253-6167: Mr. MacDonald spoke to City Council about various issues. He recognized several Jersey Village residents to include Ashley Brown who participated in the recent City Election.

E. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Austin Bless, gave his monthly report as follows. He fielded a few questions about the status of the Wall Street and Berm Projects.

- 1. Monthly Fund Balance Report, Enterprise Funds Report, Governmental Funds Report, Property Tax Collection Report – April 2021, General Fund Budget Projections as of May 2021, and Utility Fund Budget Projections – May 2021.**
- 2. Fire Departmental Report and Communication Division's Monthly Report**
- 3. Police Department Monthly Activity Report, Warrant Report, Staffing/Recruitment Report, and Police Open Records Requests**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

4. **Municipal Court Collection Report, Municipal Court Activity Report, Municipal Court Courtroom Activity Report, Speeding and Stop Sign Citations within Residential Areas Report, and Court Proceeds Comparison Report**
5. **Public Works Departmental Status Report**
6. **Golf Course Monthly Report, Golf Course Financial Statement Report, Golf Course Budget Summary, and Parks and Recreation Departmental Report**
7. **Code Enforcement Report**

F. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are considered routine in nature by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion and vote. There will not be separate discussion on these items unless requested by a Council Member, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered by separate action.

1. **Consider approval of the Minutes for the Regular Session Meeting held on May 10, 2021 the Joint Special Session Meeting held on May 10, 2021 and the Work Session Meeting held on May 15, 2021.**
2. **Consider Resolution No. 2021-35, renewing the City’s guidelines for tax abatements.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, RENEWING THE GUIDELINES FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS.

3. **Consider Resolution No. 2021-36, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Management Agreement with the Jersey Village Fire Control Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE JERSEY VILLAGE FIRE CONTROL PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT.

4. **Consider Resolution No. 2021-37, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County for the construction and maintenance of Gateway and Marquee Signs within the existing right-of-way of Eldridge Parkway, West Road, Steepleway Boulevard, Jones Road, and Senate Avenue.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

AND MAINTENANCE OF GATEWAY AND MARQUEE SIGNS WITHIN THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ELDRIDGE PARKWAY, WEST ROAD, STEEPLEWAY BOULEVARD, JONES ROAD, AND SENATE AVENUE.

5. **Consider Resolution No. 2021-38, setting the 19th day of July 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center, 16327 Lakeview Drive, Jersey Village, Texas 77040 as the date, time, and place for a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 municipal budget.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

6. **Consider Resolution No. 2021-39, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Minuteman Press Northwest for the printing and mailing of the monthly Jersey Village Star newsletter for the period of August 2021 to July 2023.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MINUTEMAN PRESS NORTHWEST FOR THE PRINTING AND MAILING OF THE MONTHLY JERSEY VILLAGE STAR NEWSLETTER FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 2021 TO JULY 2023.

7. **Consider Resolution No. 2021-40, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a General Services Contract with Cahoon Consulting for the performance of the City's Community Rating System (CRS) Recertification and Modification tasks in the amount not to exceed \$9,200.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CAHOON CONSULTING FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CITY'S COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) RECERTIFICATION AND MODIFICATION TASKS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,200.

8. **Consider Ordinance No. 2021-25, receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's Preliminary Report and calling a joint public hearing of the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning the proposal to amend the Jersey Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-105(a)(21) by adding a new Subsection (e) to include "massage establishment" as a specific use regulation**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

in District F; and to amend Section 14-5 by adding definitions for “massage establishment” and “massage therapy.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-25

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, RECEIVING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION’S PRELIMINARY REPORT AND CALLING A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE JERSEY VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES AT CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 14-105(A)(21) BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (E) TO INCLUDE “MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT” AS A SPECIFIC USE REGULATION IN DISTRICT F; AND TO AMEND SECTION 14-5 BY ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR “MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT” AND “MASSAGE THERAPY.”

Council Member Wubbenhorst moved to approve items 1 through 8 on the consent agenda. Council Member Mitcham seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

G. REGULAR SESSION

- 1. Consider Ordinance No. 2021-26, modifying the Disabled Person Exemption, Residential Homestead Exemption, and the Over 65 homestead Exemption for the City of Jersey Village; amending the code of ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, Chapter 62, Taxation, by amending Article I., In General; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.**

City Manager, Austin Bless, introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

During the budget retreat held on May 15, 2021 the City Council discussed the Homestead Exemption, Over 65 Exemption, and the Disabled Exemption. Since that time staff has done some research of how increases would impact the future fund balances given the CIP and projected expenses in the future.

Here is a breakdown of how changes to each exemption will impact the city and property owners going forward.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021**

Increasing the Homestead Exemption				
Increased Homestead Exemption Amount	Average Value to be exempted	Total Value To Be Exempted	Average Property Tax Savings for Homeowner	Total Loss of City Revenue
1%	\$ 3,105	\$ 5,833,261	\$ 22.46	\$ 42,726
2%	\$ 6,210	\$ 11,666,523	\$ 44.93	\$ 85,452
3%	\$ 9,315	\$ 17,499,784	\$ 67.39	\$ 128,178
4%	\$ 12,420	\$ 23,333,045	\$ 89.86	\$ 170,904
5%	\$ 15,525	\$ 29,166,307	\$ 112.32	\$ 213,631
6%	\$ 18,630	\$ 34,999,568	\$ 134.78	\$ 256,357
Increasing the Over 65 Homestead Exemption				
Over 65 Amount	Additional Amount to be exempted	Average Property Tax Savings for Over 65 Homeowner	Total Loss of City Revenue	
\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
\$ 80,000	\$ 4,300,000	\$ 36.17	\$ 31,109	
\$ 85,000	\$ 8,600,000	\$ 72.35	\$ 62,218	
\$ 90,000	\$ 12,900,000	\$ 108.52	\$ 93,327	
\$ 95,000	\$ 17,200,000	\$ 144.69	\$ 124,436	
\$ 100,000	\$ 21,500,000	\$ 180.87	\$ 155,545	
\$ 105,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 217.04	\$ 186,654	
\$ 110,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 253.21	\$ 217,763	
\$ 115,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 289.39	\$ 248,872	
\$ 120,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 325.56	\$ 279,981	
\$ 125,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 361.73	\$ 311,090	
\$ 130,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 397.91	\$ 342,199	
\$ 135,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 434.08	\$ 373,308	
\$ 140,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 470.25	\$ 404,417	
\$ 145,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 506.43	\$ 435,527	
\$ 150,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 542.60	\$ 466,636	
\$ 155,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 578.77	\$ 497,745	
\$ 160,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 614.95	\$ 528,854	
\$ 165,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 651.12	\$ 559,963	
\$ 170,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 687.29	\$ 591,072	
\$ 175,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 723.47	\$ 622,181	
\$ 180,000	\$ 25,800,000	\$ 759.64	\$ 653,290	
Number of Over 65 Exemptions		788		
Spouse Over 65 Exemptions		72		
Total		860		

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

Increasing the Disability Exemption			
Disability Exemption Amount	Additional Amount to be exempted	Average Property Tax Savings for Disabled Homeowner	Total Loss of City Revenue
\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 80,000	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 36.17	\$ 1,158
\$ 85,000	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 72.35	\$ 2,315
\$ 90,000	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 108.52	\$ 3,473
\$ 95,000	\$ 640,000.00	\$ 144.69	\$ 4,630
\$ 100,000	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 180.87	\$ 5,788
\$ 105,000	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 217.04	\$ 6,945
\$ 110,000	\$ 1,120,000.00	\$ 253.21	\$ 8,103
\$ 115,000	\$ 1,280,000.00	\$ 289.39	\$ 9,260
\$ 120,000	\$ 1,440,000.00	\$ 325.56	\$ 10,418
\$ 125,000	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 361.73	\$ 11,575
\$ 130,000	\$ 1,760,000.00	\$ 397.91	\$ 12,733
\$ 135,000	\$ 1,920,000.00	\$ 434.08	\$ 13,891
\$ 140,000	\$ 2,080,000.00	\$ 470.25	\$ 15,048
\$ 145,000	\$ 2,240,000.00	\$ 506.43	\$ 16,206
\$ 150,000	\$ 2,400,000.00	\$ 542.60	\$ 17,363
\$ 155,000	\$ 2,560,000.00	\$ 578.77	\$ 18,521
\$ 160,000	\$ 2,720,000.00	\$ 614.95	\$ 19,678
\$ 165,000	\$ 2,880,000.00	\$ 651.12	\$ 20,836
\$ 170,000	\$ 3,040,000.00	\$ 687.29	\$ 21,993
\$ 175,000	\$ 3,200,000.00	\$ 723.47	\$ 23,151
\$ 180,000	\$ 3,360,000.00	\$ 759.64	\$ 24,308
Disability Exemptions		32	

Tonight the Council should decide what levels to set the exemptions at. We need to notify the Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) of any changes by June 30th so they can get the information into their calculations for our taxable properties.

Council engaged in discussion about the exemptions. Council appreciated the information in the meeting packet and found it helpful in understanding how the various increases will affect the City budget. There were questions about when any increases need to be sent to HCAD. City Manager Bless said that any increases need to be sent to HCAD by June 30, 2021.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

There was discussion about needing to make a decision on increases in the tax exemptions without understanding the other needs of the City, an understanding that typically comes with the budget work session discussions which are not scheduled until July 19. Without those discussions, it is difficult to know what programs may need to be cut should the exemption amounts be increased. Others felt that we need to address each exemption separately during this evening's discussions.

Council discussed the reasons for the exemptions. Since 2005, the average cost of a home according to HCAD, has almost doubled. With this in mind, it was suggested that a starting point for the over 65 and disabled exemptions could begin with doubling the current exemption.

The cap on the disabled exemption was discussed. City Manager Bless stated that there is no cap on this exemption. Some members felt that the disabled exemption should be set at least at \$200,000 and could be accomplished with minor impact to the City Budget. Most seemed to think this would be a good amount for the disabled exemption.

Some members wanted to know if the exemptions are increased today can it be decreased by future Councils. City Manager Bless stated that it can be changed at any time with Council approval.

The over 65 exemption was discussed. Some felt that an increase in both the over 65 and the homestead exemptions will have a significant impact on the City's budget. Some Members mentioned that in past City Council discussions, some consideration was being given to refinance or refund the City's current bonds. Keeping this in mind, it was pointed out that such a decision would play into any decisions for increases in tax exemptions. Some Members are concerned about taking on debt just to finance the exemptions. Mayor Warren explained discussions had in the recent budget meeting about projects that could be financed with bonds, agreeing that it is important to discuss both when making a decision about increasing the exemptions. Other members felt that should the Council approve bonds they must be connected to a project and not to fund increases in tax exemptions.

It was pointed out that two years ago all three exemptions were increased. Some members felt that we could leave the homestead exemption at its current value and increase the over 65 exemption somewhat.

There was discussion about property tax revenues and transfers made to the Golf Course from the General Fund.

Some members felt that once exemptions are set, it should remain for a good amount of time so that long term cash flow can be planned and monitored. If the exemptions change too frequently, it is difficult to monitor cash flow in the long run.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

The over 65 exemption was discussed further. If set at \$100,000 it will cost the City \$155,000 and the home owner will realize \$15.00 a year.

Council discussed increasing the homestead exemption. Some felt that even a 2% increase will affect the budget by \$80,000. Some members pointed out that while home evaluations are increasing, so are the costs of City services. Some members pointed out that increasing these exemptions at this time is not a good decision and were concerned about paying for continued services. In connection with this, it was pointed out that we need to understand our costs before this decision is made.

The City Attorney pointed out that the proposed Ordinance has three sections and a motion to increase exemptions needs to address all three sections.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-26, by setting Section 1 at \$200,000 for the disabled exemption, striking Section 2 concerning homestead exemptions, and setting the new Section 2 at \$100,000 for the over 65 exemption. Council Member Sheppard seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, and Singleton

Nays: Wubbenhorst

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE DISABLED PERSON EXEMPTION, RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, AND THE OVER 65 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, CHAPTER 62, TAXATION, BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, *IN GENERAL*; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 2. Consider Resolution No. 2021-41, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Millis Development and Construction, LLC for the construction of the gateway and marquee signs.**

City Manager, Austin Bless introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

In February of 2018, city council approved a gateway and wayfinding master plan prepared for the city by Clark Condon. During the October 15, 2018 city council meeting, council approved a contract with Clark Condon for the design and construction management of the gateway and wayfinding signs. Phase I of the project was awarded in October 2019.

Tonight we have for Council consideration and action Phase II of this project. Phase II consists of the following signs and locations:

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

1	North Eldridge Pkwy and US 290	Large Gateway
2	Philippine and Beltway 8	Large Gateway
3	Senate Ave and Seattle St	Marquee Sign
4	Jones Road near Wyndham Lake Blvd	Small Gateway
5	Senate Ave at US 290	Small Gateway
6	Jones Road north of US 290	Small Gateway
7	Steeple Way and US 290	Small Gateway
8	West Road and US 290	Small Gateway

We went out for bids on this project, and opened bids on June 8. The city received three bids for the project. Clark Condon has tallied all of the bids and is recommending the City award the contract to Millis Development and Construction, LLC in the amount of \$562,529.12.

The contract calls for 160 days for the work to be completed. We anticipate the work being done before the end of 2021.

The cost of this project was discussed. For historical purposes, City Manager Bless gave an overview of the project. Stating that while we budgeted \$2M we will spend about \$1.3M.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-41, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Millis Development and Construction, LLC for the construction of the gateway and marquee signs. Council Member Wasson seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MILLIS DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIVE GATEWAY AND MARQUEE SIGNS.

- 3. Consider Resolution No. 2021-42, authorizing action for the 2021-2022 Health Insurance Plan Year by renewing health insurance plans with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool.**

City Manager, Austin Bless introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

We recently received our 2021-2022 health insurance rerate quote. Our rerate came in with a 1.5% increase in our current rates, but we were able to negotiate that down to a 1% increase.

TML Health is switching from United Health to Blue Cross Blue Shield. As such our plan is being switched to a plan with lower deductible (by \$250) and a lower Out of Pocket Max (by \$500).

The City has been with TML Health since 2009, which means this upcoming year will be our 13th year with them. Since that time our rates, including this 1% increase, have gone up by 39.5%, which is an average of 3% annually.

TML Health is also looking at doing rebates to member entities, because as a whole they are doing very well. For the past two years they have done rebates on our monthly bill. For the current fiscal year the city received approximately a \$22,200 rebate.

TML Health is also offering an eye insurance benefit this year that is better than what they have offered in the past. The City has not offered eye insurance for several years. But this year staff feels this the vision plan is affordable and beneficial enough that Council should consider adding this plan back. Vision plan is an often-requested item from employees.

Staff is proposing to add vision insurance at no cost to the employee for an employee only plan, and with the option for the employee to add their spouse and/or dependents with the employee paying \$10 per month for that and the city paying the rest. If we do this it will cost \$26,000 a year to the city. That is the worst-case scenario that assumes everyone adds their family.

Staff is recommending renewing health insurance plans with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool with the current plans and adding vision insurance.

Council discussed the cost savings to the City by being in the intergovernmental risk pool. The employee contribution was also discussed.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Wubbenhorst move to approve Resolution No. 2021-42, authorizing action for the 2021-2022 Health Insurance Plan Year by renewing health insurance plans with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING ACTION FOR THE 2021-2022 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN YEAR BY RENEWING HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS AND ADDING VISION PLANS WITH TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL.

- 4. Consider Resolution No. 2021-43, awarding the bid and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Utility Service Co. Inc./A Suez Company for the City of Jersey Village Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project at the Congo and Village Water Plants.**

Harry Ward, Director of Public Works introduced the item. Background information is as follows: On June 8, 2021, the City of Jersey Village Public Works staff received bid documents related to the City's Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project at the Congo and Village Water Plants. Utility Service Co. Inc./A Suez Company was the responsive, qualified bidder, submitting a bid of \$214,200.00. City staff have reviewed the bid proposal, and it is the recommendation of Public Works that the City select Utility Service Co. Inc./A Suez Company as the contactors for the City's Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project at the Congo and Village Water Plants.

We assembled the scope of work from two inspections performed on those tanks over the past two years. The award criteria were formula based so as to select the highest qualified, low bidder.

Council discussed the detail/scope of work that will be accomplished during this project. Director Ward explained the scope of work. Some members wondered what would happen if during the project other items become necessary. Director Ward explained that the background work that went into the RFP was detailed and should eliminate any additional work.

With no further discussion on the matter, Council Member Wubbenhorst moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-43, awarding the bid and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Utility Service Co. Inc./A Suez Company for the City of Jersey Village Elevated Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project at the Congo and Village Water Plants. Council Member Singleton seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH UTILITY SERVICE CO. INC./A SUEZ COMPANY FOR THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE ELEVATED STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION PROJECT AT THE CONGO AND VILLAGE WATER PLANTS.

- 5. Consider Ordinance No. 2021-27, amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$35,000, by transferring \$21,000 from line item 01-39-3001 (Salaries) and \$14,000 from line item 01-39-3055 (Health Insurance) to line item 01-39-6516 (Parks and Landscaping Projects) within the General Fund Budget.**

Parks and Recreation Director, Robert Basford introduced the item. Background information is as follows: The Texas Department of Transportation has agreed to provide, plant, and maintain (for one year) new vegetation between the Clark Henry Hike and Bike Trail and Beltway 8 and north of Philippine St. between the sound wall and Beltway 8 with the stipulation that we provide a source of water for their irrigation installation.

This project will run a water line from the nearest meter along the hike and bike trail from Equador St. towards the beltway. The contractor will also provide a GPS location of the water line connects in the event we ever need to tie into it for future irrigation at Clark Henry Park.

This project will be completed by Mickie Service Company Inc., with whom we have a continuing service contract with for utility lines. The project has a NTE price of \$35,000.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Ordinance No. 2021-27, amending the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 in the amount not to exceed \$35,000, by transferring \$21,000 from line item 01-39-3001 (Salaries) and \$14,000 from line item 01-39-3055 (Health Insurance) to line item 01-39-6516 (Parks and Landscaping Projects) within the General Fund Budget. Council Member Sheppard seconded the motion. The vote follows:

Ayes: Council Members Wasson, Sheppard, Mitcham, Singleton, and Wubbenhorst

Nays: None

The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

\$35,000 BY INCREASING LINE ITEM 01-39-6516 (PARKS AND LANDSCAPING PROJECTS) FROM LINE ITEMS 01-39-3001 (SALARIES) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000 AND 01-39-3055 (HEALTH INSURANCE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000.

H. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.0415, City Council Members and City staff may make a reports about items of community interest during a meeting of the governing body without having given notice of the report. Items of community interest include:

- Expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence;
- Information regarding holiday schedules;
- An honorary or salutory recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen, except that a discussion regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutory recognition for purposes of this subdivision;
- A reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body;
- Information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; and
- Announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

Council Member Mitcham: Council Member Mitcham told of her experience with the new Council Member Orientation process. She stated that she learned the “ins and outs” of City business. She met many employees and appreciated the opportunity to participate in the orientation process.

Council Member Sheppard: Council Member Sheppard thanked all the officers and dispatchers for their efforts in keeping the City safe.

Council Member Wasson: Council Member Wasson thanked Chief Riggs and Chief Bitz for their efforts and the efforts of their staff. He reminded all that July 4th is coming and he is looking forward to the celebration.

Council Member Singleton: Council Member Singleton thanked the Chiefs for the awards given tonight. He stated that the July 4th parade starts at 10:30 am and following the parade there will be a BBQ cook-off. He made mention that the City of Houston will increase their water rates 65% over the next 5 years, pointing out that these increases will increase Jersey Village costs as well.

Council Member Wubbenhorst: Council Member Wubbenhorst had no comments.

Mayor Warren: Mayor Warren stated that he also attended the New Council Member Orientation as a refresher course. He thanked City Staff for spending time on presenting the orientation. He stated that he got to see many of the projects the City is working on first hand. He mentioned the Berm and Wall Street Projects, stating that this work is important. He congratulated all those

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS – JUNE 21, 2021

getting awards. We appreciate the hard work. He encouraged all residents to participate in the July 4th celebration.

I. ADJOURN

There being no further business on the Agenda the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



Lorri Coody, City Secretary