

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, HELD ON JULY 17, 2023, AT 6:00 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 6:02 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, Jennifer McCrea	

Staff in attendance: Robert Basford, Assistant City Manager; Isabel Kato, Finance Director; Kirk Riggs, Chief of Police; Mark Bitz, Fire Chief; and Abram Syphrett, Director of Innovation.

**B. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Prayer by Jeremy E. Ray American Legion Post 324 Chaplain.
2. Pledge by Stefanie Otto, Commander, Jeremy E. Ray American Legion Post 324.

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Presentation of Police Department Employee of the Second Quarter Award – by Stefanie Otto, Commander of the Jeremy E. Ray American Legion Post 324.**

Stefanie Otto, Commander of the Jeremy E. Ray American Legion Post 324 and Bobby Warren, Mayor presented the Employee of the Second Quarter Award to Officer Shelby Skero.

2. **Presentation of the departmental lifesaving award to Officers Guzman and Garcia.**

Kirk Riggs, Chief of Police and Mayor Warren presented Officers Guzman and Garcia with the departmental lifesaving award.

*At this point in the meeting, Mayor Warren called a recess of the Regular Session City Council Meeting at 6:07 p.m. to accommodate the calling of the other meetings scheduled on this date in the following order:*

1. *Village Center LGC Board Meeting,*
2. *The Crime Control and Prevention District Meeting, and*
3. *The Fire Control, Prevention and Emergency Medical Services District Meeting.*

*In completing the order of meetings, Mayor Warren reconvened the Regular Session of the July 17, 2023 City Council Meeting at 6:22 p.m. as follows:*

**D. CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT**

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**1. Receive the adopted fiscal year 2023-2024 budget from the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD).**

Council received submission of the 2023-2024 fiscal year approved budget from the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District (JVCCPD) through the Board’s Secretary, Lorri Coody.

**2. Conduct a public hearing on the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District’s budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024.**

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. in order to give all interested parties the right to appear and be heard on the adopted fiscal year 2023-2024 Crime Control and Prevention District budget that had previously been submitted to Council by the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District (JVCCPD) Directors for Council’s approval.

Mayor Warren called upon Chief of Police Riggs, to give a summary of the 2023-2024 JVCCPD budget. Chief Riggs explained that the budget being presented includes the following 2023-2024 supplementals:

FY 23-24 SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS						
Item	Cost	Funding Source	Line Item			
Increase in Cy Fair- radio	\$ 10,000.00	CCPD	27-4503 / 21-4503			
Oxygen software and website hosting	\$ 4,000.00	CCPD	27-4504 / 13-4504			
Vehicle Cleaning	\$ 1,000.00	CCPD	27-4510 / 21-4510			
Security Access Card Reader	\$ 21,000.00	CCPD	27-6571 / 91-7130	Transfer from General Fund to CIP		
Cameras	\$ 120,000.00	CCPD	27-6572 / 21-6572			
Technology User Fees	\$ 29,600.00	CCPD	27-9772	Transfer to Capital Replacement		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 185,600.00</b>					

With no one signing up to speak on the 2023-2024 JVCCPD budget, Mayor Warren closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m. and called the next item on the agenda.

**3. Consider Resolution No. 2023-34, adopting the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District’s Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-34, adopting the Jersey Village Crime Control and Prevention District’s Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Council Member Mitcham seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-34

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT BUDGET.

**E. CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE FIRE CONTROL, PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT**

- 1. Receive the adopted fiscal year 2023-2024 budget from the Jersey Village Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District (FCPEMSD).**

Council received submission of the 2023-2024 fiscal year approved budget from the Jersey Village Fire Control Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District (FCPEMSD) through the Board Secretary, Lorri Coody.

- 2. Conduct a public hearing on the Jersey Village Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District’s budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024.**

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing at 6:24 p.m. in order to give all interested parties the right to appear and be heard on the adopted fiscal year 2023-2024 Fire Control Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District budget that had previously been submitted to Council by the Jersey Village Fire Control Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District (FCPEMSD) Directors for Council’s approval.

Mayor Warren called upon Fire Chief, Mark Bitz, to give a summary of the 2023-2024 JVFCPEMSD budget. Chief Bitz explained that the budget being presented includes revenue projections and the following expenses:

Fund 49 - Revenues		PROPOSED REVENUE
49-10-7623	SALES TX-FIRE CONTROLPREV&EMERG	\$ 2,835,000.00
Fund 49 - Expenditures		
ACCT NO.	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET AMT.
49-26-3504	Wearing Apparel	\$ 104,212.00
49-26-3505	Fire Prevention Supplies	\$ 2,900.00
49-26-4504	Software Maintenance Update	\$ 65,000.00
49-26-5024	Radio Usage Fees	\$ 15,000.00
49-26-5029	Travel and Training	\$ 20,000.00
49-26-5523	Personnel - Fire Control	\$ 1,980,978.00
49-26-5524	Administrative	\$ 24,900.00
49-26-9772	Technology User Fee	\$ 113,320.00
49-26-9791	Equipment User Fee	\$ 508,689.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,834,999.50</b>

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With no one signing up to speak on the 2023-2024 FCP EMSD budget, Mayor Warren closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. and called the next item on the agenda.

**3. Consider Resolution No. 2023-35, adopting the Jersey Village Fire Control, Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District’s Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-35, adopting the Jersey Village Fire Control Prevention, and Emergency Medical Services District’s Budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Council Member McCrea seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FIRE CONTROL PREVENTION, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT BUDGET

**F. FISCAL 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET ITEMS**

**1. Conduct a public hearing on the City of Jersey Village municipal budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing at 6:26 p.m. in order to give all interested parties the right to appear and be heard concerning the City of Jersey Village proposed municipal budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

**Bruce Bowden, 16325 Lewis Street, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 410-9766** – Mr. Bowden spoke to City Council about the proposed bond election to be held in November of 2023. He wanted to know the costs associated with the proposed projects. He wants the City to get a bid to redo the pool according to its current amenities so that there is a basis by which the residents can compare this project. He is not certain that all the amenities being proposed are necessary. He wants the bond issues to be broken into the City of Jersey Village proper versus that of the ETJ. He is not in favor of spending some \$18M on the City’s ETJ. He is also concerned about the tax increase that these projects will cost the residents of Jersey Village.

City Manager Bless pointed out that on page 402 of the meeting packet there is a breakdown of all the projects and the costs associated with same.

With no one else signing up to speak, Mayor Warren closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. and called the next item on the agenda as follows:

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**2. Consider Resolution No. 2023-36, electing to postpone the final budget vote on the 2023-2024 Municipal Budget until August 21, 2023.**

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

Section 102.006 of the Texas Local Government Code (LGC) requires that the governing body of a municipality shall hold a public hearing on the proposed budget. Accordingly, on July 17, 2023, City Council held the public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 municipal budget, giving all interested parties the right to appear and be heard on the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 Municipal Budget.

Additionally, Section 102.007 of the LGC requires that the City must take some sort of action on the budget at conclusion of hearing. This action could be a vote to postpone the final budget vote, which is a generally accepted practice.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-36, electing to postpone the final budget vote on the 2023-2024 Municipal Budget until August 21, 2023. Council Member Sheppard seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, ELECTING TO POSTPONE THE FINAL BUDGET VOTE ON THE 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET UNTIL AUGUST 21, 2023.

**3. Consider Resolution No. 2023-37, setting the maximum proposed ad valorem tax rate; setting date for the public hearing on tax increase; and setting the date City Council will adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 ad valorem tax rate.**

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

S.B. 2, also known as the Texas Property Tax Reform and Transparency Act of 2019, passed during the 2019 legislative session and made significant changes to the property tax rate setting process.

This bill requires that the Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase include, among other things, the Proposed Tax Rate. Since the City intends to hold the Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase on August 21, 2023, and given that August 10 is the last date to publish the Notice in the newspaper, it is appropriate that City Council set a “maximum” proposed tax rate. The proposed Resolution accomplishes same.

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In approving this Resolution, Council is NOT setting the tax rate for FY 2023-2024, as that will be accomplished during the August 21, 2023, meeting. Approving the Resolution merely states that City Council will not exceed a tax rate of 0.855245 cents per \$100 taxable value. Additionally, the vote approving the Resolution must be a record vote.

With limited discussion on the matter, Council Member Singleton moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-37, setting the maximum proposed ad valorem tax rate; setting date for the public hearing on tax increase; and setting the date City Council will adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 ad valorem tax rate. Council Member Mitcham seconded the motion. The record vote follows:

Council Member Wasson:	Aye	Council Member Singleton:	Aye
Council Member Sheppard:	Aye	Council Member McCrea:	Aye
Council Member Mitcham:	Aye		

Mayor Warren, although present, did not vote.

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, SETTING THE MAXIMUM PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE; SETTING DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE; AND SETTING THE DATE CITY COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AD VALOREM TAX RATE.

**G. 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.

**Bruce Bowden, 16325 Lewis Street, Jersey Village, Texas (713) 410-9766** – Mr. Bowden called City Council's attention to the missing video on the website from the June 12, 2023 meeting. He wondered if there is a problem with the video system we purchased and wanted confirmation that the issue will not happen again. City Manager Bless explained that there was an issue that has since been resolved.

**Kimberlee Henao, 15601 Singapore Lane, Jersey Village, Texas (832) 689-9878** – Ms. Henao gave her 22<sup>nd</sup> update of the actions of City Council from back in 1993. These historical updates have been very interesting and informative.

**H. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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City Manager Bless gave the following monthly report. In addition, he gave an update concerning Ezee Fiber issues experienced this past week, stating that the permit has been pulled for this company. He also reported that the White Oak Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant will receive a \$1M grant to help fund this project.

It was pointed out that the golf course revenues exceed the expenditures by approximately \$20K and it is expected that a general fund transfer will not be needed this year.

1. Monthly Fund Balance Report, Enterprise Funds Report, Governmental Funds Report, Property Tax Collection Report – May 2023, General Fund Budget Projections as of June 2023, Utility Fund Budget Projections – June 2023, and June Quarterly Investment Report.
2. Fire Departmental Report and Communication Division’s Monthly Report
3. Police Department Monthly Activity Report, Staffing/Recruitment Report, and Police Open Records Requests.
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

**I. 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 June 26, 2023.**

Council Member Wasson moved to approve item 1 on the Consent Agenda. Council Member McCrea seconded the motion. The vote follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**J. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Discuss and take appropriate action concerning a potential Bond Election in November of 2023 for water and sewer improvements, streets improvements, a new pool and bathhouse, and park improvements.**

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Robert Basford, Assistant City Manager, presented the item. Background information is as follows:

In the May meeting Council directed City Staff to begin working with our financial advisory team as well as any consultants pertaining to the potential for a bond election.

Included in the meeting packet is information on each potential proposition as well as information from the financial advisor as to what a potential bond would look like in terms of repayment as well as the potential operating budgetary impacts. **The initial information from the June 26, 2023, council meeting has been included for continuance with updates added in bold face.**

**Pool and Bathhouse:**

Staff was instructed to establish renderings of what a 6-, 10- and 15-million-dollar pool would bring the residents of Jersey Village. Staff engaged Progressive Commercial Aquatics to begin the design portion of a design build pool concept. It was established that based on our footprint, the most logical pool budgets would be 6-, 8-, and 11-million dollars. Staff worked with Progressive to define inventory, stakeholders, comparison pools, and to identify needs. The resolution plan will consist of a mockup of a few pools containing three levels of amenities that residents can view and provide input on. We are currently in the estimation and sizing phase of the project and plan to have visuals at the pool in July. We can also obtain feedback during our July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

Our pool concept(s) will contain an 8-lane lap pool, a leisure pool, a new bathhouse, and a new pumphouse. Some amenities for the community to consider and choose from would be waterslides, splash pad play structure's, a heater, and sport amenities such as a volleyball net or basketball hoop. The deck would have incorporated shade and seating throughout. The community could also consider adding rental areas within the pool such as pavilions or seating nooks etc.

**Staff has collected stakeholder input regarding a potential concept of what a new pool could look like. We collected data via survey and advertised online as well as in person. As of July 10, we received 182 responses. Staff has used this feedback to formulate one pool concept so that we can begin to finalize opinion of probable costs. This concept took a few features from each of the original 3 that were presented. That pool concept has been attached as EX A. This concept can still be modified and has been used as a template for our overall pool budget. The opinion of probable cost for the concept provided was included with EX A. Initial research has narrowed down the pool project into a handful of subsections with Not to Exceed estimates for each. Our consultant feels confident with these and will continue to specify and refine the estimate over the next few weeks. The rendering will also be transformed into a color rendering with more details specified. The initial opinion of probable cost data indicates that the bond amount needed for the desired improvements comes in at 9 million as opposed to the initial 11 million dollar forecast in June. Staff will**

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**continue to gather more stakeholder input that would allow for additional refinement to the desired project list as well as the opinion of probable cost.**

**Park Improvements:**

Staff worked with Burditt consultants in 2019 to finalize a parks master plan for the City of Jersey Village. A handful of projects at Clark Henry Park were placed in the high priority category of the master plan that was set by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Those projects were added to the CIP and spaced out accordingly. It was discussed during the council meeting that we could consider combining those projects, that have gained popularity, into one park improvement. Staff has begun working with Burditt consultants once more to provide a more in depth schematic plan for Clark Henry specifically that will update pricing of the high priority projects while factoring in the pools potential footprint.

Staff confirmed the project list with the advisory committee during the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and is hopeful to present an updated park plan at the July 4<sup>th</sup> event for the community. The potential projects include, a multipurpose field, a baseball field, a tee ball field, park lighting, an upgraded pavilion, an upgraded concession stand and maintenance shop, park pathways, and updated park sign, workout trail stations, an additional play structure, proper drainage, and irrigation, and a skatepark, if feasible. Initial rough estimates for the park improvements are 6 to 8 million. Estimations will be refined as Burditt finalizes schematics and comparisons.

**Concurrent with the pool, staff also collected stakeholder input to gather desired improvements to Clark Henry Park. As of July 9, we received 145 responses. The park concept has been attached as EX B and the opinion of probable costs, with a high-end option as well as a low-end option, has been attached as EX C. The initial data indicates that the bond amount needed for all of the desired improvements comes in at 9.9 million as opposed to the initial 8 million dollar forecast in June. Staff will continue to gather more stakeholder input that would allow for additional refinement to the desired project list as well as the opinion of probable cost.**

**As of today, the City has received 231 survey responses for the pool and 185 survey responses for the park.**

**Street improvements:**

Our street CIP has been updated with more accurate numbers as costs have risen since last year. Our next street would include Congo, followed by Singapore, Australia, Solomon, and Seattle with an estimate of roughly 15.5 million factoring in inflation. This estimate factors in water and sewer upgrades as well making these streets a full rehab. In addition, the Equador pedestrian bridge could also be included bringing the total estimation to 18 million.

**The Council may also want to consider a full traffic bridge on Equador to alleviate school traffic congestion through the neighborhood, rather than just doing a**

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**pedestrian bridge. Since the May budget meetings Staff has spoken with engineers about the pedestrian bridge at Equador. We have put in a \$2.4 million place holder for the bridge. The engineers believe that amount would be adequate for a full vehicle bridge, with sidewalks, to be installed over the bayou. This would reduce the amount of traffic through the residential streets and could ease the school traffic flows. While the Council does not have to decide definitively tonight about having a full bridge or not, it would be helpful to know if Council wants to include that full amount in the bond.**

**Water and Sewer improvements**

Staff has identified the linear footage of our Sanitary lines accompanied by their install date.

City of Jersey Village Sanitary Sewer System		
Installation decade	Linear footage	
1950(s)	13,328	
1970(s)	48,936	
1980(s)	37,525	
1990(s)	17,610	
2000(s)	48,921	
2010(s)	12,341	
2020(s)	1,914	
Total	180,575	

Estimates for the rehab of sanitary lines using a combination of pipe bursting and CIPP methods price sanitary line renovation at roughly \$57.14 per linear foot and staff recommends replacing pipes that are near, or older, than 40 years of age. This represents roughly 62,264 linear feet of sanitary line with a total estimate of 3.7 million dollars. The remaining 120,000 linear feet can be added to an infrastructure replacement plan which will allow staff to proactively allocate funds for their replacement by the time they are due. This would equate to budgeting roughly \$325,000 annually to ensure an on-time replacement. **It is important to note that this factors in documented rehab projects that were conducted in the last 20 years.**

The White Oak Bayou Joint Powers Board manages one of our main wastewater treatments plants which needs a full rehab, and our portion of the total CIP renovation would be 6 million dollars.

Our water and sewer additions to the ETJ are estimated to cost 6.15 million dollars.

**Financial Advisory Team Updates**

The finance advisory team has initially reported that the bond for all the above would include four or 5 propositions:

- Proposition for water and sewer improvements
- Proposition for streets and roads

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- Proposition for the pool/bath house and park improvements, although it may have to be separate propositions.
- Possibly an additional proposition for the bridge,  
The advisory team will check with the attorney general to determine if the bridge could be included in the roads proposition and if the pool could be included in the park improvements proposition.

The total value of all the improvements including an 8-million-dollar pool, and 6 million in park improvements comes to a total of \$47,894,935 and the total value including an 11 million dollar pool and 8 million in park improvements comes to \$52,894,935. The Tax rate impact presented for both scenarios is as follows:

<b>Option 1: Tax Rate Impact - 9.5 Cent Increase</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>	<b>Total</b>
Water/Sewer ETJ		6,154,125	6,154,125
Congo Street Project	3,430,834	815,493	4,246,327
Singapore Street Project (Senate to Solomon)	2,520,768	402,502	2,923,270
Australia	1,637,100	241,075	1,878,175
Seattle (Solomon to Senate)	1,637,100	363,786	2,000,886
Solomon	3,130,157	1,361,995	4,492,152
Wastewater Treatment Plant		6,000,000	6,000,000
Sewer Pipe Replacement (all pre-1980 pipes)		3,700,000	3,700,000
Equador Bridge	2,500,000		2,500,000
<b>Pool</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>		<b>8,000,000</b>
<b>Park Improvements</b>	<b>6,000,000</b>		<b>6,000,000</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28,855,959</b>	<b>19,038,976</b>	<b>47,894,935</b>
	28,855,959		

<b>Option 2: Tax Rate Impact - 10.5 Cent Increase</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>	<b>Total</b>
Water/Sewer ETJ		6,154,125	6,154,125
Congo Street Project	3,430,834	815,493	4,246,327
Singapore Street Project (Senate to Solomon)	2,520,768	402,502	2,923,270
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Equador Bridge	2,500,000		2,500,000

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<b>Pool</b>	<b>11,000,000</b>	<b>11,000,000</b>
<b>Park Improvements</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33,855,959</b>	<b>52,894,935</b>

This would result in the following **estimated** tax rates for the next 5 years, assuming the tax rate would otherwise stay at .007425:

Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Tax Rate
FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
0.007425	0.008475	0.008475	0.0084377	0.0077877

The annual impact/**change** of these tax rates based on household value is as follows:

	Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Tax Rate	Tax Rate
	Assumes Homestead	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
Home Value	Exemption	0.007425	0.008475	0.008475	0.0084377	0.0077877
\$ 375,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 2,228	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,531	\$ 2,336
\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,485	\$ 1,695	\$ 1,695	\$ 1,688	\$ 1,558
\$ 550,000	\$ 440,000	\$ 3,267	\$ 3,729	\$ 3,729	\$ 3,713	\$ 3,427
\$ 321,900	\$ 257,520	\$ 1,912	\$ 2,182	\$ 2,182	\$ 2,173	\$ 2,005
\$ 352,500	\$ 282,000	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,390	\$ 2,390	\$ 2,379	\$ 2,196
\$ 638,300	\$ 510,640	\$ 3,792	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,328	\$ 4,309	\$ 3,977
\$ 221,300	\$ 177,040	\$ 1,315	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,494	\$ 1,379
\$ 375,200	\$ 300,160	\$ 2,229	\$ 2,544	\$ 2,544	\$ 2,533	\$ 2,338
\$ 462,700	\$ 370,160	\$ 2,748	\$ 3,137	\$ 3,137	\$ 3,123	\$ 2,883

It is also important to note that these improvements would affect operating budgets in the parks and recreation divisions to factor in additional pool hours, lifeguard staffs, pool chemicals, park maintenance, park light utilities etc. **Some operational impacts we could see are as follows:**

- **Additional lifeguard staff: the annual increase would be roughly 190%**
- **Pool chemicals: increase estimated at 175%**
- **If a pool heater is selected that comes with a minimal cost, however, we would see a natural gas increase: colder months could come with an \$8,000 natural gas bill.**
- **Additional utilities to light the park: This could be offset with a potential minor service charge to rent the fields with lights.**
- **It is important to note that these estimates were formulated based on our current pool season. If we were to change the pool season parameters that would come with additional impact.**

**We do need guidance from Council this evening on how many bond questions the Council would like to see. The water/sewer bond will be one proposition at**

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**\$15,854,125. The street and bridge will be a second proposition at \$18,040,810. The pool and park items could be one proposition together for the total amount of \$19,000,000 or it could be split up into two separate propositions. Based upon the information presented this evening staff recommends that the pool and park be one proposition. There is a lot of overlap between the two projects for electrical, utilities, and site work. Having it be one proposition makes sense in that regard. If the Council would like to see two separate propositions staff would recommend each proposition be \$9,500,000.**

Council engaged in discussion about the potential propositions for a bond election in November of 2023. Most members felt that the pool and park projects should be combined into one proposition.

Some members were concerned that there is no timeline associated with the information included in the packet for the pool and parks. Assistant City Manager Basford stated that both projects will be implemented at one time and will begin shortly after the bond approval.

Other members felt that the pool is at a point that it needs to be replaced whereas the park projects are not as critical; therefore, it might be better to have two propositions. The reasoning for same was expressed.

Mr. Basford gave his reasoning why the two should be as one proposition. He stated that much of the implementation work is similar for both projects; and therefore, dollars can be saved on both these projects by keeping them together. He stated that both electrical and sanitary work will be needed for both projects.

City Attorney Pruitt explained the pros/cons as well as the laws that regulate having one or two propositions. There is a concern that if the propositions are separated, you will not be able to use funds from one project for the other. City Attorney Pruitt explained further on how these propositions work.

Council discussed the overlap of funds in one project versus the other in connection with increasing costs. It was pointed out that the Comprehensive Plan supports the park projects. Financially, and in terms of flexibility, it is wise to have the projects on one proposition.

Some members pointed out that residents want the pool and park improvements, but do not necessarily want a skate park.

Council discussed the bridge and whether it should be for pedestrians or for vehicles. Some felt it should be a street to reduce traffic. City Manager Bless stated that at this point we do not need to be specific as to either as this can be ironed out once the bonds are approved. Traffic flows and how a vehicle bridge would affect traffic was discussed.

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With no further discussion on this item, Mayor Warren called the next item on the agenda as follows:

2. **Consider Ordinance 2023-16, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jersey Village, at Chapter 10, “Animals,” Article I. *In General*, by adding a new Section 10-6 “Keeping, harboring and owning chickens”; providing a severability clause; providing for repeal; providing a penalty as provided by section 1-8 of the code; and providing an effective date.**

Council Member Mitcham introduced the item. Background information is as follows:

This legislative session lawmakers passed a few bills that could limit our ability to regulate chickens. However, the real impact of those bills is not readily apparent from the plain language of the bill. The city is waiting for guidance from the state, and the city manager has reached out to our State Representative for help in understanding what is limited or not in HB 2127. Other bills that may impact this topic include HB 1750 and HB 2308. But we do not have clear guidance from the state on the impacts of these bills.

The topic was last discussed in April and May 2020. The excerpts from the minutes from those meetings were included in the meeting packet as background information.

Council Member Mitcham gave background information concerning HB 2127 which may prohibit the City from having chickens after that bill goes into effect on September 1, 2023. She is encouraging discussion to get in front of HB 2127.

City Attorney Pruitt explained HB 2127 and the way it was passed. It addresses eight or nine fields of occupation, and the State Legislature says that if the State has a rule regarding these fields that it preempts any laws that the City may pass. It makes it harder for a City to make Ordinances. At this point there is no definition as to what it means to be occupied. The scope at this point is still unknown. The City of Houston has filed a lawsuit against the passage of HB 2127. Mr. Pruitt also pointed out that the repercussions of this bill are broader than just pertaining to chickens.

City Attorney Pruitt went on to explain HB 1750 and HB 2308 and how these bill affect the operations of cities. Basically, these bills set out the procedure for Cities to follow in order to get Ordinances passed should HB 2127 preempt the City’s Ordinance making authority. The process is onerous.

Mr. Pruitt also stated that should the Council pass an Ordinance today, the implementation of same could be reversed. There just is not enough information at this time. He went on the say that if it is determined that it is not preempted than should the City pass the Ordinance today the process is drawn out and very convoluted due to HB 1750 and HB 2308.

Some members felt that there is quite a lot that is unknown to take any action on this at this time. Other members are not in favor of having chickens.

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Given the unknown of the recent Legislation, no action was taken by Council on this item at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16 – NO ACTION TAKEN

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JERSEY VILLAGE, AT CHAPTER 10, “ANIMALS,” ARTICLE I. *IN GENERAL*, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 10-6 “KEEPING, HARBORING AND OWNING CHICKENS”; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING A PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1-8 OF THE CODE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**K. 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 congratulated the Golf Course Staff on not having to transfer any monies to the course from the general fund this year. She commented on the budget meeting held last Friday and how it was a good format that encouraged good discussion.

**Council Member Sheppard** – Council Member Sheppard agreed with Council Member Mitcham, stating that the one day budget meeting format worked well.

**Council Member Wasson** – Council Member Wasson gave kudos to staff on the effort and work that went into the budget. He encouraged residents to come to the August 21, 2023 City Council Meeting where action will be taken on the budget. Stay cool. It’s hot.

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**Council Member Singleton** – Council Member Singleton agrees with the budget comments concerning the one day format. He also stated that the July 4<sup>th</sup> event was wonderful and a great success.

**Council Member McCrea** – Council Member McCrea echoes what has been said. She also stated that today’s meeting seemed like we were just going through the motions, but she pointed out that at the budget meetings you see that each member of the Council comes from a different walk of life and brings good discussion to the table. All have the best interest of the city at heart. She closed by stating that the brisket for the budget meeting provided by the Fire Department Staff was great.

**Mayor Warren** – Mayor Warren stated that there is a lot of business before the Council. Accordingly, should any of the residents have questions or concerns, please reach out. Council Members are happy to help.

**L. RECESS THE REGULAR SESSION**

Mayor Warren announced that the Executive Session that was set pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, Sections 551.072 – Deliberations about Real Property and 551.071 – Consultations with Attorney is not needed. Therefore, City Council will move to item O on the agenda.

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Not Needed**

- 1. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations, Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property, and Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney a closed meeting to deliberate information from a business prospect that the City seeks to locate in Jersey Village TIRZ Number 2 and economic development negotiations, including the possible purchase, exchange or value of real property, related thereto.**

**N. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

This item was not needed given the Council did not meeting in Executive Session.

**O. ADJOURN**

There being no further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



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Lorri Coody, TRMC, City Secretary