

Johnson City City Council Meeting

March 18, 2025

Minutes

Opening: At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Vince Whitehead called the meeting to order and the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Council Members Angie Long, Jacqueline Moritz, Randy Anderson, Margaret McCrea, and Mayor Vince Whitehead.

Minutes: Mayor Whitehead called the Council's attention to the minutes of the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting, which included the minutes of the February 3, 2025 Executive Session. Mayor Whitehead had set out copies of the minutes for the residents who were observing the meeting to access if they wished. Mayor Whitehead asked the Council Members for amendments. None being offered, Jacqueline Moritz moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Randy Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The votes were Council Members Angie Long, Jacqueline Moritz, Randy Anderson, Margaret McCrea, and Mayor Vince Whitehead all voting aye; there were no votes against.

Signing the monthly financial statements. The next item on the agenda was the usual signing of the monthly financial statements, but Mayor Whitehead discovered that he did not have the documents for signing, so postponed this Council function until the April meeting.

Tentative Summer Event Planning: The Council spent considerable time discussing whether to have another citywide Garage Sale, which has usually been scheduled for Mother's Day weekend. Since Covid and the bad weather of the last couple of years, the event has been a disaster.

The general consensus was that there is not a lot of enthusiasm for organizing a large garage sale, though there was considerable support for having a Clean-Up Day where we bring in dumpsters so residents can get rid of their larger items. Mayor Whitehead will discuss the possibility of scheduling this again with our waste management company via Brian Johnson. There was also a consensus that if we have an event, it should be on the same weekend that Hearthwood Manor next door has its garage sale to attract and share bargain hunters. Mayor Whitehead will approach Hearthwood to discuss this possibility, with the understanding that we would schedule our Clean-Up dumpster shortly thereafter.

Budget Calendar. Mayor Whitehead then presented the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar to the Council, (making copies available to observers), a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It contains the schedule for the Budget Committee meetings between March and June 17, when next year's budget needs to be adopted.

Budget Committee: Mayor Whitehead announced that the Budget Committee needs at least five members who are residents of the city along with the five members of the City Council, for a total of ten members. This committee is required by law. Currently there are no members of the public on the Budget Committee. Mayor Whitehead and City Recorder Judy Davis will put an announcement in the newsletter seeking members of the Budget Committee. Also, Mayor Whitehead and Recorder Davis will actively recruit city residents to be on the Committee.

In addition, the city's Planning Commission currently has no members. There need to be three. The Planning Commission is not as critical as

the Budget Committee is, but is still required by law. Judy Davis has invited a couple residents to be on the Planning Commission, which will provide a quorum.

Review of the Progress of the City Recorder: Mayor Whitehead reported that Judy Davis is currently coming into the office two to three times a week for about four hours at a time to take care of city business. She is making up work that was not completed last year and also getting the financial books back in proper order. Mayor Whitehead expressed pleasure at how alert she is and how much she is getting done. We discussed transportation options for Ms. Davis in the event that her daughter cannot bring her to work, but no decisions were made.

In relation to our discussion from the last Council meeting, our consensus was that because she is doing well, the Council will not request or expect that Ms. Davis work two hours a day, five days a week from home, as we had proposed after our discussion at the February Council meeting. It appears that Ms. Davis prefers to come in as she has been doing. The Council expressed satisfaction and agreed to revisit the question of Ms. Davis' hours and abilities again next month, and to continue on a month-by-month basis as long as necessary.

Resignation of Angie Long: Council Member Angie Long resigned from the City Council, citing personal reasons.

Adjournment: Jacqueline Mortiz moved that the meeting be adjourned, Randy Anderson seconded it, the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret McCrea