

Amended

Johnson City Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2025

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mayor Vince Whitehead.

Attending: Mayor Whitehead, Council Members Jacqueline Moritz and Margaret McCrea, resident members Angie Long, Dorothy Malsom and Tara Schoffstall. City Recorder Judy Davis also attended.

Continued topic: The Budget Committee had not approved of the budget plan as presented at the April meeting because it had a question for City Recorder Judy Davis, who spent the first part of the meeting answering the question as to why the Estimated Beginning Fund Balance as of July 1, 2025 was about \$28,000 less than the same figure for the prior year's budget. City Recorder Davis explained that the budget-making process this year (2025 for Budget Year 2025-2026) took place several months later than it did in 2024 for the prior year's budget. She explained that the estimate for the Beginning Fund Balance is based on what is on hand at the time of the budgeting process with estimates of expenses still to be paid and income still to arrive. Ms. Davis reported that she usually creates the budget figures in the latter part of February to the first part of March, but this year the figures were generated from mid to late April when she came back to work. The figure of \$28,000 less was created by looking at the bank balance and added for a couple of month's revenue. Ms. Davis reported that "More had been spent by then," but she didn't have those numbers in memory and she hadn't had time to catch up on all the financials, but

she guessed the amount that “could have been spent” during the time period in question. Ms. Davis reported that \$28,000 was a reasonable figure to estimate based on the city’s usual expenses for the time of year under discussion.

Ms. Schoffstall asked that as written note be attached to the proposed budget explaining the difference in the figures. Ms. Davis said she would research how she can inset an asterisk with a note at the bottom of the General Fund Resources page. Ms. Davis proposed the language “This projected balance is based on a later time of the year, hence more money has been spent, and future projections for the rest of the year.” Margaret McCrea pointed out that the meeting is being recorded so the explanation will be in the minutes and can be reported to the State if there is an inquiry.

Jacqueline Moritz made a Motion to approve of the budget as presented, with the requested notation; Tara Schoffstall seconded the Motion. Mayor Whitehead called the vote. Mayor Whitehead, Council Members Jacqueline Moritz and Margaret McCrea, resident members Angie Long, Dorothy Malsom and Tara Schoffstall all voted Aye. There were no Nay votes.

April Meeting Minutes: Tara Schoffstall objected that the April Budget Committee Minutes implied that Ms. Schoffstall had offered to use the Johnson City Tenants Union website as the Johnson City website, and she had not made such an offer, she had only offered to help. She also stated that there was a Motion for someone to look up the johnsoncity.us website to talk to them about obtaining that url.

Tara Schoffstall made a motion to amend the minutes as she had noted; Jacqueline Moritz seconded the motion. Mayor Whitehead called the

vote. Mayor Whitehead, Council Members Jacqueline Moritz and resident members Angie Long, Dorothy Malsom and Tara Schoffstall voted Aye; Council Member Margaret McCrea abstained.

Jacqueline Moritz made a motion to adjourn the meeting; resident member Angie Long seconded it. Mayor Whitehead called the vote. Mayor Whitehead, Council Members Jacqueline Moritz and Margaret McCrea, resident members Angie Long, Dorothy Malsom and Tara Schoffstall all voted Aye. There were no Nay votes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McCrea