



**JOHNSONVILLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
117 E. BROADWAY STREET
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hanna

The invocation was given by Mayor Hanna

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag

Council present: Mayor Hanna, Frankie Poston, Doolittle Stone, Dipen Khambhaita, Julie Rogers and April Collins

City Personnel present: Holly Swann, and Marlene Rollins

Guest Present: Steve Dukes, Keith Callicutt, Mallory Feagin, Jackie Stasney, Tamala Owens, and Jamie Streater

Motion was made by Council Member Poston and received a second by Council Member Collins to approve the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Council Member Khambhaita and received a second by Council Member Stone to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2023 Council meeting. **Motion carried unanimously**

PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Jackie Stasney, 245 Stone Ave., I have asked that the end of Maple Street the end that's near the Rail Road track, coming in and out is only one lane, the whatever on the sides are grown out at least 8" maybe 10" on either side and its very dangerous. I think I mentioned it at last meeting maybe the meeting before but it's still not been corrected. and also, the drainage at the end of Stone Ave. and Pine Street got washed out that ditch that does all the run off can't drain. Both of those need to be addressed. Thank You.

Council Member Stone asked if this was a paved street or dirt road. Ms. Stasney responded paved and that Frankie (council member Poston) lives on it he knows what she is talking about. Ms. Swann stated that this is a DOT road and that she would contact DOT.

Motion was made by Council Member Poston and received a second by Council Member Khambhaita for First Reading to Amend Section 18 nuisance ordinance of the City of Johnsonville's code of ordinances. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Council Member Collins and received a second by Council Member Stone for First Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Current Business License Ordinance to adopt the latest Standardized Business License Class Schedule, as required by the Standardization Act, and to make other minor amendments as recommended by the Association. **Motion carried unanimously**

Ms. Swann stated that the recreational committee met last month and went over Kayak rental at Venters Landing, this it's a self-service kayak rental proposal, this grant is really hard to get. The city has no liability for it, we don't have to take care of them, it's a one time \$26,000 that we have to pay, whoever wants to use them come out use, everything is done over your phone, everything for kayaking is in there, once you finish you put it pack in the locker take a picture. Council Member Poston asked if we got a percentage, MS. Swann said we will, it will depend on the amount we charge, the company recommends \$25 an hour. We will get paid back in ten years.

Ms. Jackie Stasney stated she assumed this would be 18+ to rent and how would this help the children in our community. Ms. Swann responded by saying, she assumed the parents would take the children out there.

Motion was made by Council Member Stone and received a second by Council Member Poston to approve A resolution for the city administrator to submit an application for a MASC hometown Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$25,000. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion was made by Council Member Poston and received a second by Council Member Khambhaita to give Ms. Swann permission to list surplus items for sale on the Gov Deals.com **Motion carried unanimously**

Mayor Hanna states that the finance committee met on a request for a reduction of water taps fees for employees prior to council meeting, we want to do everything we can do for our employees but at this present time we are operating with water taps at a slight lost, so it hard to give a discount on something you losing money with already. It was the finance committee's recommendation that we would not give any discounts at this time. Now moving forward if we adjust our rates where we are at a break even or profitable situation, we will revisit this again. That were we're at, is there any further discussion.

Council member Stone asked if council wanted to take this as agreement with the finance committee

Mayor Hanna stated he needed a motion to decline the discount for employees.

Motion was made by Council member Poston and received a second by Council Member Stone to deny discount rates for employees at this time. **Motion carried with a vote of four to two.** Council Members Rogers and Khambhaita voting against denying the discount rate.


Ms. Swann reported (1) she has been asked who is running for council, we have five total candidates for three at large seats and one candidate for Mayor. Keith Callicutt for Mayor, for Council incumbent Frankie Poston, Olin Altman, Barbara Black, James Pollard and Kenneth Darrell Ard. (2) I was asked about DATA Max in business license we are gaining about an additional \$1,500 a month. (3) we do have a golf committee meeting tomorrow at noon.

Mayor Reported he is still impressed with the attendance that we are starting to get and concerns we are starting to get whether we agree or disagree the more people who voice their opinion, help us make decisions, it's all about getting the voice of the citizens brought forth where everybody understands where everyone is at, if we don't know we may make a decision that totally catches somebody off guard. If we are informed, informed people work better.

Motion was made by Council member Poston and received a second by Council Member Khambhaita to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously**

ADJOURNED: 7:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council on this 3rd day of October, 2023.



Johnny Hanna, Mayor

Attest: 

Marlene Rollins, City Clerk