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**Council Present:** Mayor Breitenstein, Council Member Walden, Council Member Neely, Council Member Tallent, Council Member Maxfield, Council Member Smallwood (arrived at 6:33 pm)

**Absent:** Council Member Isom

**City Staff Present:** Paulette Hartman, City Manager; Steve Wood, City Attorney; Annabeth Robertson, Interim Chief of Police; Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary; Bruce Hewett, Street Department; Nader Jeri, Building Official; Greg Saunders, City Engineer; LaDonna Davis, Finance and Human Resources Manager; Mike Peacock, Management Assistant

Mayor Breitenstein announced a quorum was present and called the Work Session to order at 6:30 p.m.

**I. Work Session – 6:30 pm**

At this time Mayor Breitenstein moved Item B up on the agenda.

**B. Items discussed regarding staff reports:**

Council Member Walden had various questions for several department heads. Council Member Smallwood also had various questions.

**A. Report On Status Of Priority Policy Action Items.**

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, updated Council Members on the status of priority policy action items.

**C. Review And Discuss Status Of City Manager Work Plan Including Review Of Detailed Work Plan Created As A Result Of The Council Strategic Planning Work Session, Report Of Activities Last Month, Status Of Drilling Permits And Report Of Gas Well Permit Locations.**

There was no discussion.

**D. Review And Questions Related To The Budget Report And Financial Statements For The Month Of July 2008.**

There was no discussion.

**E. Requests For Future Reports And Agenda Items.**

Council Member Smallwood asked for an update of the boundary issues with Cleburne and Burleson and also a report on purchasing laptops for Council Members and Board/Commission Member use.

There being no further business the work session recessed at 7:03 p.m.

## **II. Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Breitenstein called the regular session to order at 7:10 p.m.

**A. Invocation was given by Council Member Neely.**

**B. Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge were led by Austin Neely.**

At this time, Mayor Breitenstein moved Item #D up on the agenda.

### **D. Proclamations & Special Presentations;**

#### **1. Proclamation in honor of the Joshua Owls Baseball Team.**

Mayor Breitenstein read a proclamation honoring the Joshua Owls Baseball Team.

The regular session recessed at 7:15 p.m.

The regular session reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

**C. Public Forum:** The City Council invites citizens to speak on any topic; however, unless the item is specifically noted on this agenda, the City Council is required under the Texas Open Meetings Act to limit its response to responding with a statement of specific factual information, reciting the City's existing policy on that issue, or directing the person making the inquiry to visit with City Staff about the issue. No Council deliberation is permitted.

Darlene Monsour, 200 Bentley Dr., Joshua, Texas spoke regarding a non-profit organization.

**E. Consent Agenda:** All items under this section are recommended for approval on the "Consent Agenda". These items are of a routine nature and require only brief deliberation by the Council. The City Staff has briefed the Council on these items. Approval of the consent agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item in accordance with staff recommendation. The Mayor and Council may remove items on the consent agenda upon request.

- 1. Approval of Minutes for the July 17, 2008 Regular Session.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes for the July 31, 2008 Budget Work Session and Special Session.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes for the August 11, 2008 Budget Work Session and Special Session.**
- 4. Approve Pate Invoices From The 4A Economic Development Fund.**

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Neely seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

**Ayes:** Mayor Breitenstein, Council Member Smallwood, Council Member Maxfield, Council Member Tallent, Council Member Neely

**Abstention:** Council Member Walden

**Motion Carried – 5-1.** Absent: Council Member Isom

### **F. Action and Discussion Items:**

A public hearing was opened at 7:22 p.m.

**1. Convene A Public Hearing To Obtain Public Input Regarding Proposed General Fund, 4A Economic Development Board, 4B Economic Development Board And Capital Improvements Budget For Fiscal Year 2008/2009. (Hartman)**

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

The public hearing recessed at 8:30 p.m.

The public hearing reconvened at 8:36 p.m.

Pat Grace, 4021 Running Brook, spoke regarding the drainage issue on his property.

The public hearing closed at 8:54 p.m.

A public hearing was opened at 8:56 p.m.

**2. Convene A Public Hearing To Obtain Public Input Regarding Proposed Tax Rate For Fiscal Year 2008/2009. (Hartman)**

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item.

The public hearing closed at 9:01 p.m.

At this time, Council Member Walden requested that Item #5 be moved up on the agenda.

**5. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding A Request For A Rate Increase By I.E.S. I. (Hartman)**

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, introduced Norm Bulaich and Paul Hansen with I.E.S.I. who presented their request. After a lengthy discussion, Council Member Smallwood made a motion to approve the \$2.71 increase in monthly residential rates and the 18% increase in the commercial rates but no approval on the fuel surcharge. Council Member Walden seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried – 6-0.** Absent: Council Member Isom

**3. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding Appointments To The 4B Economic Development Corporation Board. (Council)**

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. Council Member Smallwood made a motion to appoint Paula Hulcy to the 4B Economic Development Board. Council Member Walden seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried – 6-0.** Absent: Council Member Isom

**4. Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding Design Plans For Joshua Station Blvd. (Hartman)**

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. Greg Saunders, City Attorney, addressed questions by Council Members. After discussion, Council Member Walden made a motion to approve the design plans for Joshua Station Blvd. contingent upon the City Engineer's final approval. Council Member Neely seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried** – 6-0. Absent: Council Member Isom

At this time, Mayor Breitenstein requested to move Item #7 up on the agenda.

7. **Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Joshua Adopting Parking Regulations And Restrictions; Providing That This Ordinance Shall Be Cumulative Of All Ordinances; Providing A Severability Clause; Providing For A Penalty For Violations; Providing A Savings Clause; Providing For Publication In The Official Newspaper; And Providing An Effective Date.** (Hartman)

Paulette Hartman, City Manager, presented this item. After discussion, Council Member Tallent made a motion to approve the ordinance. Council Member Maxfield seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried** - 6-0. Absent: Council Member Isom

8. **Discuss, Consider And Act Regarding Re-Appointments To The Zoning Board Of Adjustments.** (Hartman)

Council Member Smallwood made a motion to approve re-appointments for Harley Holman, Scott Hendricks, Sue Hill and John Mayfield. Cory Jackson, who has moved out of the city limits, was not re-appointed. Council Member Walden seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried** – 6-0. Absent: Council Member Isom

Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to consult in closed session with its attorney and to receive legal advice regarding any item listed on this agenda.

The regular session convened in executive session at 10:05 p.m.

**III. Executive Session:** The City Council shall convene in closed session in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Section 551 to discuss the following:

- A. §551.071 Deliberation regarding legal matters related to recent land purchase.
- B. §551.087 Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal advice related to proposed sign ordinance.

**IV. Reconvene In Open Session:** The City Council shall reconvene in open session to take action on items discussed in executive session as necessary.

City Council reconvened into open session at 10:50 p.m.

Action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

6. **Continue Discussion And Consideration Regarding An Ordinance Of The City Of Joshua Repealing Ordinance No. 402-2006 In Its Entirety And Providing For The Comprehensive Regulation Of Signs; Providing For Definitions; Providing For Administration And Enforcement; Providing For The Issuance And Revocation Of Sign Permits; Providing For The Removal Of Signs; Providing For Appeals And Variances; Providing For Limitations On The Location, Setback, Height, Size, Lighting And Other Regulation Of Signs; Prohibiting Certain Signs; Providing For Exempt Signs; Allowing Noncommercial Copy On Signs; Providing That This Ordinance Shall Be Cumulative Of All Ordinances; Providing A**

**Severability Clause; Providing For A Penalty For Violations Hereof; Providing A Savings Clause; Providing For Publication In The Official Newspaper; And Providing An Effective Date.** (Hartman)

After a brief discussion, Council Member Smallwood made a motion to table this item until the next regular council meeting to allow the City Attorney to prepare a final document with changes discussed. Council Member Maxfield seconded the motion.

**Motion Carried** – 6-0. Absent: Council Member Isom

**V. Adjournment.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

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Merle Breitenstein, Mayor  
City of Joshua, Texas

**ATTEST:**

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Mary Beth Thomas, City Secretary  
City of Joshua, Texas