

Council to Hold Budget Work Sessions July 31st and August 7th

The City Council will get its first look at the proposed budget for next fiscal year at budgets work sessions to be held Thursday July 31st and Thursday August 7th beginning at 6:30 pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers. These are open meetings and all are welcome to attend to hear the discussion. Visit the City web site at www.cityofjoshuatx.us to see the agendas once they are posted.

IESI to Request Rate Increase

Representatives from IESI, the City's solid waste collection contractor, will present information to the City Council regarding a request for a rate increase during the City Council's July 31st budget work session. The company is citing the rise in fuel costs as the primary justification for the requested rate increase. IESI has not requested a rate increase for 2 years. The Company cannot increase its rates without approval from the City Council.

Recycling is Underway

We are now in our 4th week of re-cycling and the program is working well. If you have not received a recycle bin, please contact Mike Peacock at City Hall at 817-558-7447 or email mgmtassist@cityofjoshuatx.us Recyclables will be collected every Wednesday and continuing through the next 12 months. Remember, the City of Joshua received a grant from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) through funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to provide recycling services to all residents of Joshua free of charge for one year. So take advantage of the free recycling service, and "go green" to help the environment and your community.

Council to Continue Review of Proposed Revisions to Sign Regulations at August Meeting

During the July 17th City Council meeting the Council continued their review and discussion of the proposed revisions to the current City of Joshua sign regulations, and tabled action on the ordinance until August 21, 2008. The proposed revisions to the sign regulations are designed to clarify the requirements and make them easier to enforce. The changes include allowing for "kiosk" type signs to help eliminate visual clutter of signs advertising housing developments, a provision allowing the City to regulate signs in its extraterritorial jurisdiction or ETJ, provisions to clarify portable sign regulations, and clarification of rules related to garage sale signs. The City Council will continue discussion regarding the proposed changes to the Sign Ordinance during the August 21, 2008 City Council meeting. Sign regulations are put in place in an effort to reduce distractions for drivers, which might otherwise create public health and safety hazards, and to reduce the visual clutter that may result over time with excessive

signage. The overall intent of the current ordinance as well as the proposed revisions is to balance the need for a safe, well maintained and attractive physical appearance of the community with the need for adequate business identification.

Council Held Public Hearing and Approved Resolution for Park Grant Application July 17th.

During the July 17th City Council meeting the Council held a public hearing to receive public comment regarding and passed a resolution supporting the City's application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for funds to acquire park land and design the City's first park. Anyone interested in this issue can provide written comments to Management Assistant Mike Peacock via email at mgmtassist@cityofjoshuatx.us or regular mail at 101 South Main, Joshua, TX 76058.

Upcoming City Meetings and Events

City Council Budget Work Session – Thursday July 31st 6:30 pm
Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting – Monday August 4th 7:00 pm
City Council Budget Work Session – Thursday August 7th 6:30 pm
4A Economic Development Board Meeting – Tuesday August 12th 5:30 pm
4B Economic Development Board Meeting – Tuesday August 12th 7:00 pm
City Council Regular Meeting- Thursday August 21, 2008 7:00 pm