

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOURDANTON
AT THE JOURDANTON MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT
1604 HIGHWAY 97 E, JOURDANTON, TEXAS, 78026, ON AUGUST 28, 2018 AT 6:00 p.m.

1. *Roll Call to Establish a Quorum of the City Council:*
Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. *Call Special Called Meeting to order:*

Mayor: Robert A. Williams
Mayor Pro Tem: Raul "Roy" Morales

Councilmembers:

Jack Harrison (absent)
Chester Gonzales
Karen Pesek
Johnetta "Johnnie" Goetzel

City Manager:

Lamar Schulz

City Secretary:

Debbie G. Molina

City Attorney:

Daniel Santee (absent)

3. *Invocation:*

Mayor Williams continued with agenda item 5.

4. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and State of Texas:*
Mayor Williams continued with agenda item 5.

5. Pursuant to article 14.02 section 4.02 of the Jourdanon Code of Ordinances of the City Council of the City of Jourdanon:

a. *Open a public hearing to allow discussion and take action regarding an ordinance amending the City of Jourdanon Code of Ordinances Article 3.08 entitled "signs"; providing for the regulation, installation, and maintenance of signs within the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction ("etj") of the City of Jourdanon; providing for definitions, exemptions, locations, and size and height restrictions; requiring permits; prohibiting certain types of signs; providing a means for variances thereto; providing a repealing section; providing for enforcement and penalties; providing for severability; and providing for publication and an effective date:*

Council discussed Article 14.02, Section 4.02 of the City Sign Ordinance.

City Manager Schulz informed the Council that a sentence was added at the end of the paragraph of Section 3.08.005 Definitions, Height/maximum. Schulz read as follows: "The distance from ground level to the top of the sign structure. The ground level is the lower of (i) the existing grade prior to construction of the sign, or (ii) the newly established grade after construction, unless the curb elevation at the street in front of the sign is higher than the established ground level, in which case the height shall be measured from curb level. In the absence of a curb, street elevation shall be used to determine how tall the sign can be."

Mayor Williams addressed permanent banners that were placed on a building. Williams informed the Council that city staff took pictures of the banners placed at the business of "Sierra" and were sent for a legal opinion. City Manager Schultz said that City Attorney Santee replied by stating that banners were going to be something city staff would need to determine once the ordinance was in effect. Someone would look at the definitions and make the determination and proceed accordingly. Mayor Williams stated that the size of the sign and the location could only be regulated by the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Morales questioned the size of political signs. City Manager Schulz advised Morales it was regulated by state law. Mayor Williams told Morales that the sign could not be placed on state right way.

Mayor Williams stated that portable changeable signs were prohibited because the letters could fall and cause litter. Council Member Goetzel asked if a changeable sign with a protected glass could be allowed. Williams told Goetzel that they were permitted.

Council Member Gonzales questioned if changeable electronic variable message signs (CEVMS) were allowed because the lighting could distract motor vehicles. City Manager Schulz told Gonzales there were limits to the light intensity. Gonzales also asked if “off premise” signs were removed from the ordinance. Mayor Williams told him that they existed with a different definition.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Morales “to approve an ordinance amending the City of Jourdanton Code of Ordinances Article 3.08 entitled “signs”, providing for the regulation, installation, and maintenance of signs within the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction (“etj”) of the City of Jourdanton; providing for definitions, exemptions, locations, and size and height restrictions; requiring permits; prohibiting certain types of signs; providing a means for variances thereto; providing a repealing section; providing for enforcement and penalties; providing for severability; and providing for publication and an effective date after two weeks of publication.” Motion was seconded by Council Member Pesek. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Pesek asked if they if a notification could be placed on the city website and Facebook page addressing the revisions. City Manager Schulz confirmed it would be. Council Member Pesek also suggested to place it on the water bills.

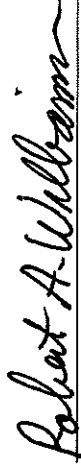
6. *Adjourn.*

Motion was made by Council Member Pesek “to adjourn.” Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Morales.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.



DEBBIE G. MOLINA, CITY SECRETARY



ROBERT A. WILLIAMS, MAYOR