

## **Work Session Minutes**

**June 15, 2026**

**@ 5:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Ryan Jolly

Chris Proctor

Cassandra Lee

Tate Gilley

Jason White

Danny Morris

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryan Jolly. The first item for discussion is Architectural Designs for the Downtown Pocket Park. Mayor Jolly explained that Frameworks Architecture has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$42,000.00 total for the engineering and design of the property. He said the city has already paid \$8,000.00 of the \$42,000.00 and for the initial design phase and needs to have the rest of the design finished out. The total project cost is estimated to be approximately \$500,000.00. Councilman White asked how the city would come up for the additional funds to fund the total project? Mayor Jolly answered with grant funds or the city would apply for a loan through the League of Municipalities Am Fund.

Alicia Roper and Michale Layden with Lawrence County Chautauqua were present to update the city officials on an up coming event hosted by the Chautauqua. August 20, 2026, through August 22, 2026, they will be hosting a community event at H.A. Alexander Park involving history on Rosa Parks, George Washington Carver, and Werner Von Braun.

Mayor Jolly discussed a one-time retiree bonus for any employees who retired prior to October 1, 2025. This bonus will cost the city a one-time fee of \$9,007.00.

Lashundra Craig with The Kitchen discussed the need for a larger location and wanted to see if the city would donate the building on Court Street for their non-profit organization to work out of. Mayor Jolly has spoken with City Attorney Jerome Thompson and received specific requirements for the city to abide by in these situations. The non-profit must be a legitimate operation, must be a public benefit, and involve economic development.

A discussion was held on the date and time the Council and Work Session agendas need to be finalized. Mayor Jolly recognized the council needed for time to review agendas and documentation for meetings and wanted to hear the councils' ideas on it. Councilman Chris Proctor recommended a two-week turnaround time. The council agreed that the agenda cut off for the meetings will be on the second and fourth Mondays at 4:30 pm. Agendas and supporting documentation would be to council members by Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Mayor Jolly said he would get with City Attorney Jerome Thompson to draw up an Ordinance with the above information.

Mayor Jolly closed out the Work Session and opened the regular Council Meeting: