

**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro-tem Rob Gowin,
Councilman Hubert Robinson, Councilwoman Mindy
Gellock, City Manager Greg Smith

ABSENT

Councilman Tim McRae

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:00 PM

INVOCATION

John Atkinson of the People's Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS
FLAGS**

Mayor Randy Gorham led everyone in the pledge to
the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – SERGEANT
PINNING OFFICER DINA WILDE**

Police Chief Joe Williams presented officer Dina
Wilde with her Sergeant pin.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE
ACTION PURCHASE OF RADIO
EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE AND POLICE
DEPARTMENTS AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

*This item was moved up in the meeting by Mayor
Randy Gorham to allow the police officers in
attendance to hear what was being considered for
purchase and the vote.

City Manager Greg Smith stated staff has been
looking at ways to improve the radio system for our
first responders. He said staff is recommending the
P25 system. Mr. Smith stated this system will give a
95% coverage within the city limits. Mr. Smith
reviewed some of the specifications of the system.
This recommendation is for the purchase of radios
for all of our first responders. He pointed out this
purchase is for the equipment and stated a radio
tower is part of the budget for the new public safety
complex but said there will be a change order for a
taller tower than budgeted. Mr. Smith said the
purchase is for radios, repeaters and installation
under HGAC contract # 18-00267 for \$234,678.04.
Items are being purchased through a purchasing
coop. Mayor Pro -tem Rob Gowin made a motion
to approve the purchase. Second by Councilman
Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. Sam Hopkins came forward to speak in favor of
approval of application for a historical marker for
the 1800's railroad to be placed at Hazel Tilton Park.
Dr. Deborah Burkett came forward to speak in favor
of the same application for the historical marker.

**HEAR AND RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM
PATILLO, BROWN & HILL ON 2019-2020
AUDIT**

Mr. Kent Willis with Patillo, Brown and Hill came
forward to present the audit to council. Mr. Willis
pointed out the fund balance had increased by One
Million dollars this past year. He pointed out the
GFOA award for 2019 and commended Roxanna and
the finance dept. on receiving this award three years
in a row. Mr. Willis stated the audit gives an
"unmodified" opinion and said this is the highest
level of assurance an audit can give. Mr. Willis then
turned to the single audit and stated this is an audit
of federal grant monies. Mr. Willis said the single
audit or grant audit received a clean opinion which
is the highest rating possible. Mr. Willis pointed out
the Government Audit Standards Report also found
no deficiencies.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS OF THE 2019-2020 AUDIT

Councilman Hubert Robinson made a motion to accept the findings of the audit. Second by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0

SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION 03-2021-01 IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

JEDCO President James Hubbard came forward and reviewed the purpose of this resolution. Mr. Hubbard stated all notices were given and a public hearing held as required by law. Mr. Hubbard stated the first incentive is for reimbursement of an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to GVD Construction for targeted infrastructure improvements to support development along Loop 204/456. The second to provide an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to fund the JEDCO matching grant programs for Fiscal Year 2021.

Mr. Hubbard then performed the second reading of the resolution at 6:32 PM.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution. Second by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye" 4-0

CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS UNDER CONSENT AGENDA REQUIRE LITTLE OR NO DELIBERATIONS BY COUNCIL. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEES TO PROCEED WITH CONCLUSION OF EACH ITEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

MINUTE APPROVAL FEBRUARY 9, 2021 REGULAR MEETING; MARCH 4, 2021 AGENDA WORKSHOP

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE CANCELLING THE ELECTION FOR DISTRICTS ONE AND THREE

APPROVE A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND THE JACKSONVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION WORKERS FOR THE MAY 1, 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

APPROVE STREET CLOSURES FOR TOMATO FEST

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION CALLING FOR A MORATORIUM ON ISSUING/RENEWING ITINERANT VENDOR PERMITS

City Manager Greg Smith said this is a proposal to stop issuing itinerant vendor permits and only renew food vendors with existing permits one renewal until March 10, 2022. This will not apply to special events such as Tomato Fest, the rodeo, school or sporting events.

This would give staff and council time to work with our consultant on zoning, uses and the image of our main thoroughfares. The long-term plan is to have one location for all vendors. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to place a moratorium on vendor permits as presented. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WATER WELL #5

City Manager Greg Smith stated staff had been getting bids on this well. It was down during the recent winter storm and it is remarkable we could still meet the needs of our citizens without it. Due to the need staff is asking this be declared and emergency and repairs be approved to be done by Weisinger Inc. for \$56,498. Councilman Hubert Robinson made a motion to approve the emergency repair as recommended by staff. Second by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye" 4-0

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A POLICY ON INCREASED WATER BILLS DUE TO RECENT WINTER WEATHER

City Manager Greg Smith explained to council this policy will give citizens some relief for higher than normal water bills due to the recent extreme weather. Mr. Smith reviewed the policy and options citizens would have. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the policy. Second by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye" 4-0

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A REQUEST BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR A HISTORICAL MARKER TO BE PLACED AT HAZEL TILTON PARK RECOGNIZING THE 1800'S RAILROAD FROM JACKSONVILLE TO LUFKIN

City Manager Greg Smith stated after further information was gathered this item was added back to the agenda with a staff recommendation for approval. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the application for the marker. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" 4-0

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Randy Gorham commended staff on their work during the recent snow storm. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock echoed that sentiment specifically recognizing the fire and police departments.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Greg Smith stated the after action report on the recent snow storm has not been completed but will be ready for the April meeting. Mr. Smith stated there was staff out looking for water leaks during the storm. He said the 4x4 trucks in the city fleet were very important for the safety of our employees. Mr. Smith said the AMI project was essential in locating leaks and shutting off water as necessary. Mr. Smith stated staff was able to distribute water to the section of town with the boil water notice. Mr. Smith reminded everyone the state of the city will be Thursday, March 25 at 6PM. Mr. Smith congratulated Sergeant Dina Wilde on her promotion as well as Finance Director Roxanna Briley for the audit report. Mr. Smith thanked fire and PD for their work with the opening of the Chick-fil-a. Mr. Smith pointed out the officers directing traffic were being paid by Chick-fil-a and not the city.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM-PER OPEN MEETINGS ACT-PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION:

6:58 PM

551.071 CONSULT CITY ATTORNEY

551.072 REAL PROPERTY

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS – CITY MANAGER ANNUAL REVIEW

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION FOR ANY ACTION IF NECESSARY

8:17 PM City Manager Greg Smith asked for approval for the city manager and city attorney to negotiate a lease with Wesley Beard for property on N. Jackson. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock so moved. Second by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye" Mayor Randy Gorham made a motion to extend the city manager's current contract to March 2023. Second by Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0


ADJOURN:

8:18 PM

ATTEST:



Greg Lowe, City Secretary



Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville