

City Council Meeting Highlights

Tuesday April 9th, 2019

Present:
Mayor Dick Stone, Hubert
Robinson District 1, Randy Gorham
District 3, Rob Gowin District 4



Employee of the Month: Chad Pierce

“Chad started to work for the city over seven months ago. He is the only employee in the newly created Traffic & Lighting Department. During his employment with the city Chad has replaced roughly 200 street signs, repaired numerous lights in the parks and repaired or replaced several of the decorative street lights around town. Chad has been a key part of getting the animal shelter floor completed for the grand opening and has been an integral part of the Customer Service renovation at the Public Works Building. Chad is an integral part of the city and the day to day operations of the Public & Community Services department.”

- Jordan Yutzy, Public & Comm. Serv. Dir.



Citizen Participation:

- Ms. Tynedale of Live Oaks Apartments, while commending the work the City has done, voiced her concerns over insufficient sewer infrastructure. The Council said that this will be addressed with Action item #12.

Action Items:

6. Council voted 4-0 to provide \$114,000 in economic incentives two Jacksonville companies:
 - a. Adams Engineers and Equipment for the creation of full-time jobs.
 - b. M.A.C. Cabinets LLC for exterior facility improvements @ 440 Frankston Hwy.
7. Council voted 4-0 to approve the consent agenda as a package.
8. Council voted 4-0 to approve a contractual agreement with IC System for debt collection on water accounts. The accounts which will go into collections are not existing customers, but customers whom have abandoned their accounts or are otherwise unreachable.
9. Council voted 4-0 to change water meter and tap fees, to better reflect the higher costs of installation and repair of new AMI meters. This change does not affect water rates.
10. Council voted 4-0 to modify an amendment to the existing Lake Jacksonville lease, which describes specific lots, track numbers, and subdivisions.
11. Council voted 4-0 to make the proper use of recreational facilities, enforceable by City ordinance. For example, this gives authority to restrict use of City tennis courts to use for tennis. In addition, there was discussion on looking into replacing the soccer nets at Buckner Park.
12. Council voted 4-0 to enter an agreement with Stokes & Associates engineers, to replace an existing sewer line, built in 1954, with a new line.
13. Council voted 4-0 to approve City Manager Greg Smith, enter into contract negotiations with DNC Janitorial Services, replacing a previous janitorial services contractor which did not perform to expectation. DNC is also expected to cost less than the previous contractor.

Open Forum:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Smith hopes to be able to make the next meeting.



April Employer of the Month: Huck Medical Technologies

“Huck Medical Technologies, Inc. is led by President and CEO, David Nichols who has over 30-years of experience in the design, development, testing, and manufacture of medical devices. Mr. Nichols was directly responsible for the success of other large medical device manufacturing companies in East Texas, one of which grew to over 350 employees. The company currently occupies a 25,000 SF building on Cash St. and projects steady growth in the near future.”

- James Hubbard, President, JEDCO

Recognition by City Manager Greg Smith of Work Done at New Animal Shelter:

- Tonya Harris, Shelter Director
- Shelby Hall, Animal Control Officer I
- Robert Jowell, Animal Control Officer II
- Charly Thomas, Kennel Technician
- Fiends of the Jacksonville Animal Shelter & Volunteers.

April Declared: MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH

