

**JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
315 S. RAGSDALE
6:00 PM**

Meeting Items

****5:15 PM CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION CITY HALL
CONFERENCE ROOM-PER OPEN MEETINGS ACT-PER
TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION:**

**551.071 CONSULT CITY ATTORNEY - PENDING
LITIGATION**

551.072 DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY

**CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM JACKSONVILLE CITY
COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:00 PM

**Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro tem Rob
Gowin, Councilman Hubert Robinson, Councilman Tim
McRae, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock**

INVOCATION

John Atkinson of the People's Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS

**Mayor Randy Gorham led everyone in the pledges to the
United States and Texas flags.**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION –

**EMPLOYER OF THE MONTH - BEALLS - PRESENTED
BY JEDCO PRESIDENT SHANE PACE**

**JEDCO President Shane Pace presented representatives
from Beall's with the employer of the month award.**

**RECOGNIZE RHONDA RAY, WHO IS RETIRING
AFTER 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF
JACKSONVILLE - MAYOR RANDY GORHAM**

**Police Chief Joe Williams stated Mrs. Rhonda Ray has been
with the police department for thirty years and is retiring at
the end of November. Mrs. Ray started out in dispatch and
then moved to the criminal investigation division. Mayor
Randy Gorham presented Mrs. Ray with a plaque of
appreciation for service to the City of Jacksonville.**

**RECOGNIZE ROXANNA BRILEY AND THE FINANCE
DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED
BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD FOR THE FIFTH
YEAR IN ROW - MAYOR RANDY GORHAM**

**Mayor Randy Gorham presented Mrs. Roxanna Briley with
the Distinguished Budget Award and congratulated her on
this being the fifth year in a row to win the award.**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

**Mr. Bob Martin of the Marine Corps League came forward
to remind everyone of the Toys for Tots drive the league puts
on each year. Mr. Martin stated the league helped over 1900
families last year and are hoping to serve even more this
year. He encouraged everyone to help fill the boxes that will
be placed around town.**

**Ms. Luann Williams came forward and thanked Mayor
Randy Gorham and everyone who came out to help with the
cleanup day in Lincoln park this past weekend.**

**ANY ACTION, IF NECESSARY, FROM CLOSED
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to authorize
the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate an
amendment to the landfill lease with Republic Services.**

**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**

**Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the
consent agenda. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson.
All voted "Aye"**

**MINUTE APPROVAL OCTOBER 12, 2021 REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING; NOVEMBER 4, 2021 AGENDA
WORKSHOP**

**APPROVE JANICE ARP AS COMMISSIONER TO THE
JACKSONVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**APPROVE THE CERTIFIED TAX ROLL AS SUBMITTED
BY CHEROKEE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

APPROVE THE 2022 HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR ALL

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A FOUR FOOT VARIANCE REQUEST FROM THE SOUTHWEST PROPERTY LINE TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT DOCK LOCATED AT 1953 CR 3108

City Manager James Hubbard explained this variance request is to decrease the required six-foot side setback for boat houses to allow for a two-foot setback. Mr. Hubbard presented council with slides outlining the request. Mr. Hubbard informed the council that the neighbors affected by the variance did come to the Lake Advisory Board meeting and they are in favor of granting the variance. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the recap of the two Lake Advisory Board meetings in which this variance was considered. Mr. Mark Hoster, the applicant, came forward to address the council and speak in favor of the variance. Mayor Randy Gorham asked Mr. Hoster if he was forced to comply with the six-foot setback rule, would it really create an issue with his plans? Mr. Hoster stated that without the four-foot variance, he would have to eliminate one boat and a jet ski. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock asked Mr. Hoster if the boathouse would obstruct anyone's view. Mr. Hoster said it would not obstruct anyone's view. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock asked if the three to two vote by the Lake Advisory Board was in favor of granting the variance. Mr. Hubbard replied the vote was in favor of granting the variance. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to grant the variance. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A MOTION TO FOREGO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION UNDER THE CURRENT NOTICE OF INTENT

City Manager James Hubbard told council the issuance of certificates of obligation had previously been postponed to allow for the street survey to be completed. The staff is recommending forgoing the issuance at this time to allow for the results of the street survey to come in. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to forego the issuance of certificates of obligation under the current notice of intent. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A COMPENSATION AND CLASSIFICATION STUDY

City Manager James Hubbard stated that during the budget workshop in July the subject of staff compensation had been raised. Staff are currently contracted with Paypoint, out of Maine, to perform a compensation and classification study. Mr. Hubbard stated this resolution shows the council's support for the study. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the compensation and classification study. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO REPAIR INFRASTRUCTRE

City Manager James Hubbard said this resolution authorizes making an application for a low interest loan through the Texas Water Development Board. Mr. Hubbard said this is not binding and if the terms of the loan were not suitable, we would not have to take the loan out. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the proposed project the loan would be for. It is to replace about a mile and a quarter of sewer line that runs east to west through the southern portion of Jacksonville. Mayor Pro tem Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing making an application for a low interest loan through the Texas Water Development Board. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY MANAGER JAMES HUBBARD AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL FOR A COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE GRANT

City Manager James Hubbard told council this resolution just changes the grant official for the communications grant from the previous city manager to the current city manager. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to approve the resolution naming James Hubbard as the grant official for the communications grant. Second, by Councilman Hubert Robinson. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION CASTING BALLOTS FOR NOMINEES TO THE CHEROKEE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD

City Manager James Hubbard explained to council this resolution is to cast their 422 votes for one or more of the nominees on the ballot. Mayor Randy Gorham informed council the county had also nominated Joe Ballard, so Mr. Ballard may very well be elected by the county. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock stated that with only 422 votes, she feels all votes should be cast for one nominee. All councilmembers agreed that both Mr. Ballard and Dr. Michael Banks would both be excellent selections. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock stated she thinks they should use all 422 votes to elect Mr. Ballard as he is likely to receive votes from the county as well. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to pass a resolution casting all 422 votes for

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ADJOURN

Mr. Joe Ballard. Second, by Councilman Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"

Mayor Randy Gorham thanked Police Chief Joe Williams and City Manager James Hubbard for their help with the clean-up day in Lincoln Park. Mayor Gorham reminded everyone of the veterans' day recognition on Saturday,

Mr. Hubbard thanked everyone for their help with the water main break in late October. Mr. Hubbard pointed out the new hours for the animal shelter. He said the public safety complex is getting close to completion. Mr. Hubbard recognized the veterans who are also city employees and reminded everyone that city offices will be closed November 12 in recognition of Veterans' Day.

6:45 PM

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Secretary