

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
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

551.072 REAL PROPERTY

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Gorham 6:00 pm

**Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Councilman Rob Gowin,
Councilwoman Mindy Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia
Horace**

Absent: Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae

City Attorney Brett Brewer

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY JEDCO
PRESIDENT SHANE PACE - RITUAL**

**JEDCO President Shane Pace presented Whitney Graham,
of Ritual, with the employer of the month award.**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION
PRESENTED BY MAYOR RANDY GORHAM**

**Mayor Randy Gorham presented several members of the
Jacksonville Fire Department with the proclamation for fire
prevention week.**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

**Mr. Mike McEwen came forward and suggested addresses be
included on zoning change notices in the newspaper.**

**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 Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the
consent agenda. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace.
All voted "Aye" 4-0**

**MINUTES APPROVAL - SEPTEMBER 12, 2023,
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING; OCTOBER 3, 2023,
AGENDA WORKSHOP**

**APPOINT SONYA BAKER TO THE JACKSONVILLE
LIBRARY BOARD (COUNCIL APPOINTMENT)**

**APPROVE A STREET CLOSURE FOR THE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE EVENT "MINGLE AND JINGLE" ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, FROM BOLTON ST. TO
MAIN ST. AND MAIN ST FROM COMMERCE TO HWY
79 BEGINNING AT 3PM AND ENDING AT 8 PM**

**ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF
NECESSARY**

No action was taken.

**A) SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF A JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION PROJECT INVOLVING AN
EXPENDITURE BY JEDCO IN EXCESS OF \$10,000.00
FOR JEDCO’S PURCHASE FROM ENRIGHT GROUP,
LLC OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 300 S. MAIN
STREET, JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS.**

**JEDCO President Shane Pace told council this resolution is
in support of purchasing the Enright Building located at 300
S. Main. Mr. Pace read the resolution at 6:27 pm.
Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the
resolution in support of the purchase of the Enright Building.
Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"
4-0**

**B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE
ACTION A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A
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DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A
RESOLUTION NOMINATING DIRECTORS FOR THE
CHEROKEE COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A
MASTER FEE ORDINANCE

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SCHAUMBURG AND
POLK FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO RELOCATE
UTILITIES FOR THE HWY 175 EXPANSION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
APPROVING EXPENDITURES FOR A BUDGETED
BOBCAT COMPACT EXCAVATOR

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION
APPROVING CIVIC CENTER POLICIES AND FEES AS
PRESENTED BY THE STAFF

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A
REQUESTED REPLAT FOR 267 CR 3115

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CITY MANAGER REPORT

ADJOURN

City Manager James Hubbard told council this resolution was to place nominees on the ballot. Mr. Hubbard said the ballot would come back to the council and the election would be in November. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to nominate Lea Anne Kindle - Ousley. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye" 4-0

Mayor Randy Gorham said there was still work to be done and he would entertain a motion to postpone. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to postpone consideration of the fee ordinance. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard said this item is to approve a contract for engineering services to relocate city infrastructure for the widening of Hwy 175. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the agreement with Schaumburg & Polk. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked why we were moving utilities, if TxDOT was expanding the hwy, and if there were grants or funds available from the state. City Manager James Hubbard said there are grants available for some communities, but Jacksonville did not qualify. Councilman Rob Gowin said the city was receiving some loan forgiveness on some other utility projects that should cover the cost of this project. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked how long the project would take. Mr. Hubbard said about six months. All voted "Aye" 4-0.

City Manager James Hubbard said this was a budgeted item and the staff wanted to get the order in early due to long lead times. Mr. Hubbard said \$75,000 was budgeted and the quote was just under \$72,000. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the purchase. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard reminded everyone the civic center is being funded by hotel occupancy tax revenue. Mr. Hubbard commended everyone on establishing a fee structure that not only brought in out of town guests, but also considered local and charitable organizations. Mr. Hubbard pointed out there is a 2.5% discount for using local vendors, up to a total of a 10% discount. Councilwoman Letitia Horace made a motion to approve the fees and policies as presented by the staff. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye" 4-0

City Manager James Hubbard told council this request is for a very small adjustment to a boundary line to correct a sight line for the construction of a boat house. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the re-plat. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye" 4-0

Councilwoman Letitia Horace gave an update on the "Neighbors helping Neighbors" event. Mrs. Horace said about 60 people attended. Mrs. Horace thanked everyone who attended and donated to the event.

City Manager James Hubbard commended the business community and community as a whole for their efforts with the "Neighbors helping Neighbors" event. Mr. Hubbard reminded everyone about the "Falling in love with Jacksonville" event on Saturday, October 21. Mr. Hubbard said the construction on the playground at Buckner Park would begin in November. Mr. Hubbard thanked the city council members that attended the TML conference this past week.

Mayor Randy Gorham recessed the council back into Executive Session at 6:51 pm.

Reconvene from the executive session at 7:26 pm. No action was taken.

Adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Clerk