JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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	
551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS - CITY CLERK ANNUAL REVIEW	
551.087 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS	
CALL TO ORDER	**Mayor Randy Gorham 6:05 pm** **Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae, Councilman Rob Gowin, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia Horace**
INVOCATION	**Mr. Jake Norman, Associate Pastor with Cornerstone Baptist Church.**
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE US & TEXAS FLAGS	**Mayor Randy Gorham led everyone in the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.**
SPECIAL PRESENTATION –	
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY JEDCO PRESIDENT SHANE PACE - NECOLE'S LEARNING CENTER	**JEDCO President Shane Pace presented Mrs. Necole Mitchell with the business of the month award.**
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	**No one came forward.**
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 Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"**
MINUTES APPROVAL - OCTOBER 10, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING	
DECLARE ITEMS SURPLUS INCLUDING CHANDELIERS, DOORS, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS REMOVED DURING THE CIVIC CENTER RENOVATION AND APPROVE STAFF TO PLACE THEM UP FOR AUCTION	
APPROVE UTILITY WRITE OFFS	
APPROVE THE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR 2024	
APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. CHARLIE ESCO TO THE VANISHING TEXANA MUSEUM BOARD TO FILL A VACATED POSITION (COUNCIL APPOINTMENT)	
APPROVE THE CERTIFIED TAX ROLL AS PRESENTED BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT	
ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY	**This item was moved from its original location on the agenda to occur after item number ten. The motion and vote recorded here took place after item number ten was completed. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve a chapter 380 agreement for sales tax rebates with Braaly's Ace Hardware. Second, by Mayor Randy Gorham. All voted "Aye"**
QUARTELY FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTED BY	**Finance Director Roxanna Briley presented the council with**

FINANCE DIRECTOR ROXANNA BRILEY	**the fiscal 2023 fourth quarter financial report.**
A) SECOND READING OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES **B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES**	**JEDCO President Shane Pace reviewed the proposed project with the council. Mr. Pace read the resolution at 6:27 pm. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to approve the resolution in support of economic development incentives. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye"**
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL, EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH JACKSONVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	**City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the timeline and process of the purchase of the new civic center with the council. Mr. Hubbard said this modification would allow the city to defer the 2024 payment to JEDCO, of $35,000, to the year 2028. This would allow the city to purchase some necessary FF&E for the civic center. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock made a motion to approve the extension. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"**
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVING A REPLAT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION	**City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the proposed plat with the council. Mr. Hubbard said the Planning and Zoning Commission is unanimously recommending approval of the re-plat. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the re-plat. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"**
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION CASTING VOTES FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER(S)	**City Manager James Hubbard told council that back in October, the council had nominated Lea Anne Kindle-Ousley to appear on the ballot for the Cherokee County Appraisal District Board. Mr. Hubbard said this resolution is to cast actual votes for directors of the board. Mr. Hubbard said the city of Jacksonville has 430 votes it can cast how it sees fit. They can all go for one candidate or be spread around to multiple candidates. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to cast all 430 votes for Lea Anne Kindle-Ousley. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"**
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	**City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the proposed streets included in the project and reminded the council they have issued certificates of obligations for the project. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the bid process and submissions with the council. Mr. Hubbard said Lone Star Equipment was the lower bidder and the engineering consultant and staff are recommending awarding the street project to them. Mr. Hubbard said work on the project is expected to begin prior to the end of calendar year 2023. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to award the street project to Lane Star Equipment. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"**
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDING MAINTENANCE WORK AT WATER WELL #4	**City Manager James Hubbard told council the pump had gone out on well #4 and during investigation into the extent of the damage it was discovered the screen downwell was 65%-70% blocked. Mr. Hubbard said staff is requesting that they be allowed to use a hydraulic jetting process to clean the screen while the pump is being replaced. Mr. Hubbard said the replacement of the pump and the maintenance of the filter would be approximately $75,000. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked if this would be part of an ongoing maintenance program with the other wells moving forward. Mr. Hubbard said staff would evaluate the effect the maintenance has on the production of this well before implementing it on the other wells. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the maintenance work on well #4. Second, by Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae. All voted "Aye"**
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A BUDGETED PURCHASE OF A NEW AMBULANCE	**City Manager James Hubbard said the staff originally budgeted a 12' ambulance box. Mr. Hubbard said a 14' box would provide more space and the cost is only a $41,000 difference. Mr. Hubbard said staff feels about half of the extra cost will be covered by the sale of the existing ambulance. Councilman Rob Gowin made a motion to approve the purchase of a 14' box instead of a 12' ambulance box. Second, by Councilwoman Letitia Horace. All voted "Aye"**
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS ON LOTS 2-4 SUMMIT SUBDIVISION AND LOT 1 BLOCK C LAKE SPRINGS SUBDIVISION	**City Manager James Hubbard told council the staff had placed four non-lake front lots up for bid. Mr. Hubbard said bids were received on all four lots. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the bid process with the council. Councilman Tim McRae made a motion to accept the bids on all four lots and authorize the city attorney to execute all necessary**

documentation to sell the property. Second, by Councilwoman Mindy Gellock. All voted "Aye"

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION A RESOLUTION THAT DENIES AN INCREASE IN REVENUE AND A CHANGE IN RATES PROPOSED BY CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION, D/B/A, CENTERPOINT ENERGY ENTEX AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY TEXAS GAS; AUTHORIZES CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE OF CENTERPOINT MUNICIPALITIES; REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY BY SPECIAL COUNSEL INTERVENTION IN PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO CENTERPOINT'S STATEMENT OF INTENT; AND REQUIRES THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES

City Attorney, Brett Brewer, told the council this resolution is a denial of a proposed Centerpoint rate increase. Mr. Brewer said the denial allows Centerpoint to appeal to the Public Utilities Commission. Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae made a motion to approve a resolution denying the centerpoint rate increase. Second, by Councilman Rob Gowin. All voted "Aye"

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman Letitia Horace thanked the staff and Oncor for the new LED lighting that was installed along MLK. Mrs. Horace told everyone there would be a program held this Thursday to assist people in making an application to help weatherize their homes. She encouraged everyone to attend.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager James Hubbard told everyone the vulture population has increased at the lake again. Mr. Hubbard said a trap had been set and the staff would be working through the process to run the vultures off. Mr. Hubbard reminded everyone of the two bulky waste days each month.

ADJOURN

Recess into Executive Session 6:57 pm

Reconvene for any action out of executive session: 7:13 pm. No action was taken.

Adjourn: 7: 14 pm.

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Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

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Greg Lowe, City Clerk