

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
315 S. RAGSDALE
12:00 PM

Meeting Items

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Randy Gorham 12:00 pm Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro tem Tim McRae, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia Horace Absent: Councilman Rob Gowin
INVOCATION	Mayor Randy Gorham
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	No one came forward.
PRESENTATION OF NEW GEN UTILITY RATE STUDY	City Manager James Hubbard told the council the proposed rate increase would be the second in two years and, prior to that, the last rate increase was 2018. Chris Eckart of New Gen reviewed the findings of the rate study with the council. Mr. Eckert told the council that utilities needed to be run like a business and the rates needed to keep up with the cost of providing water and wastewater services. Mr. Eckert continued that the rates also have to be able to service any debt necessary to provide adequate infrastructure for the water and wastewater systems. Mayor Randy Gorham asked what some of the capital projects were that are driving the increased debt issuance from 2026 to 2028. Mr. Eckert reviewed some of the projects but said the largest is the work at the wastewater plant. Mr. Hubbard said that while the city is expecting a 70% forgiveness from the Texas Water Development Board, we cannot count on that until it is confirmed, and the city should plan on funding the project in full. Mr. Eckert reviewed the proposed new rates with the council.
KINLOCH EQUIPMENT PRESENTATION REGARDING VAC TRUCK	City Manager James Hubbard told the council this item would be pushed to the January meeting.
JENNINGS ARCHITECT UPDATE REGARDING THE LIBRARY FACADE	City Manager James Hubbard told the council the Library Association had raised money for the original remodel of the library on S. Jackson St. and still had funds left over from that project. Mr. Hubbard said the association has offered to donate \$100,000 of those funds towards the library facade at its new location on Commerce Street. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the three original renderings with the council.
FIRST READING OF A 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 TODD RUSSELL ENRIGHT, DBA, OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 308 S. MAIN STREET, JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS	JEDCO President Shane Pace told the council the resolution is in support of JEDCO purchasing the Bell Finance building. Mr. Pace said there would be a thirty-six-month lease at \$1 per year, to the seller, associated with the purchase. Mr. Pace said the JEDCO board has already approved the purchase. Mr. Pace read the resolution at 12:58 pm. Councilwoman Mindy Gellock left the meeting at 12:59 pm.
REVIEW AND DISCUSS AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023 (SEE ATTACHED PROPOSED AGENDA) NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN – ITEMS MAY BE REMOVED OR ADDED TO THE PROPOSED AGENDA BY CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY OR CITY CLERK AS NEEDED ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL POSTING OF MEETING AGENDA	City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the proposed agenda with the council. No action was taken on any items.
DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CIVIC CENTER GRAND OPENING	City Manager James Hubbard proposed having the grand opening on January 16 and asked what time the council wanted to hold the grand opening. The council instructed Mr. Hubbard to hold the event from 4-6 pm on the 16th.
QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION	None
ADJOURN	1:22 pm.

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Clerk