

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024
JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
315 S. RAGSDALE
12:00 PM

Meeting Items

CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Randy Gorham 12:00 pm
INVOCATION	Mayor Randy Gorham
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	No one came forward.
UPDATE REGARDING THE JACKSON EVENT CENTER	City Manager James Hubbard told the council that the event center had been operating for 100 days. Mr. Hubbard said there have been 12 events so far. Mr. Hubbard showed a slide showing \$15,632 worth of revenue with another \$18,325 in bookings. Mr. Hubbard reviewed some comments the event center had received from some patrons. Mr. Hubbard said the fire suppression system continues to leak. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the policies, application, and pricing with the council. No action was taken.
DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FLEET	Fire Chief Paul Findley told the council he had been reviewing the fire department's procedures. Chief Findley said he wants to plan about 2–3 years out regarding fleet updating. Chief Findley told the council the ladder truck had been down more than it had been used. Chief Findley also pointed out they have no reserve fleet, so when a truck goes in for repairs, they do not have a replacement for it. He said the engine could be extended another 3–5 years if repairs were made, and it was put into a reserve role. He suggested trucks be kept for about 10 years, then transitioned into a reserve role. Chief Findley said if he ordered an engine truck today, it would be a 2-3 year wait, and a ladder truck was a three-year wait. Chief Findley recommended purchasing a demo model, which could be in service this August, and ordering a ladder truck, which would take three years to build. Finance Director Roxanna Briley reviewed the option of issuing certificates of obligation for the purchase without affecting the tax rate. The council instructed the staff to place the authorization of issuing certificates of obligation on Tuesday's agenda for their consideration.
LIBRARY FACADE PROJECT UPDATE	City Manager James Hubbard showed the council a couple of renderings of the new facade. Mr. Hubbard advised waiting for a re-bid on the boating access grant project before proceeding with this project.
REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2024 (SEE ATTACHED PROPOSED AGENDA) NO ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN – ITEMS MAY BE REMOVED OR ADDED TO THE PROPOSED AGENDA BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY, OR CITY CLERK AS NEEDED ANY TIME BEFORE THE OFFICIAL POSTING OF MEETING AGENDA	City Manager James Hubbard reviewed the proposed agenda with the council. Mr. Hubbard told the council that regarding the boating access grant, the latest estimate was \$1.6 million, and the only bid received came in at a little over \$3 million. Mr. Jeff Simmons of Schaumburg and Polk told the council he thinks the only bidder just threw a safe number on the bid, and he suggested re-bidding the project with some more alternates. Mr. Simmons said he has talked with some contractors who would be bidding on the project if it were placed up for bid again. Mayor Randy Gorham asked if the restrooms should be an alternate. Mr. Simmons did not suggest doing that. Councilwoman Letitia Horace asked if we could go back to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to see if more funds were available. Mr. Simmons said they had already approached the TPWD and that no additional funds were available. City Manager James Hubbard told the council that the motion on Tuesday night would be to reject the bid and authorize staff to re-bid the project. No action was taken.
QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DISCUSSION	None.
ADJOURN	1:58 pm

Randy Gorham, Mayor
City of Jacksonville

Greg Lowe, City Clerk

