

JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024
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:	Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae, Councilman Rob Gowin, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia Horace Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Randy Gorham. City Council immediately went into executive session at 5:15 p.m. The executive session adjourned at 5:48 p.m.
551.071 CONSULT CITY ATTORNEY	
551.072 REAL PROPERTY	
CALL TO ORDER	City Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Randy Gorham Present: Mayor Randy Gorham, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae, Councilman Rob Gowin, Councilwoman Mindy Gellock, Councilwoman Letitia Horace
INVOCATION	Invocation given by Roland Tureaud Sr., Pastor of Sweet Union 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 –	Shane Pace president of Jacksonville Economic Development Corporation, presented Cherokee Ranch Golf Club with the Business of the Month award. Anthony Williams, President of the Cherokee Ranch Golf Club was present to accept the award on behalf of the club.
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH PRESENTED BY JEDCO PRESIDENT SHANE PACE - CHEROKEE RANCH GOLF CLUB	
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION	Peggy Alexander presented information regarding flooding in the 800 block of Howard and Marshall St. She complimented the City Manager on his response and possible resolution to her concerns. She requested consideration for reimbursement of expenses she incurred due to the possible clogged city drainage pipe. Ms Allexander in error submitted her comments during the following item: 9.A) PUBLIC HEARING - HEAR AND RECEIVE INPUT REGARDING A REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE FROM B (ONE AND TWO FAMILY) TO G (COMMERCIAL) WITH A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AT PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH AT THE INTERSECTION OF BENSON MEMORIAL AND E PINE, ADJACENT TO BENSON MEMORIAL CHURCH, DESCRIBED AS LOT 4B BLK 4 ELLIS HTS - CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, PROPERTY ID # 224783000 Councilman Rob Gowin made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Second by Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae Motion Passes 5:0 Discussion: City Manager mentioned that the City Council discussed at the workshop the possibility of observing Veterans' Day on Monday, November 10, 2025, instead of November 11, 2025, allowing for the employees to have a 3-day weekend and for the City Council meeting to remain on November 11, 2025.
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	

MINUTES APPROVAL - SEPTEMBER 05, 2024 COUNCIL AGENDA WORKSHOP AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPROVING THE 2025 HOLIDAY CALENDAR AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY OR THE MOVING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SET FOR THE SAME DATE.

CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) PURSUIT-RATED CHEVROLET TAHOES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS BUDGETED IN THE FY 2024-2025 BUDGET.

CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION OF AUTHORIZING STAFF TO DECLARE SURPLUS AND SELL/AUCTION CERTAIN VEHICLES FROM THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION OF ACTION APPROVING A RESOLUTION ADOPTING FISCAL AND BUDGETARY POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS.

CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPROVING UTILITY BILLING WRITE-OFFS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION AWARDDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUNNYDALE STREET LIFT STATION SEP PROJECT.

Councilman Rob Gowin made the motion to approve the award of the construction of the Sunnydale Street lift station SEP Project in the amount of \$460,000 to Capps-Capco Inc.

Second by Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae

Motion Passes 5:0

In May 2022, the City entered into a professional services agreement with Stokes and Associates to design, bid, and oversee the construction of the Sunnydale Street Lift Station Supplemental Environmental Project. The proposed SEP will involve the installation of a new wastewater lift station to be located along Sunnydale St. east of S.Bolton Street. This proposed lift station will primarily provide sewer service to an apartment complex and a local commercial customer. Due to the overloaded conditions occurring in the City’s sewer collection system during periods of heavy rainfall, the apartment complex in particular experiences backups in its sewer system. The proposed lift station will be constructed to current TCEQ standards and will include the installation of a wet well, wastewater pumps, associated piping, electrical controls, installation of a manual transfer switch and backup power capabilities during periods of power outages and an automatic telephone dialer that will be installed to alert City staff that a power outage or a pump problem has occurred. This SEP project was designed and then bid for installation by a competent contractor.

The City received 5 bids. The low bid was \$460,000 from Capps-Capco Inc. The design engineer recommended awarding the project to the low bidder. Construction is expected to commence prior to the end of the calendar year. This project does compliment the larger 7 million dollar sewer project.

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Councilman Letitia Horace made the motion to deny the zoning change from B to G with the Special Use Permit

Second by Mayor Pro Tem Tim McRae

Motion Passes 5:0

The City Manager opened the item with an explanation regarding the different zoning types and the uses thereof. He further explained the additional restrictions of a Special Use Permit (SUP). The applicant, Troy Dorman, has applied for

B) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WITH POSSIBLE ACTION APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE WITH A SPECIAL USE PERMIT

the zoning with the intention of erecting a residential treatment facility. The applicant specifically applied for the following:

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The Planning and Zoning Commission met in a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, to review a requested zone change. The board voted unanimously to deny the request for the zone change and the special use permit.

Public Hearing
Mayor Gorham opened the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Two speakers spoke against the zone change - Pastor Tommy Starks and Dr. Kenya Etim
One speaker spoke for the zone change - Zoning Applicant, Troy Dorman

Mayor Gorham closed the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Discussion: Councilman Horace stated that she appreciated the premise behind what the applicant was trying to accomplish, but she had to listen very closely to her constituents. She further offered concerns regarding the safety of the current residents and the cost to be admitted to the facility and subsequently the ability for veterans to be able to afford the treatment. Councilman Gowin communicated that the plan and the design did not seem to fit the available land space. He would like to see a more detailed plan.

ANY ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY

No action to consider

OPEN FORUM FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Rob Gowin expressed his gratitude to the citizens of District 1 for participating in the democratic process by being present at the meeting and expressing their desires for their community.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manger Report:

- 1.Update on the Boating Access Grant - The construction is delayed until November 2025. The completion date is still on schedule for late May.
- 2. Community Health Fair - October 24, 2025, from 11a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 3. National Night Out results video shared.

ADJOURN

Mayor adjourned at 6:43 p.m.