

**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 30, 2017**  
**Jacksonville, Alabama**

The City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met for the regular rescheduled Council Meeting on Thursday, March 30, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room at the Public Safety Complex, 911 Public Safety Drive, Jacksonville, Alabama. Council President Sandra Fox Sudduth called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Upon roll call, the following Council Members were present: Jerry Parris, Jimmy L. Harrell, Jr., Tony Taylor and Coty Galloway. Mayor and Financial Control Officer (FCO)/City Administrator were present. City Clerk and City Attorney were absent. City Attorney had a representative present.

A motion was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Parris, to approve the Minutes from March 13, 2017. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

The Council President asked for corrections or additions to the Agenda. There was one.

A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Harrell, to adopt the Agenda as amended.

***Amend Item 24:*** Consider action for adjournment into an Executive Session under the provisions of the Code of Alabama Section 36-25A-7(a)(6) to discuss consideration for the purchase and/or sale of real property.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS.**

- a. Mr. A.G. Baggett
- b. Ms. Sharon Abernathy
- c. Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Basketball Teams
- d. Arts Festival Day—April 22, 2017

Proclamations and Recognitions made part of Minutes. Mike Abrams, Vice Chair of the Civil Service Board (CSB) also spoke to recognize A.G. Baggett and Sharon Abernathy.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** The Council President asked for comments concerning current Agenda items. There were none.

**ORDINANCE O-594-17: RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL.** A motion was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Parris, to approve Ordinance O-594-17 Ordinance Amending Sections 5-4, 5-5, 5-30, 5-52, 5-53, 5-62, 5-115 and Creating Sections 5-6, 5-7, 5-64, 5-65, 5-116, and Deleting Section 5-54 of Chapter 5 –Animals of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama Relating to Animal Control (received First Reading on March 13, 2017). Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**AGREEMENT: GAS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY.** A motion was made by Council Member Parris, seconded by Council Member Galloway, to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the Water Works, Gas and Sewer Board (WWG&SB), to sign the three (3) year Gas Management Agreement with CenterPoint Energy, per the attached agreement. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**AGREEMENT: MASTER SERVICES AND PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH TASER.** A motion was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Taylor, to authorize the Mayor, to sign the five (5) year Master Services and Purchasing Agreement with TASER for the purchase of Police Body Cameras with accessories, software, and data storage, per the attached Agreement. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.** A motion was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Galloway, to approve the list of Volunteer Firefighters, per the attached list. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**RESIGNATIONS.** A motion was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Taylor, to approve the following resignations:

- a. Coley Pritchett, Part-Time Firefighter/EMT, effective immediately.
- b. Jennifer Hovater, Clerical Assistant at the Fire Department, effective immediately.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**CSB LIST REQUEST.** A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Galloway, to request the Civil Service Board (CSB) to provide a list of eligible applications for the following positions:

- a. Part-Time/Substitute Firefighter/EMT, Range 11 or Part-Time/Substitute Firefighter/Paramedic, Range 11A, due to the resignation of Coley Pritchett.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**EMPLOYMENT.** A motion was made by Council Member Harrell, seconded by Council Member Parris, to approve the following employment:

- a. Chad Gregory, Part-Time/Substitute Firefighter/Paramedic, Range 11A, Step 1, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273, due to the resignation of Matthew Lowery.
- b. Angela Cobbs (currently employed as the Receptionist/Clerical Assistant in the City Clerk's Office), Clerical Assistant at the Fire Department, Range 7, Step 5, effective April 5, 2017, due to the resignation of Jennifer Hovater.
- c. Andrew Reece Johnson, Police Officer, Range 15, Step 1, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273, due to the resignation of Christopher Callender.
- d. Jonathan Isaac Dickson, Police Officer, Range 15, Step 1, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273, due to the resignation of Ashley Roper.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**RECLASSIFICATION.** A motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Galloway, to approve the following reclassification:

- a. Kyle Webb, from Firefighter, Range 7, Step 2, to Firefighter/EMT, Range 11, Step 2 (please note typographical error on Agenda which reflected Range 11, Step 1), due to successfully completing his EMT-Basic.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**BOARD RESIGNATION.** A motion was made with regrets by Council Member Parris, seconded by Council Member Taylor, to approve the following board resignation:

- a. Emily Lipscomb, Jacksonville Arts Council, effective immediately.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS.** Motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Harrell, to approve the following:

**Purchases Over \$5,000.00.**

1. FIRE

- a. \$5,760.91 to North America Fire Equipment Co., Inc. for the purchase of uniforms.

**Disposition of Surplus Property.**

1. FINANCE

- a. Scrap Brother printer HL5470DW, Serial No. U63080E2J162733, Decal No. 6910.

- b. Scrap Brother printer HL5470DW, Serial No. U63080C4N657867, Decal No. 7207
- 2. PLANNING & BUILDING
  - a. Scrap Dell Laptop and charger, Serial No. CN-0HN338-48642-7AG-0479.

Step Advancements.

- 1. CITY CLERK
  - a. Angela Cobbs, Range 7, Step 4, effective April 3, 2017.
- 2. FIRE
  - a. Gregory Graham, Range 7, Step 2, effective April 8, 2017.
  - b. Christopher Storey, Range 11, Step 2, effective April 7, 2017.
  - c. Justin Bryant, Range 7, Step 2, effective April 6, 2017.
- 3. POLICE
  - a. Susan Tidwell, Range 12, Step 7, effective May 27, 2017.

Upon vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** The Council President asked for comments. There was one.

<b>Name and address. Topic and statement.</b>
Christy Wallace, Jacksonville Library Employee. Possible cost for single health insurance coverage. Concerned because heard about it from the newspaper, not boss. Feels a lot of employees would quit if this happens.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS.**

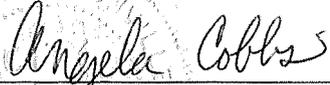
- CM Harrell: Appreciate comments from Christy Wallace and the topic she mentioned is in its very early stages of discussion. It was brought up at the previous Work Session (for the first time) because that is where ideas are to be discussed. Expressed thanks to A.G. Baggett and Sharon Abernathy for service on CSB and to the All-Star Teams and Coaches for their hard work and dedication.
- CM Parris: Items such as health insurance cost are discussed every year during the budget discussion which just started early this year.
- CM Taylor: Echoes remarks of appreciation to the Civil Service Board Members and the All-Star Teams and appreciates those in attendance.
- Council President Sudduth: Appreciates attendance by members of the School Board, CSB, and Library. Library recognized with Bronze Award for being one of the best libraries in the state.

**MAYOR'S REPORT.**

- Monday, April 3, 2017, Train Depot, Reception to honor CSB Members Abernathy and Baggett.
- Saturday, April 8, 2017, Farmers Market on the Square begins.
- Saturday, April 8, 2017, Neighborhood Mill Village Clean-Up Day.
- Saturday, April 22, 2017, Take Pride in Jacksonville, 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, April 22, 2017, Fair on the Square by Jacksonville Arts Council, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Harrell, to adjourn into an Executive Session under the provisions of the Code of Alabama Section 36-25A-7(a)(6) to discuss consideration for the purchase and/or sale of real property. Upon roll call vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: Council President Sudduth, Council Members Parris, Harrell, Taylor and Galloway; Nays: None. The Council President announced the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Angela Cobbs  
Acting City Clerk  
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Sandra Fox Sudduth  
Council President