

**City Council
Regular Work Session Minutes
Jacksonville, Alabama
December 23, 2019**

The Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met on December 23, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room of the Public Safety Complex, 911 Public Safety Drive SW, Jacksonville, Alabama for a Regular Work Session. Council President Sandra Fox Sudduth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Jerry Parris, Terry Wilson, Tony Taylor, and Coty Galloway. Mayor Johnny L. Smith, City Administrator Albertha Grant, City Attorney Richard Rhea and City Clerk Brenda Sandoval were present.

MINUTES. No changes to the minutes.

PROPERTY DEMOLITIONS. Mark Williams discussed the demolition of 2 properties in the City that are on the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Mr. Williams stated that the house has been abandoned and is unsafe.

RESCUE PUMPER COMMITTEE AND AERIAL APPARATUS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. Chief Kadle handed out a sheet explaining the Fire Tax balance and plans of use (See attached). He stated that most of our fire tax will come in January 2020. In looking at what is proposed and taking in the consideration of what they plan to spend, there will be right under \$800,000.00 left. Should take 1 year for the ladder truck and 12-14 months on the pumper. Council Member Wilson asked about the Grant. Grant writer says he feels like we have a good chance and chief says he feels good about it. Chief feels if we have a least half million left in fire tax the Fire Department is doing good.

PROPOSED STEP RAISE POLICY CHANGE REGARDING POLICE OFFICERS. Chief Wood is requesting a policy change that would allow officers to be granted a step raise when they graduate from the Police Academy. Mrs. Grant stated that the amount he is talking about is less than \$1,000.00. Council Member Sudduth feels this would help with the retention of officers in the City. Will be on upcoming agendas.

MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULES FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND NEW YEAR'S EVE 2020. New Year's Eve 2020 falls on a Thursday and New Year's Day on Friday. Council agreed to give the City Employees the full day on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2020 along with the already voted on New Year's Day, January 1, 2021.

Memorial Day Holiday is Monday, May 25, 2020 and it is also a Scheduled Council Meeting date. Council members agreed to move the Council Meeting to Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at normal time.

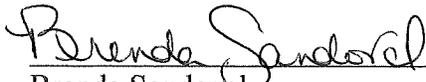
CHASE BUILDING GROUP PROPOSAL FOR JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER. Mayor Smith wanted to make the Council aware that he. Projected start date was

this week, but he doesn't see much getting done with the Holiday. Sandra Sudduth stated that we need to be safe and that this would definitely be classed as an emergency.

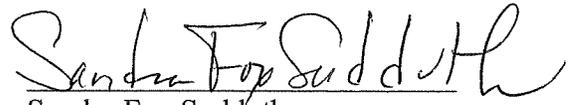
OTHER BUSINESS. There was no other business

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brenda Sandoval
City Clerk



Sandra Fox Sudduth
Council President