

**City Council
Regular Work Session Minutes
Jacksonville, Alabama
January 27, 2020**

The Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met on January 27, 2020, 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 Pro-Tempore Jerry Parris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Terry Wilson, Tony Taylor, and Coty Galloway. Council President Sandra Sudduth was absent. 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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION. Mark Williams received an email letting the City know that we must update our Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance by March 6, 2020. There are new changes that will help with enforcement and permitting. This is not optional, but mandatory by the state since we are under FEMA regulations. The Ordinance has been reviewed by Mrs. Albertha Grant, Mrs. Brenda Sandoval, and Richard Rhea. First reading is on tonight's Agenda. Council President Pro-Tempore Jerry Parris asked to be provided a copy that shows the changes made to the Ordinance.

BID NO. 20-03, REMOUNT OF AMBULANCE MODULE. Chief Kadle stated this was budgeted at \$140,000.00 and the only Bid that was received came in at \$143,490.00. The amount over he believes is due to mandated changes. Tony Taylor asked why only one business responded. Chief Kadle stated that the Bid specified the company must be certified for this type of remount.

SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JOAN B. YOUNG. Angie Crane explained that Joan Young retired December 31, 2019. That leaves Angie Crane and the new magistrate Renea Rochus in the office. At this time Renea Rochus is still in training and having Joan Young come in a couple days a week will help Angie Crane with Renea Rochus' continued training. Also, Joan Young can be used to fill in when either Angie Crane or Renea Rochus needs to be out. Angie Crane stated that the funds for this can be taken out of the Court Reserve to pay Joan Young and she would normally be in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

BID 20-02, REFURBISHMENT OF ONE (1) 1996 E-ONE CYCLONE PUMPER. After talking with Richard Rhea about the Bids received, Chief Kadle is asking that all Bids received be rejected and that it be re-bid.

SPARKLIGHT FIBER INTERNET INSTALLATION. Laura Copeland explained that the phone system at City Hall is out of warranty and has been for the past 1 ½ years. Sparklight gives the City the ability to add fiber to City Hall, the Library, the Street Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department, to include the Senior Center and the shop behind. The cost

per month will be approximately \$300.00 more than what we pay at this time. In time, it could save the City \$11,000.00 per year.

Mark Huey from Sparklight explained that installing fiber city wide would make the City more secure and robust with a centralized point of contact. Tony Taylor asked how often the prices change. Mark Huey stated that the prices have actually been going down in the past few years and he sees that trend continuing. Tim Smith added that in the proposal the rates are locked for 3 years.

Tim Smith explained that the phone system we currently have at City Hall is no longer supportable. This new system will help to manage credentials and identity.

Both Laura Copeland and Tim Smith recommend Option 1 of the agreement. This option only excludes the Train Depot and Fire Station 1, but these can be added at a later date. This option delivers the fiber connection to more locations. The goal is to get the entire City under one "umbrella". This will be added to the Agenda.

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE. Mark Williams, the structural engineer, and Bart Dawson with Chase Buildings met at the Community Center after the wall was opened up. Mark Williams took a video showing the issues with the wall. He stated that three things caused this to fail: 1) the anchor bolts were put in too low, 2) the plans called for angled bolts but straight ones were used, and 3) wood blocking was used instead of the steel tubes that the plans called for. The structural engineer is proposing that all brick and windows on this wall be removed all the way down to the pool awning, to include any metal. Mark Stephens sent all reports from the structural engineer to Bart Dawson. The structural engineer also recommends that an architect be hired. Mark Williams stated that the job was not done per the drawing/plans and that is why we are here. Council agrees that it has to be fixed.

SICK LEAVE POLICY. Joy Seijo explained that a request was made by Paige Parris to change our sick leave policy to include siblings/brothers/sisters. There is concern for possible abuse of sick leave; however, it was decided that it is the employees to use and if it is abused, it needs to be handled by the supervisor. Item will be on the next Council Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:


Brenda Sandoval
City Clerk


Jerry Parris
Council President Pro-Tempore



