

**City Council
Regular Work Session Minutes
Jacksonville, Alabama
March 23, 2020**

The Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met on March 23, 2020, at 6:30 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 Sudduth called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIRS UPDATE. Bart Dawson was unable to be here to discuss as planned. A proposal to do the remaining work is for \$49,471.00. There are no more apparent failures in the rest of the building. Mayor Smith asked if it would need to be bid out and City Attorney Richard Rhea said it should not be necessary. A second phase may be added to fix the lower roof.

DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM. Police Chief Marcus Wood introduced the Driver Education Program. This program allows for the Judge, in agreement with the City Attorney, to sentence someone with a traffic violation to the program in lieu of paying the ticket. The violator will be expected to complete the program within 90 days. It will cost the violator \$200.00 and a \$50 deposit must be paid to hold the violators spot in a class with the remaining due at time of class. Once complete, the ticket is dropped and will not go on the violators record and a certificate will be given that can be turned into the violator's insurance. Police Chief Wood will teach the class once a month. This is on tonight's Agenda for a vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX POND. Mark Stephens explained that Building, Earth & Science provided a cost to assess the Public Safety Complex Pond for \$9,200.00 (per the attached). They cannot do any evaluation with water in the pond. Two options are available:

- 1) Wait until summer for the water to go down on its own
- 2) Pump the water out

Council agreed to wait for the dry season and asked Mark Stephens to inquire as to how long the price is good for.

TAKE PRIDE IN JACKSONVILLE DAY, APRIL 25, 2020. Will have to be postponed due to the current COVID-19 situation. Hoping to do it sometime in the fall.

THIRD FRIDAYS. Have been cancelled at this time but are hoping it can be brought back at a later date. There is a possibility of having one large event once COVID-19 pandemic is over..

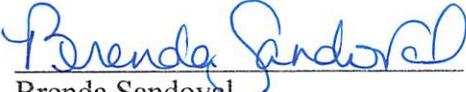
FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS. The Council Members decided to continue doing the meetings under the normal protocol and to leave them open to the public for as long as possible. Will re-evaluate at a later date if the situation deems it necessary.

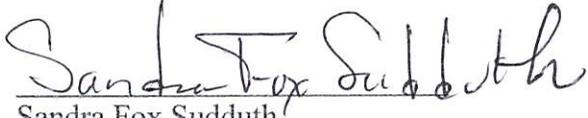
OTHER BUSINESS.

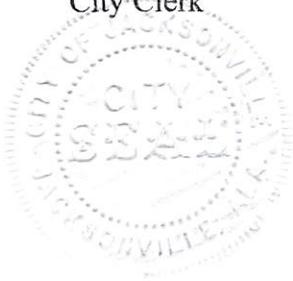
- Mayor wanted to discuss the rock at the cemetery on Church Ave that the City is bidding out. ALDOT has stated that an additive alternative bid will not be allowed. Mayor plans to look into this some more but if it stands, the project may have to be re-bid, which will add another year to it.
- Mayor updated the Council about the foggers. Two have already been ordered and they decided to order two more. They have 16 gallons of chemicals coming with the first order. The 2nd order of foggers and chemicals is on back order indefinitely. The school has one currently and they have allowed the Fire Department to use until the new ones come in. Fire Chief Keith Kadle wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for the way they have taken care of all the departments.
- Safe Room is open. This is our tornado season and we will keep it open but will try to isolate anyone who is sick. Will ask citizens as they come in and if necessary put people who are not feeling well in a different area.
- Council Member Taylor expressed his appreciation of the Mayor and all the staff and how well everything is running. Mayor clarified that most of our departments are now working from home and when we have to be at the office we are practicing the social distancing guidelines.
- Mayor thanked all city employees for all the hard work they are doing to keep the City going during this time.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:


Brenda Sandoval
City Clerk


Sandra Fox Sudduth
Council President



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