

**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 8, 2020**  
**Jacksonville, Alabama**

The City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met for the Regular Council Meeting on June 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room at the Public Safety Complex, 911 Public Safety Drive, Jacksonville, Alabama. Council President Pro-Tempore Jerry Parris called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Upon roll call, the following Council Members were present: Terry Wilson, Tony Taylor, and Coty Galloway. Council President Sandra Fox Sudduth was absent. Mayor Johnny L. Smith, City Administrator Albertha Grant, City Attorney Richard Rhea and City Clerk Brenda Sandoval were present.

**COVID-19 MEETING RULES.** City Clerk Brenda Sandoval read the COVID-19 meeting rules.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the Minutes from the May 26, 2020 Regular Work Session and Regular Council Meeting. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA.**

City Administrator noted there were additions to the Agenda as follows:

***Main Agenda:***

***Add:***

***Item 10a:*** Consider action to authorize the Mayor to sign the Lease Agreement with Leaf Capital Funding, LLC, for funding of copy machines from ABS Business Systems for the Police Department.

***Item 10b:*** Consider action to approve JPWP #20-103, Water Service Replacement and AMR System and authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the Water Works, Gas and Sewer Board, to sign any necessary documents.

***Executive Session:*** Consider a motion to enter into an Executive Session under the provisions of the Code of Alabama Section 36-25A-7(a)(3) to discuss with the City Attorney a certain matter not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated.

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A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the Agenda as amended. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION FOR FY2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) LARGE CITIES FUND.** A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant application to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) for FY2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Large Cities Fund Grant Assistance for Sanitary Sewer Improvements in various locations. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**DON JAMES CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR JPWP#20-102.** A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Don James Construction for JPWP#20-102, Removal of Masonry Veneer of West Wall at Jacksonville Community Center. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**ABS BUSINESS SYSTEMS LEASE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.** A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Lease and Maintenance agreement with ABS Business Systems for four (4) copy machines at the Police Department. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS.**

A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the following:

**PURCHASES OVER \$5,000.00.**

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- a. \$8,455.00 to Acker Electric, Inc., to replace and repair power pole at Henry Farm Ballpark.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS.** The Council President Pro-Tempore asked for comments concerning general items. There were four (4).

- Keith Kadle, 1508 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE: On Sunday, June 7, 2020 the Jacksonville Fire Department responded to a call at the Hampton Inn. It was a 4-year-old little girl who had drown in the swimming pool. Latest update is that she is expected to make a full recovery thanks to 911 dispatchers, Fire and EMS crews. Chief Wood stated that he spoke with the child's mother around 5:00 p.m. and she wanted to thank everyone for all they did; they will be spending one more night in the hospital and then are expected to come home.
- Sarah Donley, 7030 Alexandria/Jacksonville Hwy: Mentioned the potential removal of the monuments in our city, especially the one on the square. Introduced her colleague, Mary Springer who had done an in-depth research on the history of our Monuments.
- Mary Springer, 204 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE: Wrote the provenance of the Confederate Monument on the Jacksonville Square titled Confederate Monument "to soldiers of Calhoun County". Explained, in depth, the research that she compiled about the monuments in the City. She recommended, if the time comes that the monuments need to be removed, that the City use a building to have a History Museum of sorts and move the monuments there.
- Peter Leavitt, "Peter the Patriot", PO Box 1245: Expressed his opinions on the COVID-19 Pandemic to include the effects it has had on our economy and the ways that the government chose to handle it. And expressed his opinions on the current unrest around the world to include the possible destruction and taking down of monuments in the city.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REMARKS.** The Council President Pro-Tempore asked for comments. There was none.

**MAYOR'S REPORT.**

- The Mayor wanted to express how amazing it is to hear that the 4-year-old girl's life was saved because of the terrific job by our Fire Department. Such a positive note amid such a crazy year.
- **Demonstrations in City:** The Mayor wanted to address the demonstrations that have been held at the Jacksonville Square. He is thankful that people have had the opportunity to express their feelings and that it has all been peaceful.

**OTHER BUSINESS.** The Council President Pro-Tempore asked if there was any other business. There was none.

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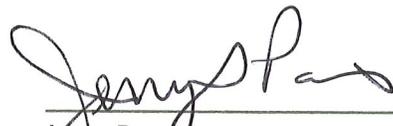
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**CONSIDER ACTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.** A motion was made by Council Member Galloway, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adjourn into an Executive Session under the provisions of Section 36-25A-7(a)(1) to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of individuals, or, subject to the limitations set out herein, to discuss the job performance of certain public employees and under the provisions of the Code of Alabama Section 36-25A-7(a)(3) to discuss with the City Attorney a certain matter not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. Upon roll call vote of the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: Council President Pro-Tempore Parris, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Taylor, and Council Member Galloway; Nays: None. Council President Sudduth was absent. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Sandoval  
City Clerk

  
Jerry Parris  
Council President Pro-Tempore

