

**City Council
Regular Work Session Minutes
Jacksonville, Alabama
June 22, 2020**

The Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met on June 22, 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 Sandra Fox Sudduth called the meeting to order at 6:05 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.

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

MINUTES. No changes to the minutes.

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY UPDATE – MIKE HINDMAN:
Mike Hindman with the CDA explained the past year the Façade Grant was successful in helping to improve the look of some of the buildings around the square. He used the examples of Heirloom Taco and Recollected Books. The CDA has also implemented a Welcome New Business Recognition Program. Heirloom Taco was the first recipient, receiving a plaque at their ribbon cutting. Currently, the CDA is working on an Existing Business Spotlight Program. They plan on trying to do a full page in the Chambers Find It Local and a half page in the Jacksonville News, thanking all businesses for continuing to be a part of the Jacksonville Community. The Business Development Grant Program is a new program will help new businesses or existing business may need to expand with expenses that may be stopping them from moving forward. At this time, the CDA has received 2 applications and is looking for more in the future.

SOUTHERN LIGHT, LLC, -- MARK STEPHENS:
Southern Light purchased M2 Connections. After speaking with Richard Rhea, it was decided that a new franchise agreement should be signed with the new company name. This agreement will allow Southern Light to put their fiber optics in our city right of ways and the city in turn receives a franchise fee.

ELECTION QUALIFYING FEES.
Mayor Smith recommended leaving the fees at \$25.00. Council discussed and agreed to not change the qualifying fees for the 2020 Municipal Election.

OTHER BUSINESS.

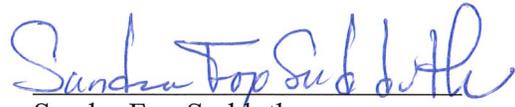
- Council Member Galloway asked if there was an update on the Community Center. The Mayor said that it is moving along. The company is doing a good job making sure that the work doesn't interfere with other activities. But we do not have a time frame.
- Tony Taylor asked if the Pool was working well with the changes in how it is open and run. The pool hours are: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and they are sanitizing in between sessions.
- Mayor Smith wanted to mention a couple of things that are on the Agenda tonight. One being the Public Awareness Program. This helps get letters with information about natural gas to 6,000 citizens. The other is the Job Descriptions, they did make one change. Chris Patterson needs the position of Lead WasteWater Operator III to be left in the approved Job Descriptions. He needs someone in this position when he is not able to be there and this is an ADEM requirement.
- Council President Sudduth thanked everyone for their hard work and a job well done on the job descriptions.
- City Clerk Brenda Sandoval asked all of the Council Members to bring their code books to City Hall at their convenience so they can be updated.
- Mayor Smith asked everyone to remember the family of Ollie Noles, his daughter passed away.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

ATTEST:



Brenda Sandoval
City Clerk



Sandra Fox Sudduth
Council President

