

**City Council
Work Session Minutes
Jacksonville, Alabama
January 11, 2021**

The Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met on January 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom meeting for a Regular Work Session. Council President Tony K. Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Coty Galloway, Andrew Green, Sherry Laster, and Terry Wilson. 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.

ORDINANCE REGARDING CORNER LOTS – MARK STEPHENS. Mark Stephens explained the following changes to the Corner Lots Ordinance:

- Totally doing away with the citizen appealing to the Board of Adjustments for an exception.
- Allowing fences taller than 4 feet in the designated second front yard.

This will be added to the Agenda for the January 25, 2021 Council Meeting to set a date for the Public Hearing.

EMERGENCY SICK LEAVE (ESL) DISCUSSION – JOY SEIJO. Joy Seijo explained to the Council that the ESL has currently ended and she is asking the Council to consider funding the leave through March 2021. There is a chance the leave could be extended or reimbursement but at this time it is not. Council agreed. This will be added to tonight's Agenda for voting.

2021 SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS TAX HOLIDAY. Mayor Smith reminded the Council this was discussed at the last Work Session. Council President Taylor suggested participating this time, seeing what the effect to the City's revenue is and determining future participation from that information. This will be added to tonight's Agenda for voting.

HOME INSPECTION REPORT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1001 10th AVENUE, NE – MARK WILLIAMS. Mark Williams allowed Mr. Bushey to explain everything in his timeline and answer any questions that may be asked. Based on the report, the structural integrity is good. Council agreed to give Mr. Bushey the time asked on his timeline with Mark Williams giving a progress report to the Council every two weeks.

OTHER BUSINESS. Council President Taylor asked if there was any other business.

- George Douthit Sidewalks: Mark Stephens explained there is another chance at a grant for this project through the Recreational Trail Project. Council President Taylor wants to try for the grant to help save the taxpayers money. Council agrees to move forward with trying for the Grant. Council Member Galloway added this was the third time

trying for a grant for this project and if the City gets denied once again, he would like to see the Council approve the project and move forward out of the City's funds.

- Council Member Green explained to the Council of a non-profit group looking to form in the historic mill area. Wanted to see if the City would consider playing a role in this group's plan for the Mill area. Council Member Wilson stated the Council could not make any decisions without more information. Council is open to seeing what the group has to offer.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



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