

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

The Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met on October 11, 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 Tony Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES. No changes to the minutes.

ARPA PROJECTS/EXPENDITURES. City Administrator Albertha Grant went through the list of ARPA projects with the Council, asking for any changes they may want and asking for guidance on the COVID Hardship Compensation and Outside Agencies. Council decided to go with Option b, all FT employees receive \$1,200 and PT receives \$600 regardless of hiring date for the COVID Hardship Compensation. Council also decided to zero out the IDB's funding for FY22 with the note they will be allowed to return to the Council with a request if their current funding is not enough to cover an expense.

Council President Taylor stated he would like to keep the reserve amount of \$106,379 as a buffer for the other projects. Approving the ARPA Project Budget is on the agenda for voting tonight.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. City Administrator Albertha Grant went over the list of Capital Improvement Projects with the Council. The 755K Loader for the Landfill is on the agenda for approval as a 5-year lease agreement. The cost of this will be split with Piedmont.

COTTON CREEK DETENTION POND. Mayor gave the Council an update on the Cotton Creek project. Property owner of the land for the pond has been given 3 options to choose from for a detention pond and if the owner agrees to one, the straightening of the drainage ditch will not be necessary per the engineers. Waiting on response from property owner.

OTHER BUSINESS.

- Council Member Wilson asked if the City plans to make a decision on Halloween. After discussion, the Council has decided to announce the City will recognize Halloween on Saturday, October 30, 2021.
- Council Member Wilson asked for an update on Retail Strategies due to questions being asked. Mrs. Grant stated she planned to get the Committee together to go over the information received and then schedule a special called meeting to invite Retail Strategies to come and speak and answer questions.
- Council Member Green asked the Council if they would be open to a business who recently opened coming in and sharing their experience with the Council on how the process went. Council is open to this idea.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:



Brenda Sandoval
City Clerk

Tony Taylor
Council President