

**City Council
Work Session Minutes
Jacksonville, Alabama
October 25, 2021**

The Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met on October 25, 2021, 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 PREMIUM PAY. After discussion of the two options, the Council decided to move forward with the Resolution with only 2 requirements. This is on the Agenda for voting tonight.

WARRANTY DEED WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. Mayor explained the reason and details about the Warranty Deed to the Council. He asked to have “declaring the property surplus” added to the agenda item for voting.

SPYGLASS AUDIT. City Administrator Albertha Grant shared with the Council her interim summary of recommendations by SpyGlass in their audit. No charge will be given unless the city chooses to implement anything from the audit. Mrs. Grant will have a final report for the November 8, 2021 Work Session.

MUNICIPAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES. Mayor gave Tim Smith the opportunity to speak. He thanked the city for the great relationship and stated he is looking forward to another great year. These contracts are on the agenda for voting tonight.

JOB DESCRIPTION DISCUSSIONS:

- a. **Firefighter/EMT:** Randy Childs explained the changes needed to the Firefighter/EMT position. Extending the time frame from 3 years to 5 years for certifications. This is on the agenda for voting tonight.
- b. **Code Enforcement Officer:** Joy explained the need for changes to the job description to make it fit the move to the Police Department. Chief Wood explained that this position would fall into the Special Operations Unit. Adding to the agenda for voting tonight.

NEW CITY HALL. Mayor believes the Council should have a called Work Session dedicated to the new City Hall Project. Council member Wilson requests a cost comparison of the three options. Council will send questions to the Mayor that will be forwarded on to Bill Whittaker and at that time they will announce a Called Work Session.


GARBAGE FEE. Mayor informed the Council of the yearly price increase for garbage services due to the Consumer Price Index. This increase will begin December 1, 2021. Council President Taylor inquired about the length left on the contract and the possibility of making changes due to ongoing issues with Republic Services.

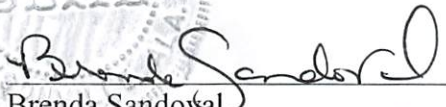
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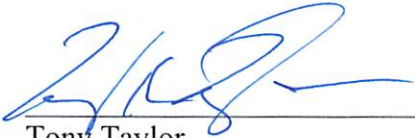
- Council Member Laster asked for an update from Schneider on the Eastwood property. Mark Williams and Mark Stephens were not available to give an update.
- Council Member Laster inquired on the saferoom grant at Eastwood. Mark Stephens was not available to give an update.
- Council member Laster asked about the progress on the Cotton Creek project. The Mayor explained he was still waiting on a response from the property owner.
- Council Member Green asked if the striping on Church was temporary. The paint seems to already be fading, making it hard to see.
- Mayor informed the group the Christmas parade would be on November 30, 2021. Need to know how many vehicles they will be using. Council agreed on one truck, trailer and car.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:




Brenda Sandoval
City Clerk


Tony Taylor
Council President