

**City Council  
Work Session Minutes  
Jacksonville, Alabama  
October 23, 2023**

The Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met on October 23, 2023, 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 Smith, City Attorney Richard Rhea, City Administrator Albertha Grant, and City Clerk Brenda Long were present.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES.** No changes to minutes.

**KIWIBOT DISCUSSION.** The Council had an extensive discussion on the areas of concern with the KiwiBot's crossing the highways, not having adequate sidewalks and right-of-way for them to operate outside Jacksonville State University. Police Chief Marcus Wood stated it may be possible in the future for them to expand outside the University, but at this time he does not recommend it. The Council decided not to allow at this time.

**COUNCIL MEETING DISCUSSION TIME.** Council President Taylor gave options for changing the times of the meetings. City Clerk Brenda Long presented the Council with a draft agenda and minutes showing what it would look like if they place the Work Session within the Council Meeting. This would allow the invocation, pledge, and proclamations/recognitions to be handled at the beginning of the meeting, followed by the Work Session as the next item, and then voting on all business. This change would have to be approved through an Ordinance. After approval, the Ordinance would be printed in the paper, placed on the website and social media, and posted at all departments within the city to ensure notice is given to the citizens. The Council would like to move forward with placing the Work Session within the Council Meeting with an effective date of January 8, 2024.

**BANNERS FOR PUBLIC SQUARE.** Janis Burns gave an update on the banners and cost for them. Suggested purchasing one season (10 banners) to see how they hold up. Jacksonville State University will use the same company and purchase 10 with their design. Each pole on the square with alternate between City of Jacksonville and JSU.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**


- **Council Member Galloway:** Requested moving forward with the committee for generating more revenue within the city. Council had a discussion and agreed to Terry Wilson, Andrew Green, Police Chief Marcus Wood, and Fire Chief Keith Kadle to move forward with discussions on how to generate more revenue.
- **Council Member Green:** Asked for an update on things with the Calhoun County Commissioner Lee Patterson. City is up to date and will be on the agenda.
- **Council Member Wilson:** Eastwood Committee should have a final cost for the Eastwood project soon; will meet and discuss options for the project.

- **Council President Taylor:** Asked for discussion on having some type of device for the Council Members to use for access to paperwork and documents needed for meetings. Tim Smith gave his suggestions and also let the Council know their options. The Council requested he bring quotes to the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Brenda Long  
City Clerk

  
Tony Taylor  
Council President