

**City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2024  
Jacksonville, Alabama**

The City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, met for a Council Meeting on January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room at the Public Safety Complex, 911 Public Safety Drive, Jacksonville, Alabama. Council President Pro-Tempore Coty Galloway called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Upon roll call, the following Council Members were present: Andrew Green, Sherry Laster, and Terry Wilson. The following Council Member was absent: Tony Taylor. Mayor Johnny Smith, City Administrator Albertha Grant, City Attorney Richard Rhea, and City Clerk Brenda Long were present.

**PROCLAMATION:** Human Trafficking Awareness Month – January 2024.

**WORK SESSION.**

- a) **Access and Pedestrian Safety Project – Marcus Wood.** The City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville State University, and ADEM have been collaborating on changes to pedestrian safety throughout the city. Police Chief Marcus Wood gave a presentation sharing proposed improvements pending the Public Involvement meeting on February 15, 2024; 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex. Council Member Green suggested updating the signage around the square at the same time.
- b) **Garbage and Health & Sanitation Fees Increase.** Mayor Smith explained the increase of the Garbage and Health and Sanitation rates due to the annual CPI (Consumer Price Index). Garbage will increase to \$21.79 and Health & Sanitation will increase to \$10.90.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES.** A motion was made by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the Minutes from the December 15, 2023, Called Council Meeting and the December 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting and Work Session. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA.**

City Administrator noted there were amendments to the agenda as follows:

***Main Agenda:***

***Add:***

***Item 8a: Consider action to enter into an Executive Session under the provision of the Code of Alabama, Section 36-25A-7(a)(1) to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of individuals or certain public employees.***

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**Item 15: Consider action to approve the employment of the following:**  
**c. Mathew Lee Walden, Part-Time Public Safety Communications Officer, Range 12, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273, due to the reassignment of Allyson Roth.**

**Item 15a: Consider action to approve the termination of the following:**  
**a. Patrick Huntley, Police Officer, effective immediately.**

A motion was made by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Green, to adopt the agenda as amended. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** A motion was made by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to enter an Executive Session under the provisions of the Code of Alabama, Section 36-25A-7(a)(1) to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence, or mental health of individuals or certain public employees. Upon roll call vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: Council Member Galloway, Council Member Green, Council Member Laster, and Council Member Wilson; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried. Council President Pro-Tempore Galloway announced they would be in Executive Session for about 15 minutes. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:31 p.m.

Council returned to the meeting and Council President Pro-Tempore Galloway called the meeting back to order at 6:49 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** The Council President Pro-Tempore asked for comments concerning current Agenda items. There was none.

**PUBLIC HEARING.** The Council President Pro-Tempore opened the Public Hearing regarding the rezoning request of Bob and Regina Austin for property located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Mountain Street, NE and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NE, Jacksonville, Alabama at 6:50 p.m. The Council President Pro-Tempore asked for comments concerning the Public Hearing. There were none. The Council President Pro-Tempore closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

**ORDINANCE NO. O-650-24.** Consideration of Ordinance No. O-650-24 that rezones certain property located in the Southwest quadrant of the intersection of Mountain Street, NE and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NE that is known as a one lot subdivision named Jim's Place as recorded in Plat Book KK, page 63 from R-1 (single-family residential district) to R-2 (two-family residential district) (First reading).

**RESOLUTION R-2196-24.** A motion was made by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve Resolution R-2196-24 rescinding Resolution R-2175-23, and

dedication of property for use by the public as right-of-way for Minnesota Street, SW, Jacksonville, Alabama. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION R-2198-24.** A motion was made by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Laster, to approve Resolution R-2198-24 requesting the Alabama Legislature to introduce legislation to dissolve Title 45, Chapter 8A, Sections 45-8A-71. Through 45-8A-71.16. related to the Civil Service System of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**JACKSONVILLE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, LLC ADDENDUM.** A motion was made by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Green, to authorize the Mayor to sign the addendum to agreement with Jacksonville Retirement Community, LLC, to purchase and sell, per the attached. Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**EMPLOYMENT.** A motion was made by Council Member Green, seconded by Council Member Laster, to approve the employment of the following:

- a) Jeff Johnson, PARD Laborer, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273, due to the resignation of Kody Kilgro.
- b) Kayla Alexandra Smith, Part-Time Library Assistant, Range 5, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273 (new position).
- c) Mathew Lee Walden, Part-Time Public Safety Communications Officer, Range 12, effective upon compliance with Ordinance No. 273, due to the reassignment of Allyson Roth.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**TERMINATION.** A motion was made by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Green, to approve the termination of the following:

- a) Patrick Huntley, Police Officer, effective immediately.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS.** A motion was made by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Laster, to approve the following:

**BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS.**

1. City Clerk.
  - a. Increase Account No. 10-01-6007-00-60120 in the amount of \$984.90 for proceeds from selling 2003 Crown Vic.

**PURCHASES OVER \$7,500.00.**

1. Utility Office.
  - a. \$15,109.21 to Empire Pipe & Supply for the purchase of Fireline Meter/Vault for Rockin' Rooster Saloon (to be reimbursed by customer).

**REQUESTS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES/TRAINING SESSION WITH COSTS EXCEEDING \$1,000.00.**

1. Seth Graham to Arizona Vortex Workshop, Tuscaloosa, AL, May 14-16, 2024, at a cost of \$1,130.00.
2. Hunter Horton to Arizona Vortex Workshop, Tuscaloosa, AL May 14-16, 2024, at a cost of \$1,580.00.

**DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.**

1. Fire.
  - a. Decal No. 7510 – Pan TB GF-33, Serial No. 8ctsa16764 – sell on govdeals.
  - b. Decal No. 3534 – Autovent 2000, Serial No. 101149 – scrap.
2. Utility Maintenance.
  - a. Decal No. 673 – 2008 Ford F150 Pickup, VIN 1FTRX12W88FB31003 – sell on govdeals.

**BOARDS/COMMITTEES.**

1. Reappointment.
  - a. Karlie Johnson, Library Board, with term to expire December 2027.

Upon vote on the motion, the following votes were recorded: Yeas: All; Nays: None. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS.** The Council President Pro-Tempore asked for comments concerning general items. There was none.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REMARKS.** The Council President Pro-Tempore asked for comments. There was one.

- Council Member Green thanked everyone for the adjusted schedule.

**MAYOR'S REPORT.**

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** Monday, January 15, 2024, City offices will be closed.

**OTHER BUSINESS.** The Council President Pro-Tempore asked if there was any other business. There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Green, to adjourn the meeting. The Council President Pro-Tempore announced the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

ATTEST:



Brenda Long  
City Clerk



Coty Galloway  
Council President Pro-Tempore

