

**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2023
6:00 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CITY HALL - #1 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

The City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Arkansas met in a regular session on February 16, 2023 at the regular meeting place of the City Council. Council Member Bolden delivered the invocation and Mayor Elmore led a standing audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

ROLL CALL: City Council Members: Dietz, Bolden, Ray, Mashburn, Twitty, Kinman, and Rains answered ROLL CALL. Mayor Elmore also answered ROLL CALL declaring a quorum. PRESENT SEVEN (7) ABSENT (2) VACANT SEAT (1). Council Members McCleary and Sansing were absent.

Others present for the meeting were: City Attorney Stephanie Friedman, Finance Director Cheryl Erkel, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin House, Police Chief Brett Hibbs, City Engineer Adam Whitlow, Human Resource Director Charlette Nelson, IT Director Emily Osment, Daniel Gray, Ronald McDaniel, Marsha Dornblaser, Addie Gibson, and Rick Kron.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Mayor Elmore presented the minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of February 2, 2023 for approval and/or correction at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

APPROVAL AND/OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

Council Member Ray moved, seconded by Council Member Bolden that the minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of January 19, 2023 be APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA: REGULAR MONTHLY REPORT/ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Council Member Bolden moved, seconded by Council Member Ray to approve the regular monthly report for January 2023.

JANUARY

PERMITS/LICENSE ISSUED

Building Permits 42
Business License -

INSPECTIONS PERFORMED

Building Inspections 24
Electrical 38
Plumbing 30
HVACR 15

REGULAR MONTHLY REPORT/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Bolden moved, seconded by Council Member Ray to approve the regular monthly report for January 2023 from the Jacksonville Fire Department, reflecting a fire loss of \$45,000.00 and a savings total of \$83,000.00.

REGULAR MONTHLY REPORT/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Bolden moved, seconded by Council Member Ray to approve the Regular Monthly Report for January 2023 regarding annual crime statistical comparisons.

REGULAR MONTHLY REPORT/CODE ENFORCEMENT

Council Member Bolden moved, seconded by Council Member Ray to approve the regular monthly report as presented for January 2023.

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Assigned Calls	61		
Self-Initiated Calls	226		
Follow Up Inspections	189	Demolition by City	4
Complied after Notice	108	Demolition by Owner	0
Three Day Notice	72	Parking Violations	0
Seven Day Letter	183	Garbage Cans Tagged	2
Citation Letters Mailed	8	Basketball Goals	1
Citations Issued	5	Structures Inspected	0
Vehicles Tagged	43	Apartment Complexes Inspected	0
Vehicles Towed	13	Red Tags Issued	7
Unsafe Structures Tagged	7	Search Warrants	0
Structures Condemned	0	Grass Mowed	0
Structures Rehabbed	0		

REGULAR MONTHLY REPORT/ANIMAL CONTROL

Council Member Bolden moved, seconded by Council Member Ray to approve the regular monthly report for January 2023.

ADOPTION FEES	\$	0.00
SPAY/NEUTER FOR ADOPTED DOGS		1,870.00
Paid by the City of Jacksonville		-
Paid for by JFOTA		1,870.00
FINES		860.00
CONTRIBUTIONS		220.00
TOTAL	\$	4,820.00

Vet Bills paid by City not spay/neuter	\$	-
Vet Bills paid by JFOTA not spay/neuter		4,877.00

ROLL CALL: Council Member: Dietz, Bolden, Ray, Mashburn, Twitty, Kinman, and Rains voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

When Council Member Twitty requested an update regarding late garbage pickups, City Engineer Adam Whitlow explained they have twelve routes per week, done with three trucks, but have only had two recently since one burned and was a total loss. He related one is still running strong, but the other has had some normal maintenance issues resulting in having to use a backup truck that was due for some work itself, then it went down, forcing them to use a third backup, which was part of the original side loading fleet. He mentioned those were to be sold on govdeals.com, but they had to bring them back into service. He stated they were not up to running full-time so they then had to use the rear loader that usually sits at the Recycle Center for plastics. He added that they are hopeful a new truck will arrive at the end of the month, confirming they have searched for rentals, but there is not another side loader in the Country. He assured he has called everyone to try to find one but only found a rear loader available for rent in Houston and are going with it in order to have a backup to allow time for the mechanics to get the others up and running.

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Council Member Twitty appreciates the Sanitation Department for doing a great job with what they have to work with, assuring she just wanted to give the citizens an update.

Engineer Whitlow shared that they found a company to refurbish the burnt truck to give them a really good backup, but that is not a quick process. He mentioned they have shifted all reruns to Fridays in hopes they have enough time to get them done, assuring they try to keep citizens informed by posting to Facebook and utilizing the All Call system at times.

WATER DEPARTMENT:
WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT:
FIRE DEPARTMENT:
POLICE DEPARTMENT:
STREET DEPARTMENT:
SANITATION DEPARTMENT:
PARKS & RECREATION:
PLANNING COMMISSION:
COMMITTEE(S):

GENERAL: PRESENTATION Black History Month

Council Member Bolden stated that every year he tries to recognize people who have made an impact on Jacksonville for Black History Month. He explained the celebration of Black History Month started in 1976, noting that it identifies African Americans who are doing great things in the community. He presented a plaque to Jeffrey Tillman in honor of his father, the late Ivory Tillman, Founder of the Jacksonville chapter of the NAACP, and to Ronald McDaniel, Jacksonville North Pulaski School Board Vice President, in appreciation of them making an impact in many areas of the City and State, and for their many years of dedicated service.

ADDITION TO AGENDA: Council Member Bolden moved, seconded by Council Member Twitty to SUSPEND THE RULES and place an appointment on the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS: A & P COMMISSION

Council Member Twitty moved, seconded by Council Member Ray to appoint Council Member Kinman to the A & P Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

RESUME AGENDA:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Code Changes

Council Member Dietz stated the Planning Commission is working on some Code changes that will be brought before City Council next month.

Sunnyside Lots Sale

Council Member Dietz hopes to have some information to bring to next month's meeting regarding the possible sale of City-owned lots in Sunnyside.

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Former Police Chief Larry Hibbs

Council Member Bolden offered his condolences for the passing of Former Jacksonville Police Chief Larry Hibbs.

Mayor Elmore confirmed the visitation will be Monday at 1:00 p.m. and the service at 2:00 p.m. at Francis Farms off of Military Road.

Sertoma Father Daughter Banquet

Council Member Twitty stated the Sertoma Father Daughter Banquet will be this Saturday night at 5:00 p.m., noting this is their 11th year to raise scholarship money for the local school children.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Mayor Elmore adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully,

Susan L. Davitt
City Clerk-Treasurer

MAYOR JEFF ELMORE