

**Summary of Minutes
Jacksonville City Council Meeting
February 28, 2022**

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The City Council will be following the guidance set forth in the State of Illinois' Restore Illinois Phase 5 for meetings and events. Members of the public have the option to attend the in-person City Council meeting or watch the live City Council meeting via live video located on the City of Jacksonville's website www.jacksonvilleil.gov

The Jacksonville City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Mayor Andy Ezard in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The meeting was publicly announced by posting and by written notice to the local newspaper and radio stations.

ROLL CALL: The following answered present: Aldermen Kent Hannant, Lori Large Oldenettel, Alison Rubin de Celis, Aaron Scott, Darcella Speed, Mary Watts, Eren Williams; Mayor Andy Ezard; City Attorney Dan Beard; City Clerk Skip Bradshaw. Absent from the meeting were Aldermen Mike Bartlett and Don Cook. A quorum was declared.

SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED ALDERMAN TO WARD 4

CC Bradshaw swore in Brett Henry as Alderman, Ward 4, term effective Monday, February 28, 2022 through April 30, 2023. Ald. Henry took his seat on the Council.

ROLL CALL: The following answered present: Aldermen Brett Henry, Kent Hannant, Lori Large Oldenettel, Alison Rubin de Celis, Aaron Scott, Darcella Speed, Mary Watts, Eren Williams; Mayor Andy Ezard; City Attorney Dan Beard; City Clerk Skip Bradshaw. Absent from the meeting were Aldermen Mike Bartlett and Don Cook. A quorum was declared.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Oldenettel, seconded by Watts, to approve the January 24 and February 14, 2022 Minutes as presented in advance. **By voice vote, motion carried.**

PETITIONS: No discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS: No discussion.

CLAIMS: Motion was made by Rubin de Celis, seconded by Speed, to pay claims when funds are available. **By voice vote, motion carried.**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 1. Proclamation recognizing the month of February as Black History Month.** Mayor Ezard declared the month of February as Black History Month for the City of Jacksonville.
- 2. Appointment of Brandy Belford to the Commission on Disabilities and Human Relations, term expires October 30, 2024.** Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Oldenettel, to accept the Mayor's appointment of Brandy Belford to the Commission on Disabilities and Human Relations, term expires October 30, 2024. **By voice vote, motion carried.**

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT:

1. Resolution authorizing renewal of agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County regarding the Morgan County Animal Control Program. Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Williams, to accept the resolution. CA Beard read the resolution as proposed.

2022-R-010 Be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, that a Resolution AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS, AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS RE: MORGAN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM (Revised payment schedule for 2020 and 2021, and renewal of agreement), is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion. Ald. Oldenettel asked for clarification regarding the overpayment for 2020 and 2021. Approximately two years ago Morgan County increased the cost per person for their services without requesting an amendment to the agreement. The City went ahead and paid what was requested. This amendment corrects that issue. Ald. Hannant feels Morgan County owes the City a reimbursement. Motion was made by Oldenettel, seconded by Hannant, to table this request. If tabled, the City will contact the Morgan County Commissioners to discuss the matter.

**ROLL CALL: 8 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Absent (Bartlett, Cook)
Motion to Table carried 8-0-2.**

CITY CLERK’S REPORT:

- 1. Community Development Department Report – January 31, 2022**
- 2. City Clerk’s Cash Receipts Report – January 31, 2022**
- 3. City Clerk’s General Fund – Budget Report – January 31, 2022**
- 4. City Clerk’s General Fund – Revenue Analysis Report – January 31, 2022**

PUBLIC COMMENT: No discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

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FINANCE/IT/PERSONNEL:

1. City Treasurer’s Report – January 31, 2022. City Treasurer Beth Hopkins’ report for January 31, 2022, in which totals for cash receipts, cash disbursements, investments, and balances for all City bank and investment accounts were given.

- 2022-R-011 Resolution AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PAYMENTS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS - \$35,747 (Meyer Roofing Company - \$27,594; Hutchison Engineering - \$4,403; Hutchison Engineering - \$3,750)**
- 2022-R-012 Resolution AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR SERVICES RENDERED - \$6,009.10**

(Bellatti, Fay, Bellatti & Beard, LLP - \$3,756.10 (City Attorney); Bellatti, Fay, Bellatti & Beard, LLP - \$2,253 (Administrative Adjudication – Asst. City Attorney))

PARKS & LAKES: No discussion.

PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS:

2022-R-013 Resolution AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-130, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS; AND ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY STRUCTURAL REPAIRS TO PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 234 WEST STATE STREET – (Neff-Colvin – Not to exceed \$31,975.33)

PUBLIC PROTECTION: No discussion.

SPECIAL STUDIES: No discussion.

UTILITY:

- 2022-R-014** Resolution AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PAYMENTS FROM THE WATERWORKS & SEWERAGE PROJECTS FUND FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - \$209,267.96
(Benton & Associates, Inc. \$1,088.25; Benton & Associates, Inc. \$2,506.50; Benton & Associates, Inc. \$102,039; Benton & Associates, Inc. \$3,905.35; Benton & Associates, Inc. \$7,157.61; Benton & Associates, Inc. \$18,864.75; 12,600; Hanfland Painting Contractors, LLC - \$30,416.50; Scott Bros. Electric, LLC - \$30,690)
- 2022-R-015** Resolution AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS; AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FROM HENRY’S SERVICE CENTER RE: PURCHASE OF LAWN MOWER FROM THE WATERWORKS & SEWERAGE PROJECTS FUND – (\$10,419)
- 2022-R-016** Resolution AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING PROPOSAL WITH BENTON AND ASSOCIATES, INC. RE: STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR LAKE JACKSONVILLE DAM SPILLWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT – (Task A - \$25,000 & Task B - \$85,000 – Total \$110,000)
- 2022-R-017** Resolution AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING PROPOSAL WITH BENTON AND ASSOCIATES, INC. RE: NORTHWEST SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION STUDY – (\$44,000)
- 2022-R-018** Resolution APPROVING AMENDMENT #1 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH BENTON AND ASSOCIATES, INC. RE: MORTON AVENUE, FINLEY, AND PROSPECT STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECTS – (Contract price changed to reflect a net increase in the cost not to exceed \$82,700)
- 2022-R-023** Resolution AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS; AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FROM MORROW BROTHERS FORD RE: PURCHASE OF 2022 FORD F250 FROM THE WATERWORKS & SEWERAGE PROJECTS FUND – (\$56,820)

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Scott, to accept the Consent Agenda. Mayor Ezard asked for discussion or if there were any items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion and there were none.

ROLL CALL: 8 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Absent (Bartlett, Cook)
Motion carried 8-0-2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE/IT/PERSONNEL:

1. Resolution adopting the 2022 Operating Budget. Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Oldenettel, to accept the resolution. CA Beard read the resolution as proposed.

2022-R-019 Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, that a Resolution ADOPTING THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion and there was none.

ROLL CALL: 7 Yeas; 1 Nay (Hannant); 2 Absent (Bartlett, Cook)
Motion carried 7-1-2.

2. Second reading of an ordinance making appropriations for corporate purposes for fiscal year 2022 for the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois. Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Oldenettel, to accept the second reading of the ordinance. CA Beard read the ordinance as proposed.

2022-O-002 Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, that an Ordinance MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS (January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 - \$46,028,153.78), is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion and there was none.

ROLL CALL: 7 Yeas; 1 Nay (Hannant); 2 Absent (Bartlett, Cook)
Motion carried 7-1-2.

PARKS & LAKES:

1. Resolution accepting the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Lake Jacksonville Recreational Trails Program Grant. Motion was made by Oldenettel, seconded by Hannant, to accept the resolution. CA Beard read the resolution as proposed.

2022-R-024 Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, that a Resolution AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE TO ACCEPT THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FOR LAKE JACKSONVILLE – (IDNR - \$200,000), is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion and there was none.

ROLL CALL: 8 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Absent (Bartlett, Cook)
Motion carried 8-0-2.

PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Resolution authorizing waiver of advertisement for bids and accepting proposal for the purchase of a 2022 John Deere lawn mower for the Jacksonville City Hall & Plaza Maintenance Department. Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Williams, to accept the resolution. CA Beard read the resolution as proposed.

2022-R-020 Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, that a Resolution AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS; AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LAWN MOWER FOR THE JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL & PLAZA MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – (Henry’s Service Center - \$11,919), is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion and there was none.

ROLL CALL: 8 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Absent (Bartlett, Cook)
Motion carried 8-0-2.

2. Resolution authorizing waiver of advertisement for bids and accepting proposal for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Pickup Truck for the Jacksonville City Hall & Plaza Maintenance Department. Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Williams, to accept the resolution. CA Beard read the resolution as proposed.

2022-R-021 Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, that a Resolution AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS; AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FROM MORROW BROTHERS FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD F250 ¾ TON PICKUP TRUCK ON STATE BID FOR THE JACKSONVILLE CITY HALL & PLAZA MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT – (\$39,865), is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion. Ald. Oldenettel asked if this purchase was to replace Supt. Chumley’s truck. Supt. Chumley is planning to use the new truck, and install a snow plow and dump bed on his current truck to be used by various departments as needed.

ROLL CALL: 8 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Absent (Bartlett, Cook)
Motion carried 8-0-2.

3. Resolution authorizing waiver of advertisement for bids and accepting proposal for the purchase of a Ford Escape for the Community Development Department. Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Rubin de Celis, to accept the resolution. CA Beard read the resolution as proposed.

2022-R-022 Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, that a Resolution AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS; AND ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FROM WESTOWN FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD ESCAPE FOR THE JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – (\$30,482), is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion and there was none.

ROLL CALL: 8 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Absent (Bartlett, Cook)
Motion carried 8-0-2.

PUBLIC PROTECTION: No discussion.

SPECIAL STUDIES: No discussion.

UTILITY: No discussion.

OLD BUSINESS: No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Ezard advised a survey from Judy Tighe with Jacksonville Main Street has been sent to each Alderman. No obligation to reply to the email or complete the survey, but Mayor Ezard encouraged them to do so.

The Street Department typically sets aside \$30,000 annually for sidewalk repairs. Because the City is planning to seek bids to hire an outside party to do the work, as the work is extensive this year, the budget was increased to \$100,000. Mayor Ezard stated that this may be a good use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant. Ald. Hannant pointed out that this is a good example where the Council could meet to discuss options. He suggested hiring an employee dedicated to doing the sidewalk removal, then hiring a concrete finisher to complete the project. Mayor Ezard pointed out that our current staff level is low so it may be difficult to complete as many projects as planned. Hiring an outside company who does this for a living will be able to complete more projects than the City could in the same time frame. Brief discussion ensued.

Bob Large, a member of the audience, is concerned about the blight and empty houses throughout Jacksonville. He would like to establish a committee to address these issues and amend the ordinance to give the City more enforcement authority. Community Development Director Brian Nyberg will be asking the Council for permission to accept a \$55,000 grant through the Illinois Housing Development Authority that will be put in a Land Bank specifically designated to address these issues. Land Banks are governmental entities or nonprofit corporations that are focused on the conversion of vacant, abandoned, and tax delinquent properties into productive use. Lake Jacksonville Supt. Brett Gilbreth is concerned that if the issue is pushed regarding trash cleanup, that the trash will just end up being dumped at the Lake and he will be forced to use his time and resources to clean it up. Mayor Ezard noted that the Administrative Adjudication system was put into place to help address these matters and has been fairly successful, but there may be more that can be done to enforce the matter.

Ald. Oldenettel advised that the newly established Community Improvement Initiative will be meeting monthly on the fourth Saturday of every month for 2 ½ hours, beginning Saturday, March

6th, for neighborhood cleanup efforts. There are several groups who have reached out to her volunteering their time for these projects. Ald. Oldenettel gave a brief overview of the tasks involved, and invited all to attend.

Ald. Hannant suggested that Mayor Ezard hold collaborative monthly or quarterly meetings with the Department Heads to ensure all stay apprised of ongoing projects and all are working together toward the same goals.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further discussion, motion was made by Henry, seconded by Oldenettel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Recorded by City Clerk Skip Bradshaw.