

**Summary of Minutes
Jacksonville City Council Meeting
October 11, 2022 ~ Rescheduled Meeting**

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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 6:23 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 Mike Bartlett, Don Cook, Brett Henry, Kent Hannant, 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 Lori Large Oldenettel and Alison Rubin de Celis. A quorum was declared.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Cook, seconded by Scott, to approve the September 26, 2022 Minutes as presented in advance. **By voice vote, motion carried.**

PETITIONS: No discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS: No discussion.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: No discussion.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No discussion.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

- 1. Community Development Department Report – September 30, 2022**
- 2. City Clerk's Cash Receipts Report – September 30, 2022**
- 3. City Clerk's General Fund – Budget Report – September 30, 2022**
- 4. City Clerk's General Fund – Revenue Analysis Report – September 30, 2022**
- 5. Resolution authorizing the waiver of advertisement for bids and accepting proposal for a waste haulers contract for the City of Jacksonville.** Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Williams, to accept the resolution. CA Beard read the resolution as proposed.

2022-R-132 Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, that a Resolution AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR A WASTE HAULERS CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE – (GFL Environmental), is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion. CC Bradshaw clarified that this for residential customers only. Commercial properties and apartment complexes with 5 units or more are not covered under this contract.

ROLL CALL: 8 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Absent (Oldenettel, Rubin de Celis)
Motion carried 8-0-2.

6. First Reading of an Ordinance amending the Jacksonville Municipal Code, Chapter 12 Garbage and Refuse, Division 2, Licenses, Section 12-58 Maximum number of licenses to be issued. Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Watts, to accept the first reading of the ordinance. CA Beard read the ordinance as proposed.

2022-O-015 Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois, that an Ordinance AMENDING THE JACKSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPER 12 GARBAGE AND REFUSE, DIVISION 2. LICENSES, SECTION 12-58 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LICENSES TO BE ISSUED – (Reducing the number from five (5) to one (1) – Not applicable to commercial waste hauler licenses), is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion. CC Bradshaw advised that Republic Services currently possess a license with the City for commercial properties in Jacksonville.

ROLL CALL: 8 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Absent (Oldenettel, Rubin de Celis)
Motion carried 8-0-2.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Audience member Mr. Newingham expressed his opposition in reducing the number of waste haulers licenses because he feels it creates a monopoly in Jacksonville. He then stated that his first amendment rights were recently violated when Councilman Williams blocked his right to comment on a public forum. He asked for her resignation and in the absence of her resignation will be seeking legal representation.

CONSENT AGENDA

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FINANCE/IT/PERSONNEL:

2022-R-133 Resolution AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PAYMENTS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – \$134,549.01
(Alexis Fire Equipment - \$62,232; Madison Sand Co. - \$916.30; Henry’s Service Center - \$25,528; Hutchison Engineering - \$8,912.51; Polaris - \$28,279.24; Rouland Trucking Service - \$8,580.96; Sam’s Club - \$100)

2022-R-134 Resolution AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR SERVICES RENDERED - \$3,927.50
(Bellatti, Fay, Bellatti & Beard, LLP - \$2,293.50 (City Attorney); Bellatti, Fay, Bellatti & Beard, LLP - \$1,634.00 (Administrative Adjudication – Asst. City Attorney)

PARKS & LAKES: No discussion.

PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS: No discussion.

PUBLIC PROTECTION:

MOTION **Motion REQUESTING THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONS TO HIRE THREE (3) PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN TO THE JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

SPECIAL STUDIES: No discussion.

UTILITY:

2022-R-117 **Resolution AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PAYMENTS FROM THE WATERWORKS & SEWERAGE PROJECTS FUND FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - \$271,655.27 (LW Rouland Trucking Service, Inc. - \$239,758.32; Benton & Associates, Inc. - \$5,958.87; Benton & Associates, Inc. - \$5,561.50; Benton & Associates, Inc. - \$20,500)**

Motion was made by Henry, seconded by Cook, 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 (Oldenettel, Rubin de Celis)
Motion carried 8-0-2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE/IT/PERSONNEL: No discussion.

PARKS & LAKES: No discussion.

PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS: No discussion.

PUBLIC PROTECTION: No discussion.

SPECIAL STUDIES: No discussion.

UTILITY: No discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Utility Committee will be giving a refresher on some of the upcoming Utility Department projects at a meeting in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

CC Bradshaw advised that the paperwork for the upcoming election for an Aldermanic position from 2023-2027 is now on the City's website. Filing period is November 21-28, 2022. He encouraged the Aldermen who's terms expire in 2023 to begin the process of completing the paperwork as soon as possible if they wish to run for that position.

CC Bradshaw advised that the bid for the Municipal Aggregation Program took place last week, and there was only one bidder. The current provider, Homefield Energy, did not bid this year and their contract ends in December. During January and February, anyone included in the aggregation program will fall under Ameren Illinois' supply at \$0.1223¢/kWh, and then the new aggregation program begins in March at \$0.1222¢/kWh with a term of twenty-two (22) months. It is anticipated that Ameren Illinois' supply will increase in June to \$0.1275¢/kWh or higher. As an example, 1105 kWh equates to an \$88 increase. He emphasized that this increase only affects the supply of energy and has nothing to do with its distribution. Residents do have the option to opt-out of the aggregation program at any time at no cost. Discussion ensued regarding energy supply solicitors and how to ensure that solicitors are not misrepresenting themselves and that residents are not misled or tricked into agreeing to something of which they are unaware.

Ald. Williams commended the Street Department for responding so quickly to fix a burst water pipe in her neighborhood, Ward 1.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further discussion, motion was made by Cook, seconded by Henry, to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Recorded by City Clerk Skip Bradshaw.