

**Summary of Minutes
Jacksonville City Council Meeting
April 24, 2023**

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The Jacksonville City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:31 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, Kent Hannant, Brett Henry, 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 was Alderman Lori Large Oldenettel. A quorum was declared.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Williams, seconded by Speed, to approve the April 10, 2023 Minutes as presented in advance. **By voice vote, motion carried.**

PETITIONS: No discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ezard asked for the Council's feedback regarding a request from Chuck Murphy to affix signage to street signs along East State Street honoring General Benjamin H. Grierson. The Council was in favor of the request. Mayor Ezard will notify Mr. Murphy that he can move forward with this project.

CLAIMS: No discussion.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY – NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL ALDERMEN

CC Bradshaw swore in the following newly elected Officials, term effective Monday, May 1, 2023.

- ◆ Beth Hopkins – City Treasurer – Term expires April 30, 2025
- ◆ Eren Williams – Alderman, Ward 1 – Term expires April 30, 2027
- ◆ Alison Rubin de Celis – Alderman, Ward 2 – Term expires April 30, 2027
- ◆ Joe Lockman – Alderman, Ward 3 – Term expires April 30, 2027
- ◆ Aaron Scott – Alderman, Ward 4 – Term expires April 30, 2027
- ◆ Brett Henry – Alderman, Ward 4 – Term expires April 30, 2025
- ◆ Don Cook – Alderman, Ward 5 – Term expires April 30, 2027

MAYOR'S REPORT: No discussion.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

1. First reading of an ordinance amending the Jacksonville Municipal Code, Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages, Article II Retail Sale, Division 2 Licenses, Section 3-64, Location, change of location, limitations on number issued – increase Class D, DD, E, EE and BH licenses by one, total 19. Motion was made by Scott, seconded by Henry, to accept the first reading of the ordinance. CA Beard read the ordinance as proposed.

2023-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, CHAPTER 3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE II RETAIL SALE, DIVISION 2 LICENSES, SECTION 3-64 LOCATION; CHANGE OF LOCATION; LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER ISSUED – (Increase Class D, DD, E, EE and BH licenses by one, total 19 – Midwest Athletic Center, Class EE), is hereby approved.

Mayor Ezard asked for discussion and there was none.

ROLL CALL: 8 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Abstain (Hannant); 1 Absent (Oldenettel)
Motion carried 8-0-1-1.

Mayor Ezard talked about the ongoing Utility Department upgrades, noting that the City recently received a \$1.905M grant from the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to put toward Phase I of the sewer department facility upgrades. This is a \$12M dollar project. With this grant the City anticipates a savings of over \$400,000 off of the low interest loan already secured for this project.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: No discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Held after the reading of the Consent Agenda)

Adam Tobin, representing Jacksonville Area Baseball (JAB), asked the Council to consider donating \$20,000 to the JAB for their upcoming water improvement and installation projects at the JAB fields, located just behind the American Legion. Total project cost is nearly \$160,000. General discussion ensued. See attached report for more information on the project and fundraising efforts. Mayor Ezard assured Mr. Tobin the Council will consider the request and do what they can to help.

CONSENT AGENDA

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FINANCE/IT/PERSONNEL:

1. City Treasurer's Report – March 31, 2023. City Treasurer Beth Hopkins' report for March 31, 2023, in which totals for cash receipts, cash disbursements, investments, and balances for all City bank and investment accounts were given.

PARKS & LAKES: No discussion.

PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS:

2023-R-069 Resolution FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE – (Sec. 23-00000-00-GM – Not to exceed \$305,000)

2023-R-070 Resolution AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS; AND ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STAND-ON MOWER FOR THE JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT – (Henry's Service Center of Jacksonville – Not to exceed \$7,599)

2023-R-071 Resolution APPROVING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF

JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS AND JENNIFER CHARLESWORTH (52 NORTH CENTRAL PARK – Not to exceed \$100,000 or fifty percent (50%) of the total eligible project cost, whichever is less)

2023-R-072 Resolution APPROVING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS AND RICK ROLSON (622 NORTH MAIN STREET – Not to exceed \$75,000 or fifty percent (50%) of the total eligible project cost, whichever is less)

PUBLIC PROTECTION:

2023-R-063 Resolution AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF A COMMANDER AND ELIMINATING A LIEUTENANTS POSITION IN THE JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL STUDIES: No discussion.

UTILITY:

2023-R-073 Resolution AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PAYMENTS FROM THE WATERWORKS & SEWERAGE PROJECTS FUND FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS - \$2,268 (Geosyntec Consultants - \$2,268)

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: 9 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Absent (Oldenettel)
Motion carried 9-0-1.**

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:

CA Beard advised that GFL Environmental has asked the City for another increase to the monthly residential fee based upon the current customer base. Those negotiations are ongoing. With regard to concerns voiced by some residents, GFL feels improvements have been made but that it may take two to three more months before everything is lined out.

NEW BUSINESS: No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further discussion, motion was made by Cook, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Recorded by City Clerk Skip Bradshaw.