



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 23 , 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in virtual session in accordance with State and Federal guidelines designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Derek J. Dobies.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Second Ward Councilmember Freddie Dancy in which he offered a moment of silence to reflect on the lives lost in the shootings in Jackson, Atlanta, and Colorado, as well as the genocide in Africa, and the struggles at the (US - Mexico) border.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Derek J. Dobies, Vice Mayor Arlene Robinson, Councilmembers Freddie Dancy, Jeromy Alexander, Laura Dwyer Schlecte, Karen Bunnell, and Will Forgrave.

Absent: none.

Also present: City Assessor Jason Yoakam, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Manager Jonathan Greene, Downtown Development Authority Director Cory Mays, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Shane LaPorte, Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt, Director of Public Works Mike Osborn, City Engineer Jon Dowling, and Public Information Officer Aaron Dimick.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to adopt the agenda.

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to add an item under New Business - 11F City Attorney Opinion dated March 9, 2021.

Vote was taken on the amendment to the main motion. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Vote was taken on the main motion as amended. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

City Clerk Andrea Muray read in to the record the comment that was submitted.

PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:

A. Accept and place on file the CDBG, HOME, and CDBG-CV Homeless Prevention Financial Summaries through February 28, 2021

Accept and place on file the CDBG, HOME and CDBG-CV Homeless Prevention Financial Summaries through February 28, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to accept and place on file the CDBG, HOME, and CDBG-CV Homeless Prevention Financial Summaries through February 28, 2021. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2021

Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of March 9, 2021.

B. Receipt of the Draft 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for CDBG/HOME Funds and authorization to make available for public comment

Receive the draft Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and authorize distribution to receive public comment.

C. Special Event Application for the Pullover Prevention Clinic

Approve a request from Robin Craft-Jones to host a Pullover Prevention Clinic on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center.

D. Special Event Application for the Jackson College Office of Multicultural Affairs Juneteenth Celebration

Approve a request from the Jackson College Office of Multicultural Affairs to host their Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 19, 2021 in Horace Blackman Park and downtown Jackson.

E. Special Event Application for Jackson American Association of University Women (AAUW) Flower Sale Distribution

Approve a request from Jackson American Association of University Women (AAUW) to conduct their Flower Sale Distribution event on Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Grand River Farmer's Market.

F. Special Event Application for the Ella Sharp Museum "Walk through Jackson's Past"

Approve a request from the Ella Sharp Museum to host their Walk Through Jackson's Past on May 23, 2021 and October 3, 2021 in Mount Evergreen Cemetery.

G. Approve the sale of City Owned Property located at 212 W. Mansion Street to Prison City Physique, LLC for \$700.75

Approve the sale of City owned property located at 212 W. Mansion Street to adjoining property owner, Prison City Physique, LLC, and authorize the City Manager to execute property transfer documents, allow City Attorney to make minor modifications as needed

H. Resolution in support and commitment for the Statewide Local Bridge Bundle Pilot Project

Approve a resolution of support and commitment for the Statewide Local Agency Bridge Bundle Project, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.

I. Engineers Report for street construction and water and sewer main replacement – Biddle Street – Mechanic Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

Receive the Engineer's Report for street reconstruction with water and sewer main replacement on Biddle Street from Mechanic Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and establish April 27, 2021 at the City Council meeting as the time and place to hold a public meeting of necessity.

J. Engineer's Report for street reconstruction and water and sewer main replacement on Cooley Place from Mechanic Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

Receive the Engineer's Report for street reconstruction with water and sewer main replacement on Cooley Place from Mechanic Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and establish April 27, 2021 at the City Council meeting as the time and place to hold a public meeting of necessity.

K. Special event application for the Recruit Specialized Staffing Easter Egg Hunt

Approve a request from Recruit Specialized Staffing to conduct their Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, 2021 from 10am – 2pm in Horace Blackman Park and the CP Federal City Square

L. Resolution extending virtual meetings pursuant to Local Emergency

Declaration

Approve a resolution permitting City Council and other City boards and commissions to meet remotely due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic under Open Meetings Act Amendment permitting continued remote meetings pursuant to local emergency declarations.

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to pull Item G for separate consideration and to approve the consent calendar. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to postpone the sale of City Owned Property located at 212 W. Mansion Street until the April 13, 2021 Council Meeting. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: none.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Award the bid to Allied Mechanical Services for Final Clarifier Launder Cover Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$344,400.00

Recommendation: *Award the bid to Allied Mechanical Services for Final Clarifier Launder Cover Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$344,400.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to award the bid to Allied Mechanical Services for Final Clarifier Launder Cover Improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$344,400.00, and authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Award the contract to BioTech Argonomics, Inc., Beulah, Michigan, for the hauling and land application of biosolids from the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Recommendation: *Award the contract to BioTech Argonomics, Inc., Beulah, Michigan, for the hauling and land application of biosolids removal contract at a price of \$0.0349 per gallon*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to award the contract to BioTech Argonomics, Inc., Beulah, Michigan, for the hauling and land application of biosolids removal contract at a price of \$0.0349 per gallon, Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Amendment 1 to the 2021 Major Street & Traffic Signal Engineering Contract

Recommendation: *Approval of Amendment 1 to the 2021 Major Street & Traffic Signal Engineering contract with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. (HRC) of Jackson, Michigan at a not-to-exceed cost of \$57,830.00 and authorization for the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate documents.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve Amendment 1 to the 2021 Major Street & Traffic Signal Engineering contract with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. of Jackson, Michigan at a not-to-exceed cost of \$57,830.00, and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate documents. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. City Owned, H4HH & City Grounds Maintenance Lot Mowing Contract

Recommendation: *Renew the contract for City owned, H4HH & City grounds maintenance lot mowing for the 2021 season to the lowest responsible bidder, Alpha & Omega Construction.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to renew the contract for City owned, H4HH & City grounds maintenance lot mowing for the 2021 season to the lowest responsible bidder, Alpha & Omega Construction. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

E. Private Lot Mowing Contract Renewal 2021

Recommendation: *Renew the contract for as-needed private lot mowing for the 2021 season to the lowest responsible bidder to enforce the Noxious Weeds Ordinance. Elysian Landscape was the lowest qualified bidder awarded the contract in 2019. This would be their second renewal (3rd year of contract).*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to renew the contract for as-needed private lot mowing for the 2021 season to the lowest responsible bidder, Elysian Landscape, to enforce the Noxious Weeds Ordinance. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (6). Nays: Councilmember Dancy (1). Motion carried.

F. City Attorney Opinion Dated March 9, 2021

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte for Council to waive privilege and release the City Attorney opinion regarding ethics dated March 9, 2021. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER’S COMMENTS:

Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave all offered comments.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

City Manager Jonathan Greene offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business being offered, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dancy. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Dobies adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.