



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
February 9 , 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:**

The Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Fifth Ward Councilmember Karen Bunnell in which she shared significant moments in Black History that occurred in the State of Michigan.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Absent: none.

Also present: City Manager Jonathan Greene, City Attorney Matthew Hagerty, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations Shane LaPorte, Director of Parks and Recreation Kelli Hoover, City Engineer Jon Dowling, Public Information Officer Aaron Dimick, Grant Coordinator Michelle Pultz, and Ron Liscombe from Miller Canfield.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to adopt the agenda as presented. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** none.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Conduct a Virtual Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Comments on the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Substantial Amendment for Additional Foreclosure Prevention and Administration Funding.**

Comments submitted were read into the record by City Clerk Andrea Muray.

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign required documents for submission to HUD.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to authorize the Mayor to sign the required document for the Community Development Block Grant- Coronavirus Substantial Amendment for Additional Foreclosure Prevention and Administration Funding for submission to HUD. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Comment submitted were read into the record by City Clerk Andrea Muray.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2021**

*Approve the minutes of the regular City Council Meeting of January 26, 2021*

**B. Receipt of Street/Alley Vacation Petition**

*Receipt of a petition circulated by John and Anne Campau to vacate the street right of way north of Carlton Blvd between S. Higby and S. Durand.*

**C. Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 4293**

*Approve corrective resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 4293 for delinquent general fund accounts receivable, confirmed May 26, 2020*

**D. JDL Board Appointment**

*Approval of the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Jacqueline Barber to the Jackson District Library Board for a term ending on 02/02/2025*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve the consent calendar. 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. Mowing & Irrigation Contract for Parks, Cemeteries and Downtown**

**Recommendation:** *Award the parks, cemeteries and downtown mowing contract to Picture Perfect Lawn Care, L.L.C. of Concord, MI in the amount of \$229,738.38*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to award the parks, cemeteries, and downtown moving contract to Picture Perfect Lawn Care, LLC of Concord, MI in the amount of \$229,738.38. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**B. Resolution to Amend CDBG Budgets for Fiscal Years 2016-2017, 2018-2019, and 2020-2021**

**Recommendation:** *Approve resolution amending the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budgets for Fiscal Years 2016-2017, 2018-2019, and 2020-2021 and reprogram excess program income to the 2020-2021 General Administration and Boos Center Rehabilitation activities.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Bunnell to approve the resolution amending the Community Development Block Grant budgets for Fiscal Years 2016/17, 2018/19, and 2020/21 and reprogram excess program income to the 2020-2021 General Administration and Boos Center Rehabilitation activities. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **C. Adoption of Resolutions Related to Refunding Bond Issues**

#### **Recommendation:** *Approve:*

1. *A resolution pledging limited tax full faith and credit in support of City of Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Tax Increment Refunding Bonds, Series 2021.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the resolution pledging limited tax full faith and credit in support of the City of Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Tax Increment Refunding Bond, Series 2021. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

2. *Resolution authorization issuance of 2021 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds (City Hall Bonds).*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Dancy to approve the resolution authorizing issuance of 2021 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

### **D. Change Order 17 to the Contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc.**

**Recommendation:** *Approve balancing Change Order 17 to the contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc. for downtown street and parking lot rehabilitation in the decreased amount of \$231,478.02 to remove site work at 135 W. Cortland Street (former Vermuelen building) and 145 W. Cortland Street (former Masonic Temple building) from the contract and to authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to approve Balancing Change Order 17 to the contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc. for downtown street and parking lot rehabilitation in the decreased amount of \$231,478.02 to remove site work at 135 W. Cortland and 145 W. Cortland from the contract and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate document. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**E. Balancing Change Order 10 to the 2017 Water Main Replacement with Dunigan Brothers, Inc.**

**Recommendation:** *Approve balancing change order 10 to the 2017 Water Main Replacement contract with Dunigan Brothers, Inc. in the decreased amount of \$50,894.98 to balance contract quantities to match quantities placed in the field and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Schlecte, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve Balancing Change Order 10 to the 2017 Water Main Replacement contract with Dunigan Brothers, Inc. in the decreased amount of \$50,894.98 to balance contract quantities to match quantities placed in the field, and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate document. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**F. Change Order 6 to the Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Contract**

**Recommendation:** *Approve balancing change order 6 to the 2019 Michigan Avenue Reconstruction contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc. in the increased amount of \$42,717.28 to balance contract quantities to match quantities placed in the field and to authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate document.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Forgrave to approve Balancing Change Order 6 to the 2019 Michigan Avenue Reconstruction contract with Bailey Excavating, Inc. in the increased amount of \$42,717.28 to balance contract quantities to match quantities placed in the field, and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute the appropriate document. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**G. Sale of City Owned Property Located at 515 Waterloo Street**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the sale of City-Owned property located at 515 N. Waterloo Street for \$72,000, and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the property transfer and make minor modifications as necessary.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the sale of City-Owner property

located at 515 N. Waterloo Street for \$72,000 and authorize the City Manager to sign all sale documents associated with the property transfer and make minor modifications as necessary. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**H. Resolution Regarding the Sparks Foundation County Park (aka Cascades)**

**Recommendation:** *Consider a resolution requesting Jackson County officials reduce the number of hours the Cascades Falls operates until a solution to the flooding in the surrounding area is implemented.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Forgrave, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to approve the resolution as presented. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Vice Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, Schlecte, Bunnell, and Forgrave (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

**I. Receipt of Appointed Officials Performance Evaluations**

Motion was made by Councilmember Bunnell, seconded by Councilmember Schlecte to receive the appointed officials' performance evaluations. 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, and Schlecte all offered comments. Councilmembers Bunnell and Forgrave declined to offer 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 and seconded by Councilmember Bunnell. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Dobies adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.