



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jackson City Council met in regular session and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Derek J. Dobies.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:

The Council joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation was given by Joseph Gruber the guest of Third Ward City Councilmember Jeromy Alexander.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Derek J. Dobies, Councilmembers Arlene Robinson, Freddie Dancy, Jeromy Alexander, Craig Pappin, Kelsey Heck, and Collen Sullivan.

Absent: none.

Also present: City Manager Patrick Burtch, City Clerk Andrea Muray, City Assessor Jason Yoakam, Director of Public Works Jonathan Greene, Director of Neighborhood and Economic Operations, City Engineer Jon Dowling, and Director of Police and Fire Services Elmer Hitt.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Heck to adopt the agenda. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: none.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 28, 2019:**
Approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 28, 2019.
- B. Resignation from the Public Arts Commission:**
Receipt with regret the resignation of Michelle McClellan, Ex-Officio – Ella Sharp Museum, from the Public Arts Commission.
- C. Resolution for Approval of Contract with MDOT for Greenwood Avenue/S. Jackson Street – Morrell Street to Franklin Street:**
Approve a resolution to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for street reconstruction on Greenwood Avenue and S. Jackson Street from Morrell Street to Franklin Street, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents.
- D. Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 4286, 4288, 4289:**
Approve a Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 4286, Delinquent Miscellaneous 101 General Fund Accounts Receivables, Roll No. 4288, Delinquent Miscellaneous 641 Public Works Fund Account Receivables, and Roll No. 4289, Delinquent Miscellaneous 590 Waste Water Fund Accounts Receivables, confirmed May 14, 2019.
- E. Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment Roll No. 4288:**
Approve a Corrective Resolution for Special Assessment, Roll No. 4288 for Delinquent Miscellaneous 641 Public Works Fund Account Receivables, confirmed May 14, 2019.
- F. Request from Jackson County Veterans to Move Forward with Two Additional WWI Memorial Markers in Withington Park:**
Approve the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to allow the Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries along with David Welihan, Jackson County Veterans, to move forward with two additional WWI memorial markers in Withington Park.
- G. Resolution Supporting the Addition of Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation to the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act 453 of 1976:**
Approve a resolution supporting the addition of gender identity and sexual orientation to the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act 453 of 1976.

H. Traffic Study – Wisner Street and Elmwood Avenue Intersection:

Based on the traffic study, the intersection of Wisner Street and Elmwood Avenue should remain as is with Elmwood being required to stop prior to entering the intersection.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dancy, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Alexander moved to have Items C and G removed for separate consideration. A vote was taken on the Consent Calendar as amended. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to approve the resolution to enter into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for street reconstruction on Greenwood and S. Jackson Street from Morrell Street to Franklin Street, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the appropriate documents. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Heck, and Sullivan (4). Nays: Councilmembers Dancy, Alexander, and Pappin (3). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Heck to approve a resolution supporting the addition of gender identity and sexual orientation to the Michigan Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act 453 of 1976. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (6). Nays: Councilmember Alexander (1). Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Annual Purchase of Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals.

Recommendation: *Award the various water and wastewater treatment chemical purchases as presented via the annual supply bid.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to award the purchases. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve the Agreements to Rehabilitate 763 Randolph St. to Avoid Demolition of the Property as Upheld by the Building Code Board of Examiners and Appeals.

Recommendation: *Approve the Purchase and Rehab in Lieu of Demolition Agreements with resident Steven Moser for 763 Randolph St., as upheld by the Building Code Board of Examiners and Appeals on November 17, 2016.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Sullivan, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to approve the purchase and rehab agreements for 763 Randolph Street. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

B. Approve the Purchase and Development Agreements for 326 Carr St.

Recommendation: *Approve the Purchase and Development Agreements between the City of Jackson and Shawn Thomas for the sale of 326 Carr St.*

Motion was made Councilmember Heck, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to approve the purchase and development agreements for 326 Carr Street. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

C. Approve the Purchase and Development Agreement for 235 E. Prospect St.

Recommendation: *Approve the Purchase and Development Agreements between the City of Jackson and Katrina Duling for the sale of 235 E. Prospect St.*

Motion was made by Councilmember Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to approve the purchase and development agreement for 235. E Prospect Street. Vote - Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

D. Group Violence Intervention (GVI) Gun Violence Strategy.

Motion was made by Councilmember Heck, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to create and fund a Program Manager to oversee Group Violence Intervention implementation and enter into a contract with the National Network for Safe Communities beginning in fiscal year 2019-2020. A friendly amendment, with no objection, was made by Councilmember Sullivan to commit to match funds in the event that a grant is secured. Councilmembers Heck and Sullivan withdrew their motion without objection. Motion was made by Mayor Dobies, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan to direct the City Administration to express the Council's interest in pursuing Group Violence Intervention Strategy, to direct the City Administration to pursue that as a strategy including raising funds and exploring the potential of funds within the community, and to fund the strategy as presented by the Director of Police

and Fire Services. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to adjourn to executive session to discuss information subject to attorney/client privilege and a written legal opinion. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pappin, seconded by Councilmember Alexander to return to open session. Vote – Yeas: Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (7). Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Robinson to authorize the City’s Labor Attorney to negotiate the agreement with the City Attorney based on the conversation in Executive Session and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement. Vote – Yeas: Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, Heck, and Sullivan (6). Nays: Mayor Dobies (1). Motion carried.

CITY COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS:

Councilmember Sullivan offered comments. Mayor Dobies, Councilmembers Robinson, Dancy, Alexander, Pappin, and Heck declined.

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

City Manager Patrick Burtch declined to offer comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business being offered, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Sullivan. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Mayor Dobies adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.