

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING/WORK SESSION
Monday, November 15, 2021, 6:00 PM

Members Present:

Mayor Steve Lawrence
Anne Sneve
Jim Looney
John Foust

Staff:

Beverly Ragland
Lindsey Williams
Tara Benson
David Hall
Lonnie Waters
Stacy Johnson
Josh Davis

Guests in Attendance:

Green Suttles
J. Cornelus
Marty Callahan
David Brieain
Jack Dunn

Members Absent:

Dr. Sonny Proctor
Kirk Raffield

Legal Counsel:

Press:

Pickens Progress- Dan Pool
Know Pickens

Mayor Steve Lawrence asked Councilmember John Foust if he recognized a quorum. Seeing a quorum, Mayor Lawrence recognized meeting as open. Mayor Lawrence stated Councilmember Dr. Sonny Proctor and Councilmember Kirk Raffield are not in attendance.

He requested Development Director Lonnie Waters to provide the invocation. He requested Councilmember Anne Sneve to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawrence advised that an agenda is in front of them, and he entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember Sneve made a motion to adopt the agenda with Councilmember John Foust providing a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

With nothing under Old Business, Mayor Lawrence recognized the first item under new business (item A) Consideration and approval of J.L. White Emergency Repair of Water Main and change order to existing contract. Mayor Lawrence read the invoice from T. Stanco, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000. Mayor called for a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called for an additional motion to approve a change order to the contract for Water System Improvements J.L. White Drive in the amount of \$31,674.87. This change order is well below 10% of the original contract and will allow us to maintain service water to the hospital until repairs can be made in the event of a future main break. Discussion was had on this also providing fire protection during a break and it was explained why it would not. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item under new business (Item B) Consideration and approval of bid for debris removal on Gennett Drive. The Debris will consist of concrete, asphalt and rocks. Mayor called for a motion to approve the low bid from \$24,665 with the City providing the trucks and drivers to haul away debris. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

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Mayor Lawrence recognized the next item under new business (Item C) Consideration and discussion of the new Employee Personal Handbook and the 14-day notice. Mayor Lawrence called on Councilmember Looney to provide background information. Mr. Looney is asking for consent to approve putting the New Employee handbook on a 14-day review. He stated that it has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. Councilmember Looney reviewed some of the changes that would be made if approved after the 14-day comment period. Councilmember Looney provided a motion to approve the 14- day comment period so that it can be considered at a future meeting. Councilmember Sneve provide a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence moved to the next item under new business (item D) The Consideration and approval of Resolution #2021-14 for the 2021 Budget Amendments across all funds. Mayor Lawrence called on Finance Director Beverly Ragland. Ms. Ragland explained that additional amendments should be done after the General Fund was amended mid-year when the new pay scale was approved. The amended budget better reflects expected revenues and expenditures/expenses for the year.

Ms. Ragland went into discussion on the next item under new business (item E) Fiscal Year Budget for 2022 showing Department requested and City Manager recommendation. Mayor noted that the Notices have been placed in the paper for the November 15, 2021, Work Session, December 6, Public Hearing and for the December 20, 2021, Adoption. No action would be taken on the 2022 budget until December 20th. Councilmember Looney made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-14 for the 2021 Budget Amendments across all funds. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to enter executive Session. Councilmember Looney made a motion. Councilmember Sneve provided a second.

Councilmember Sneve made a motion to come out of executive Session. Councilmember Looney provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously. Councilmember Looney made a motion that The City of Jasper announce they have entered into final negotiations for a conditional offer of employment for Ms. Sonia Jammes as Jasper City Manager. Councilmember Foust provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Looney made a motion. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Steve Lawrence
Mayor

Beverly Ragland
Finance Director/City Clerk

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