

City Council of Jacksonville, Arkansas

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Regular City Council Meeting

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**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2023
6:00 P.M. - 6:15 P.M.**

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CITY HALL - #1 MUNICIPAL DRIVE

The City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Arkansas met in a regular session on August 17, 2023 at the regular meeting place of the City Council. Council Member Bolden delivered the invocation and Mayor Elmore led a standing audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag.

ROLL CALL: City Council Members: Dietz, Bolden, McCleary, Sansing, Ray, Mashburn, Moss, Twitty, Kinman, and Rains answered ROLL CALL. Mayor Elmore also answered ROLL CALL declaring a quorum. PRESENT TEN (10) ABSENT ZERO (0).

Others present for the meeting were: City Attorney Stephanie Friedman, Finance Director Cheryl Erkel, Parks and Recreation Director Kevin House, Police Chief Brett Hibbs, Fire Chief Alan Laughy, City Engineer Adam Whitlow, Assistant City Clerk Emilia Vazquez, IT Director Emily Osment, Communications Director Emily Sundermeier, Chase Walker, Johnny Simpson, and Karen Carlisle.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Mayor Elmore presented the minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of July 20, 2023 for approval and/or correction at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

APPROVAL AND/OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES: Council Member Ray moved, seconded by Council Member Bolden that the minutes of the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of July 6, 2023 be APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA: REGULAR MONTHLY REPORT/ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Council Member Bolden moved, seconded by Council Member Ray to approve the regular monthly report for July 2023.

JULY

PERMITS/LICENSE ISSUED

Building Permits 12
Business License -

INSPECTIONS PERFORMED

Building Inspections 80
Electrical 61
Plumbing 64
HVACR 50

REGULAR MONTHLY REPORT/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council Member Bolden moved, seconded by Council Member Ray to approve the regular monthly report for July 2023, reflecting a fire loss of \$41,000.00 and a savings total of \$394,000.00.

REGULAR MONTHLY REPORT/ANIMAL CONTROL

Council Member Bolden moved, seconded by Council Member Ray to approve the regular monthly report for July 2023.

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ADOPTION FEES	\$	1,925.00
SPAY/NEUTER FOR ADOPTED DOGS		1,925.00
Paid by the City of Jacksonville		1,925.00
Paid for by JFOTA		-
FINES		2,396.00
CONTRIBUTIONS		10,783.00
TOTAL	\$	15,104.00

Vet Bills paid by City not spay/neuter	\$	9,124.00
Vet Bills paid by JFOTA not spay/neuter		10,000.00

ROLL CALL: Council Member: Dietz, Bolden, McCleary, Sansing, Ray, Mashburn, Moss, Twitty, Kinman, and Rains voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

WATER DEPARTMENT:

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

STREET DEPARTMENT:

SANITATION DEPARTMENT:

PARKS & RECREATION:

PLANNING COMMISSION:

COMMITTEE(S):

GENERAL: a. PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 1740 (#24-2023)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1737 AND UPDATING JACKSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODES § 8.01.078 (GRASS OR WEEDS).

The public hearing opened at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Council Member McCleary moved, seconded by Council Member Rains to place Ordinance 1740 on **FIRST READING**. **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Dietz, Bolden, McCleary, Sansing, Ray, Mashburn, Twitty, Kinman, and Rains voted AYE. **MOTION CARRIED** with Council Member Moss voting NAY. **Whereupon City Attorney Friedman read the heading of Ordinance 1740.**

Council Member Rains moved, seconded by Council Member Mashburn to **APPROVE** Ordinance 1740 on **FIRST READING** and **SUSPEND THE RULES** and place Ordinance 1740 on **SECOND READING**. **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Dietz, McCleary, Mashburn, and Rains voted AYE. **MOTION FAILED** with Council Member Bolden, Sansing, Ray, Moss, Twitty, and Kinman voting NAY.

Council Member Rains noted this amendment was just adding the variance for the mailbox flowerbeds that a lot of citizens have currently. She related that all of those citizens are out of ordinance.

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Council Member Kinman explained that once someone puts a mailbox at their house, it becomes Federal Government property. She added if the postman has an issue, they will write you a note on your mailbox saying you need to remove the flowers that are causing bees, wasps, etc. She reiterated that after you build your house and put a mailbox up, it is not your property, but is Federal Government property, therefore, she feels they should speak to someone else regarding it.

Council Member Rains asked City Attorney Friedman to clarify, because from her understanding, the owner owns all of the property around a mailbox, not including the mailbox itself.

Council Member Dietz pointed out that there are easements on the front of all of these properties for government and utility companies.

City Attorney Friedman confirmed there is an easement, but Council Member Rains was wanting just specifically around the mailbox, not the entire easement. She shared her only concern is that the way the ordinance was previously, it allowed for eight inches of any sort of vegetation to be around the mailbox before it was considered out of compliance. She is unsure what type of flowers people have in their mailbox flowerbeds, but as long as they are under eight inches, they are in compliance with the previous code.

The public hearing closed at approximately 6:06 p.m.

b. RESOLUTION 837 (#06-2023)

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE AT RISK AND DISPLACED COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

Council Member Rains moved, seconded by Council Member Mashburn to read Resolution 837 (#06-2023). **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Dietz, McCleary, Mashburn, and Rains voted AYE. **MOTION FAILED** with Council Member Bolden, Sansing, Ray, Moss, Twitty, and Kinman voting NAY.

APPOINTMENTS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take Your Legislator to School Month

Council Member Rains shared an event coming up partnered with Jacksonville North Pulaski School District, adding that they are looking forward to Council's participation. She confirmed the School District is putting it on, explaining that she and State Legislators got together to assist in getting it set up. She stated it would be September 5th-8th.

Rotary Club Scholarship Golf Tournament

Council Member Twitty stated that Rotary Club is having their golf tournament benefitting scholarships for Jacksonville kids on Friday, September 8th. She noted that if anyone is interested in putting a team together, see Steve Pawloski.

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Downtown Revitalization Plan

Council Member Dietz brought up a previous program for downtown. He believes it is time for Council and everyone to get together to light it up and get everything moved there to show the City they are doing something for the City. He told how everyone around us are going downtown adding pavilions, etc. and we are the only city our size not doing anything. He stated they can get a plan together and get it implemented, sharing that our population in 1995 was 29,100, but according to a book he received last week, it is now at 29,700. He stressed that everyone else's population is exploding and we need to explode with them and get Jacksonville moving forward.

Mayor Elmore suggested putting together a group for ideas to bring to him.

Council Member Dietz mentioned Bob Price, who had a plan, but we did not implement it for three or four years. He may get together with him, because he would like to light up downtown and have a pavilion so they can have a permanent place for the parade that would look good. He assured this would save time by not having to set up and break down temporary bleachers that block businesses.

Council Member Ray stated when the City has a parade downtown, all of the businesses do 60% more business, because 60% of those people shop downtown while they are there.

Council Member Dietz pointed out that if Jacksonville is going to have progress, we are going to have to do some things, or else it will be the same way it is. He confirmed he is open to starting a committee regarding this.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, Mayor Elmore adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully,

Susan L. Davitt
City Clerk-Treasurer

MAYOR JEFF ELMORE

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



To: Mayor Elmore, Jacksonville City Council
From: Engineering Department

Please find below the consent agenda for the Engineering Department

ENGINEERING REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023

PERMITS/LICENSE ISSUED

Building Permits	12
Business License	-

INSPECTIONS PERFORMED

Building Inspections	54
Electrical	71
Plumbing	42
HVACR	24

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JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Brett C. Hibbs
Chief of Police

1400 Marshall Rd.
Jacksonville, AR 72076
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August 4, 2023

To: Mayor Jeff Elmore & Jacksonville City Council Members

From: Chief Brett Hibbs

Re: Jacksonville Police Department July 2023 Monthly Report

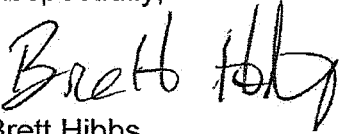
The following report of activities for the Jacksonville Police Department submitted for the month of July 2023:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total complaints Calls	2885	3460
Homicide Reported	0	0
Homicide Cleared	0	0
Rape/Sex Assault Reported	2	4
Rape/Sex Assault Cleared	0	0
Robbery Reported	1	5
Robbery Cleared	0	1
Felony Assaults Reported	17	10
Felony Assaults Cleared	10	3
Burglary Reported	19	16
Burglary Cleared	2	2
Theft Reported	58	69
Theft Cleared	7	22
Vehicle Theft Reported	19	11
Vehicle Theft Cleared	4	1

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Felony Cases Reported	145	148
Felony Cases Closed	119	102
Misd Cases Reported	297	245
Misd Cases Closed	288	234

Respectfully,



Brett Hibbs
Chief of Police
Jacksonville Police Department

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Jacksonville Police Department
Code Enforcement Unit
1400 Marshall Road
Jacksonville, AR 72076
501-982-0688

Monthly Report:

July 2023

	Barger	Rowe	Gonyea		Total
Assigned Calls	24	10	15		49
Self - Initiated Calls	53	50	83		186
Follow Up Inspections	188	111	177		476
Complied after Notice	63	50	60		173
3 Day Notice	7	4	12		23
7 Day Letter	84	101	137		322
Citation Letters Mailed	5	2	22		29
Citations Issued	2	4	5		11
Vehicles Tagged	8	7	9		24
Vehicles Towed	1	0	3		4
Unsafe Structures Tagged	0	0	0		0
Structures Condemned	0	0	0		0
Structures Rehabbed	0	0	0		0
Demolition by City	0	0	0		0
Demolition by Owner	1	0	0		1
Parking Violations	0	0	0		0
Garbage Cans Tagged	0	0	0		0
Basketball Goals	1	0	0		1
Structures Inspected	265	171	275		711
Apt. Complexes Insp.	0	2	2		4
Red Tags Issued	0	0	0		0
Search Warrants	0	0	0		0
Parking Violations	0	0	0		0
Grass Mowed	46	27	29		102
Signs Removed	0	2	4		6
Shopping Carts			1		

Notes & Highlights:

1201 Quince Hill - Demo by owner
 Plan of Action submitted for 300 Taylor Rd and work has began
 1723 Pinon-Judge ordered clean up within 30 days

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