

CITY OF JONESBORO
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 16, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
1859 City Center Way, Jonesboro, GA 30236

MINUTES

I. CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Messick.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll was called by City Manager Miller-Thornton. Mayor Sartor and Councilmember D. Dixon was not present.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Donya L. Sartor	Mayor	Absent	
Tracey Messick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	6:03 p.m.
Alfred A. Dixon	Councilmember	Present	5:55 p.m.
Don D. Dixon	Councilmember	Absent	
Bobby Lester	Councilmember	Present	5:55 p.m.
Asjah Miller	Councilmember	Present	5:55 p.m.
Billy Powell	Councilmember	Present	5:55 p.m.
ChaQuias Miller-Thornton	City Manager/Interim City Clerk	Present	5:55 p.m.
David Dreyer	City Attorney	Present	5:55 p.m.
Audrey Dunlap	Assistant Police Chief	Present	5:55 p.m.
Shandrella Jewett	Acting City Clerk	Present	5:55 p.m.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Council to consider the approval of September 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

RESULTS: **Approved**
MOVER: **Councilmember A. Dixon**
SECONDER: **Councilmember Lester**
AYES: **Vote was unanimous**
NAYS: **None**

2. Council to consider Gloria Drive Public Works Facility Building and Site Improvements.

- a. Funding Consideration
- b. Bid Award MRJ Commercial Contractors, Inc. – Low and Responsive Bidder - \$787,909.70

RESULTS: **Approved - Bid Award and appropriation of funding (ARPA Funds, 2015 SPLOST, 2021 SPLOTS, and the overage to be taken out of General Funds).**

MOVER: Councilmember Lester
SECONDER: Councilmember Miller
AYES: Vote was unanimous
NAYS: None

- c. Contract Award – Between the City of Jonesboro, Georgia and MRJ Commercial Contractors, Inc.

RESULTS: Approved
MOVER: Councilmember Lester
SECONDER: Councilmember Powell
AYES: Vote was unanimous
NAYS: None

3. Council to consider approval and adoption of Ordinance 2024-010 (AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR EACH FUND OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO – Second Read.)

City Manager Miller-Thornton led the discussion.

Councilmember Lester requested a forensic audit. He asked City Manager Miller-Thornton to pick three firms that have experience with government forensic audits and to give Council the information collected by December 31, 2024.

RESULTS: Approved - Request for a forensic audit regarding the previous years' budget. City Manager Miller-Thornton to choose three experienced forensic auditors that are familiar with government forensic audits by December 31, 2024.
MOVER: Councilmember Lester
SECONDER: Councilmember Powell
DISCUSSION: There was a discussion regarding the forensic audit
AYES: N/A
NAYES: N/A

A motion was made right after the above discussion “to call the question” regarding the above-mentioned request for a forensic audit.

RESULTS: Approved - To Call The Question
MOVER: Councilmember Powell
SECONDER: Councilmember Lester
AYES: Vote was unanimous
NAYS: None

Mayor Pro-Tem Messick and Council discussed some of the items they would like to include in the forensic audit.

RESULTS: Approved (Vote 2 to 1; Abstained 1) - Request for a forensic audit to be conducted regarding the previous years' budget (to include review of credit card statements, benefits paid out to city employees/elected officials, and other gray areas of spending). City Manager Miller-Thornton to choose three experienced forensic auditors that are familiar with government forensic audits by December 31, 2024.
MOVER: Councilmember Lester

SECONDER: Councilmember Powell
AYES: Councilmembers: Lester and Powell
NAYS: Councilmember Miller
ABSTAINED: Councilmember A. Dixon

Councilmember A. Dixon did the Second Read of Ordinance 2024-010.

RESULTS: Approved - Ordinance 2024-010 regarding FY2025 Budget
MOVER: Councilmember A. Dixon
SECONDER: Councilmember Miller
AYES: Vote was unanimous
NAYS: None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council consideration of Contract Renewal – Contract for Representation and Fee Agreement between the City of Jonesboro and Dreyer & Associates – Legal Service - \$150,000.00.

Mayor Pro-Tem Messick and Council had discussion regarding the RFP process and agreed to table the item until the next Council meeting/Executive Session.

RESULTS: Approved - Tabled until the next meeting
MOVER: Mayor Pro-Tem Messick
SECONDER: Councilmember Powell
AYES: Vote was unanimous
NAYS: None

2. Council consideration of Ordinance 2024-11 – FY2024 Budget Amendment – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

RESULTS: Approved
MOVER: Councilmember Lester
SECONDER: Councilmember A. Dixon
AYES: Vote was unanimous
NAYS: None

- a. Purchase of Public Safety Vehicles – Transfer in allocation from Personnel Services – Salaries and Debt Service Vehicle Lease line items to Capital Outlay Vehicles line item – Total purchase - \$188,232.00.

RESULTS: Approved (Vote 3 to 2) - Purchase of three (3) Police Utility Interceptor Vehicles and to table the decision to purchase a Mustang Mach-E Vehicle until a later time.
MOVER: Councilmember Powell
SECONDER: Councilmember Lester
AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Messick, Councilmembers: Powell and Lester
NAYS: Councilmember Miller and A. Dixon

- b. Purchase of Flock Cameras – Appropriation to include increase in OPB Grant Revenue line item and increase in Police Department Capital Outlay Equipment line item – Total purchase \$93,500.00.

RESULTS: Approved

MOVER: Councilmember Power
SECONDER: Councilmember Lester
AYES: Vote was unanimous
NAYS: None

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

RESULTS: Approved
MOVER: Councilmember Powell
SECONDER: Councilmember Lester
AYES: Vote was unanimous
NAYS: None

Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, Acting City Clerk