



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Mayor

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Council

Donna Bowen

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Mike McClain

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Ken Gregg

Steve Casaleggio

City Administrator

Jeff Alvis

City Hall

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

Public Works

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

After Hours Dispatch

(emergencies only)

541-776-7206

Police

Office 541-899-7100

Dispatch 541-776-7206

Fire

Office 541-899-7246

Dispatch 541-776-7206

Planning

541-899-6873

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

8:30 am-2:00 pm

Inspection Request

541-484-9043 or

800-358-8034

Smoke Detectors—The Life They Save May Be Yours

Smoke detectors. These simple dependable devices work and work exceptionally well, but only if we help them do their job. If you only do one thing around the house this fall, check yours.

Fire safety doesn't have to be hard. This is simple. Don't put it off until tomorrow.

Inspect your detector's battery. Replace it if it's alkaline or heavy-duty. Most new detectors have a special 10-year lithium battery. Make sure it isn't expired. On all units, press the test button to make sure it alerts. Replace your detector if it's more than 10 years old.



Smoke detectors serve an important function; waking sleeping people so that they may safely get away from fire and smoke. Smoke is actually more dangerous than the fire. Most victims succumb indirectly from fires a result of smoke inhalation rather than from burns. This is why a functioning smoke detector is vital in all homes.

We all have excuses. Maybe the detector is ugly to look at. Maybe it alerts when you're cooking. Maybe it seems foolish and expensive to replace every 10 years. Maybe tonight while you're asleep you'll have a fire and need to rely on a smoke detector.

If you've taken a detector down; put it back up. If it needs a new battery; get one. If it's old; replace it. Don't procrastinate or feel wasteful. Check it today. Nobody is safe sleeping in a house without functioning smoke detectors near all bedrooms and the kitchen.

Do whatever it takes. Add it to your to-do list, have your phone nag you, place a note on the bathroom mirror as a reminder. Don't procrastinate. Get it done. Lives depend on that detector!

Once you're done, rest easy till next fall. Sleep soundly knowing you've done your part to be fire safe.

Sidewalk Maintenance—Safety and Repair Responsibilities



With falling leaves, rain, and winter upon us, we would like to remind you that the sidewalks abutting your property are your responsibility to keep free of hazardous conditions, per Jacksonville Municipal Code Chapter 12.20. Also, just a reminder that blowing, raking or putting leaves, trash, rubbish or any refuse on to the public right of way or street is prohibited, per Jacksonville Municipal code 8.04.120. Code violations may be cited up to \$1,000 per offense. It is your responsibility to dispose of such debris.

If someone is hurt because of the condition of the sidewalk, you could be responsible for any claims they file. Please take time to look at the sidewalk next to your property and remove any hazards that might exist, including:

- **Repairing uneven joints, edges, or surfaces that can be trip hazards**
- **Cleaning up debris from trees (leaves, nuts, branches, etc.)**
- **Removing snow and ice promptly**

Thank you for keeping conditions safe for pedestrians.

City Council Meetings in Old City Hall—205 W. Main St.

City Staff has been strategizing, and is in the process of installing plexiglass dividers in the Council dais in Old City Hall so that we can open City Council Meetings back up to the public at that location and no longer have to do the meetings virtually. We are anticipating having the installation complete prior to the November 3rd City Council Meeting.

The Oregon Health Authority has expanded the mask/face covering guidelines, stating that masks must be worn in any indoor space (work place) and shields do not meet the criteria. Therefore, everyone will be required to wear a mask and/or face covering upon entry to Old City Hall, and keep them on for the entirety of the meeting.

We are excited to have a full Council back in participation at Old City Hall and are looking forward to opening the meetings back up to the Public at that location.

City Offices will be **CLOSED** on the following:
following holidays in November:

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



City Council Meetings At-A-Glance

A synopsis of the previous month’s City Council agenda items and discussions so you, the citizens of Jacksonville, know what is going on in your local government. **If you would like more detail on any of the discussion items, please review the summaries for each item in the Council packet on the City website.**

October 6, 2020—City Council

- **A Public Hearing to Discuss the Proposed Findings Supporting an Exemption from the Competitive Bidding Requirements and use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor Method of Procurement for the Jacksonville Fire Station Seismic Retrofit and 2nd Story Addition.** Council approved the Findings of Fact and the Exemption to the Competitive Bidding Process.
- **Approval of Transient Lodging Tax Grant.** Council approved the Transient Lodging Tax Grant for Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5,800 for ongoing advertising and promotion for Jacksonville as a tourist destination.
- **Jacksonville Boosters Memorandum of Understanding for Peter Britt Gardens.** Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding, which is for a five-year term.
- **Approval of Police Officer New Hires.** Council approved the hiring of Police Officer Ken Berry; and approved the hiring of Police Officer Kaden Johnson, pending background evaluation.
- **Accept Bid for the Second Floor Tenant Improvement for New City Hall.** Council approved the Vitus Construction base bid for \$378,400, with the City Administrator determining which alternates will be accepted.
- **Resolution No. R2020-015—A Resolution Adopting a Color Palette for New Truncated Domes within the City of Jacksonville.** Council adopted Resolution No. R2020-015, thereby approving Colonial Red, or similar as determined by the City of Jacksonville Planning or Public Works Directors, as the prescribed color for new truncated domes.

October 20, 2020—Meeting Cancelled

Audio and Approved Minutes from each of the City Council Meetings is located on the City website.

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Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
City Council Meeting	Tuesday, November 3, 2020	6:00 PM	Old City Hall
Citizen Advisory Committee	Tuesday, November 3, 2020	2:30 PM	Old City Hall
Parks and Visitors Services Committee Meeting	Wednesday, November 4, 2020	5:00 PM	Old City Hall
Committee for Citizen Involvement Meeting	Monday, November 9, 2020	5:15 PM	Old City Hall
City Council Meeting (tentative)	Tuesday, November 17, 2020	6:00 PM	Old City Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	Wednesday, November 18, 2020	6:00 PM	Old City Hall