



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

January 2021

Mayor

Donna Bowen

Council

Mike McClain

Jim Lewis

Ken Gregg

Steve Casaleggio

Andrea Thompson

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

Open Bar Ditches vs. Culverts and Storm Drains

Why does the City of Jacksonville prefer open bar ditches over culverts and storm drain piping? Open bar ditches serve two primary purposes that not only benefits the City, but all City residents and all of Southern Oregon. Open bar ditches work to slow down water as the water runs down the ditch to either Daisy Creek or Jackson Creek, but open bar ditches also remove sediment and replenish the groundwater. Sometimes culverts and storm water systems are necessary for development purposes; for driveways or running water under roadways. However, when we install culverts and storm water systems and put the water underground, this defeats the idea of an open bar ditch and slowing the water down and removing sediment from the water before it makes its way to the creek. The City tries to avoid using culverts unless they are absolutely necessary. In the event where culverts are installed without the proper permits and approval from the Public Works and Planning Departments, they may need to be removed at the owner's expense. If you have a need to install a driveway that requires a culvert, please contact the Jacksonville Public Works Department at 541-899-1231 and we can discuss the best options, any requirements and how to proceed.



Smoke Detectors

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.



City Offices will be CLOSED

**New Years Day,
Friday, January 1st
and
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 18th**

Online Bill Payments

When making online bill payments through your banking institution, please keep in mind it sometimes takes 7-10 days for the payment to reach our office. Make sure you set up your payment well ahead of your payment due date. The City also offers Auto-Pay for your convenience.

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.**

December 1, 2020—City Council

- **Audit Presentation.** KDP Certified Public Accountants, LLP presented the audit for fiscal year 2019-2020 and gave the City the highest rating that could be given.
- **Britt Request for Four Additional Performances within the Shoulder Season to end by October 15, 2021.** As a result of COVID-19, the Britt Music and Arts Festival is in the process of planning a modified 2021 season that anticipates a start date of June 29, 2021. However, it is to be determined whether there will be a season at any capacity due to the uncertainty on whether gathering restrictions will be lifted. Nevertheless, because of their anticipated late start date, Britt requested to extend into the shoulder season with the stipulation that they will hold no more than four additional events between the second Sunday in September and October 15, 2021, per the Operation Standards of the Britt Master Plan. Council approved the request for four additional performances within the shoulder season to end by October 15, 2021.
- **Acceptance of Office of Emergency Management Grant for Digital Portable Radios.** Council accepted the OEM grant in the amount of \$88,108 to purchase P-25 compliant digital portable radios and associated supplies for the Fire Department and Police Department.
- **Canvass the Vote and Accompanying Proclamation.** Council accepted the canvassing of the votes and proclamation of the election results for the following candidates to the City Council, with their terms beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024: Mayor—Donna Bowen. City Councilors—Steve Casaleggio, Mike McClain and Andrea Thompson. When Mayor Bowen takes office on January 1, 2021 a Council position will be vacant. City staff posted a notice for the opening on December 2, 2020. Applications will be accepted until Council appoints to fill the vacant position.
- **Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. O2020-004—An Ordinance Amending Jacksonville Municipal Code Sections 3.20.240 and 4.12.010 Providing Respectively, for Transient Lodging Tax Dispositions and the Transient Lodging Tax Expenditure Committee.** Council approved the second reading of Ordinance No. O2020-004 and its adoption.

December 15, 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, January 5, 2021 | 6:00 PM | Virtual Meeting |
| Planning Commission Meeting | Wednesday, January 13, 2021 | 6:00 PM | Virtual Meeting |
| City Council Meeting | Tuesday, January 19, 2021 | 6:00 PM | Virtual Meeting |
| HARC Meeting | Wednesday, January 27, 2021 | 6:00 PM | Virtual Meeting |