



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE



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# JACKSONVILLE NEWSLETTER

## March 2019

*The citizen's source of information about the City of Jacksonville*

### Mayor

Paul Becker

### Council

Criss Garcia

David Jesser

Jim Lewis

Ken Gregg

Steve Casaleggio

Donna Bowen

### City Administrator

Jeff Alvis

### City Hall

Monday-Friday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

### Public Works

Office 541-899-1231

After Hours Emergency

Dispatch 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

### Life Saving Seminar

**You can't afford to miss this opportunity to become better informed and prepared in the event of a major fire, flood, or earthquake!** On Tuesday March 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday March 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Naverson Room of the library, the Jacksonville CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) will conduct a seminar designed to assist homeowners in preparing for emergencies. Important topics such as creating an effective defensible space around homes, creating "GO" bags (containing essential documents, etc. in case of evacuation), signing up with the Citizen Alert Emergency Notification System, primary and secondary evacuation routes, and much more will be discussed. There will be ample question and answer time at the end. **Don't miss this – the lives of your family could depend on it!**



### Woodlands Fire Reduction Efforts

Fuel reduction in the woodlands surrounding Jacksonville has been an ongoing concern and effort for the Jacksonville Woodlands Association (JWA) long before the fires of 2017/2018. Back in 2002-2004 a large portion of the woodlands were treated to make the area less susceptible to wild fire by clearing the area of brush and reducing the ladder fuels to the crowns of the big firs and pine. In cooperation with local property owners that owned land adjacent to the woodlands, 1,300 acres of property of city owned and privately-owned lands were treated. The City Council gave temporary permission to burn the material that was removed during the reduction efforts.

The City, JWA and BLM are aware that they need to do a follow up of the fuel reduction project on the 275 acres of the Woodlands, 120 BLM and 155 city owned acres. Most recently, three members of the JWA who have over 100 years of combined experience in fuels reduction have conducted a walk through of this area and will be meeting with BLM and the City regarding their recommendations. Jacksonville is vulnerable to wild fires; the city has been protected by the fuel reduction efforts back in 2002, but reducing fire threat is an ongoing, never ending project, even more so today as the type of fires has changed with drier climates and building fuel loads in the woods and forest.

### Town Hall Meetings—Chapter One of the Comprehensive Plan

Please join the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and members of the Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) for a town hall meeting to learn about the CAC's work to date on providing recommendations for revisions to Chapter One of the Jacksonville Comprehensive Plan. This will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and provide feedback. Town hall meetings have already taken place and others will be scheduled for March 2019 (date TBD) at Old City Hall, 205 W. Main Street, Jacksonville. The intent of the review is to ensure that Jacksonville has a robust, long-term, and sustainable Citizen Involvement Program.

**Check the Meetings Calendar on the City website for dates.**

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## Communication with the Council

While citizens can—and many do—communicate with the City Council via email, the Council also welcomes communication from the public at all of its regular meetings. In addition to taking public input on Council agenda items, they also set aside a public comment period at every Council meeting, which is an opportunity for citizens to come speak about anything that is on their mind.

To see what is on a Council agenda, check the “*Agenda & Minutes*” link on the homepage of the City website or by going to <https://www.jacksonvilleor.us/agendacenter>. Remember that if you aren’t able to come to a Council meeting you can listen to the audio, which is also in the agenda center on the City website. Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Old City Hall, 205 W. Main St, starting at 6:00 pm.

## 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.

*Council discussed the topic of Councilors attending committee or commission meetings and asked staff to include the following statement in the Newsletter for public awareness. “Council should refrain from attending meetings that are discussing matters that Council may eventually vote on so as to not be biased or cause jeopardy to the process itself that is producing the decision.”*

*The Council Liaison to committees and commissions are non-voting members; whose role is to coordinate the exchange of information or the planning of joint efforts between the City Council and the committee or commission.*

### City Council Meeting Agenda Items

#### **February 5, 2019**

- **New Hire—Public Works Operations Manager.** Council approved hiring Max Woody as the Public Operations Manager. This position has been open for several years and Max will make a great addition to our management team.
- **2019 Organizational Chart.** The 2019 Organizational Chart was approved by Council.
- **Resolution No. R2019-001—A Resolution Accepting the Appointments and Terms for the Committees and Commissions.** Council approved Resolution R2019-001.

#### **February 19, 2019**

- **2018 Citizen of the Year.** Mayor Becker awarded the 2018 Citizen of the Year Award to Whit Parker in a packed house.
- **Boundary Line Determination.** Council approved a boundary line determination regarding the property lines for a parcel that abuts City-owned property on Hwy 238.
- **Discussion on Brunner Building Lease Renewal.** Council approved a 3 year lease renewal with the same terms.
- **Ratification of Union Contract.** Council approved the Union Contract for a 3 year time period.
- **Award Contract—Scope of Qualifications, Civil West Engineering for Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund.** Council awarded the engineering contract for our SDWRLF projects to Civil West Engineering.

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

Public Meeting Schedule	Date	Time	Place
Committee for Citizen Involvement	Monday March 4th, 2019	5:15 PM	NCH Conference Room
City Council	Tuesday March 5th, 2019	6:00 PM	Old City Hall
H.A.R.C	Wednesday March 13th, 2019	6:00 PM	Old City Hall
City Council	Tuesday March 19th, 2019	6:00 PM	Old City Hall
Planning Commission	Wednesday March 27th, 2019	6:00 PM	Old City Hall