



Mayor Carlos Duffey
Councilman Theodore Patterson: District 1
Councilman Lewis Sims: District 2
Councilman Ricky “P-Nut” Johnson Mayor Protem: District 3 (Phone Conference)
Councilman Don Cook: District 4
Councilwoman Jeanette Riley: District 5

**Work Session
Minutes**

January 20, 2026

6:00 pm

The City Council of Jackson met in a Work Session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at The City Hall. The meeting was open to the public and called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Mayor Carlos Duffey.

Discussion Items

1. Monthly Department Head Reports

- **The Mayor and Council accepted the department reports. Captain Josh Pitts came and presented the stats for the Crime Suppression Unit. Sheriff Gary Long thanked the Mayor and Council for a great partnership between the City of Jackson Police Department and the Butts County Sheriff’s Department.**

2. Public Defender Resignation Discussion.

- **Holly Bailey, the City of Jackson City Manager informed the Mayor and Council that they have already accepted the resignation of the public defender. She informed the Mayor and Council that the resume for the applicant for the open position will be a vote for the regular meeting. The council were in favor of this.**

3. Regulatory Tattoo Ordinance Discussion.

- **Marjorie Stansell informed the Mayor and Council that there will be a first read in the regular meeting. This ordinance is just to mimic in the regulatory ordinance what has already been passed in the zoning ordinance regarding tattoo parlors.**

4. Zoning Ordinance/ Renters Ordinance Discussion section 9-6.

- **Marjorie Stansell, the City of Jackson Zoning Administrator made the Mayor and Council aware of a code section in the zoning ordinance that states that a**

Fire inspection is required every time a new tenet rents a home for residential properties. Currently the City of Jackson does not enforce this ordinance. She asked the Mayor and Council is this something we want to enforce and if so, how would they want to keep track of rental properties, as we do not require landlords to have a business license. Marjorie Stansell informed the council that inspections are required if the property is vacant for longer than 6months currently. Councilwoman Riley expressed she see the need for this, as there has been issues in the past poor living conditions for residents and the City was not made aware of it. Councilman Patterson expressed that he does not see how this is something we can police, and we do not have the staff or manpower to enforce this ordinance.

5. Bicentennial Discussion.

- Mayor Duffey announced to the City Council that we will be planning a block party “Jackson Day” sometime in September to celebrate the 200-year anniversary of the City of Jackson. He encouraged the City Council to brainstorm ideas.

6. Bike Race Discussion.

- Holly Bailey and the Mayor announced the upcoming Bike Race and advised the route has been changed this year. The flyer was provided.

7. Electric AMI Meter Discussion.

- Holly Bailey announced that the approval to purchase more AMI meters will be on the regular session agenda. These will come from the Block Stream Fund.

8. LMIG Discussion.

- Holly Bailey gave an update on the 2025 LMIG projects and also the plans for the 2026 LMIG funds.

9. Roadside Vendor/ Temporary Business Ordinance Discussion.

- Marjorie Stansell approached the Mayor and Council requested clarity on what the Mayor and Council would like to see for Roadside Vendors/Temporary Businesses. Councilman Patterson asked what Marjorie Stansell’s recommendations are. As the City Clerk/ Zoning Administrator suggested to remove the Temporary Businesses from the City of Jackson Zoning Ordinance and place the regulations in the regulatory ordinances. She suggested only allowing churches and civic groups to set up fundraisers and be treated like group assembly permits. She suggested that the food trucks be regulated through special event permits only.

10. Fee Schedule Discussion.

- Holly Bailey presented the Fee Schedule to the Mayor and Council and stated that this will be for a vote at the regular meeting. She states that she suggests going up on the Website Payment Fee from \$6 to \$8, this fee will help us recuperate the deficit from the fee charged to us from the credit card company. She suggested going down from 3.5% to 3.0% credit card charge for in-house or over the phone. Councilwoman Riley expressed that she does not agree with going up on the website payment. The rest of the council agreed to go up on this. Holly Bailey requested to go up on the monument fee from \$50 to \$100. Councilman Lewis Sims expressed he was not in agreement with this, the council agreed to keep this fee the same and not go up.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm

Carlos Duffey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjorie Stansell, City Clerk