

Village of Jacksonville
Council Work Session
January 25, 2023 5:00 PM

The Village of Jacksonville met for a Work Session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding and the meeting called to order at 5:00pm. Council members present were Jay Chapman, Gary Simons, Butch Chapman, Clinton Augustine and Rachel Gratz. Council member Angie Strock arrived at 5:25pm.

Council met to discuss work projects and goals of Council for the Village for the new year. Mayor Sam Smathers read the list of projects that was established last year and their current status. Many projects are in progress or unable to be started until funding becomes available.

Existing Project List from last year

get village truck (done), get salt bin and spreader (done), get generator with automatic transfer switch, speed bumps (part of the paving process bid), LED screen out front, municipal building roof repair (done), street lights converted to LED (AEP is going to do in late 2024/early 2025), storm sewer improvements and sewer jetter with camera, municipal building awnings (in progress because there is water dripping down on keypads), fire truck replacement and brush truck replacement (working with county to get approved), fire department wildlands truck, pave/chip & seal streets, replacement of Christmas flags (in progress), floor scrubber in village hall (not a priority), Palmer street berm (no progress, will encroach on peoples' property), new public service garage (if funds become available), High St guard rail, website modernization, greenspace improvement/stage area, improvements in Grove Park (we don't own it so we can't do anything as federal government owns it), additional water fountains/new swings/etc. (in process as things become available), more improvements at the park and a big stage in the back

In addition to the existing list, Council discussed the addition of the following projects to the priority list:

Council Projects for 2023

- Put in something where the stage was – Council made a verbal commitment with Old Settler's Committee that we would put something there and advertised that the stage would be replaced when alerting the Village that the previous stage would have to be removed.
 - Options: gazebo, fountain, garden, stage, etc.
 - Council likes the idea of a gazebo so that it could be used as a stage, maybe similar to a standard octagon stage but "stretched" so it is longer across the front for more of a "stage" appearance.
 - Council suggested contacting The Thrasher Group to see if they will do the engineering for the project. They had previously spoken to Council and suggested that they would design projects at no cost to the Village and then find funding to

pay for the projects. Mayor Smathers stated this may be part of a larger grant that is already in progress.

- Get generator fixed/improved – doesn't start automatically when the power goes off, doesn't power the whole building, difficult to start sometimes. Mayor Smathers stated there is an upcoming grant opportunity for this.
- Storm sewer repair
- Upgrade electricity in the shelter houses
- Zero turn commercial lawn mower with 60 inch deck, at least \$10,000+ cost
- Possibly solar panels on Village buildings
- Intercom/PA system and lectern for presenters in Village Hall

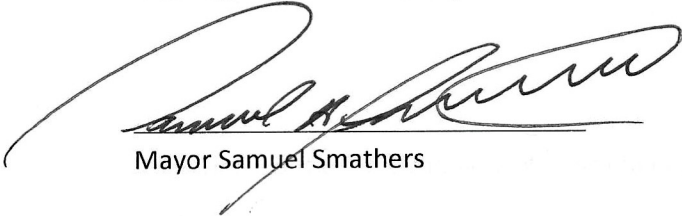
Council Goals

- Establish a contract with Old Settler's Committee to set expectations and agreements for each year – be insured and bonded, get everyone on the same page
 - Will need to schedule a work session to discuss aspects of contract

Mayor Smathers entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49pm.



Mayor Samuel Smathers



Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell