Mayor and Council Members
Robert Stimpson, Mayor
Connie Gonsalves, Vice Mayor
Wayne Garibaldi, Council Member
Marilyn Lewis, Council Member – via telecon
Keith Sweet, Council Member

ABSENT: None

John Georgette, City Clerk

Staff Members:
Josh Nelson, City Attorney
Yvonne Kimball, City Manager
Max Godde, Public Works Superintendent
Debbie Mackey, Fire Chief
Chris Mynderup, Police Chief
Patti Ungaro, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Stimpson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Stimpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PROCLAMATION.

Mayor Stimpson read the City of Jackson SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK Proclamation designated for January 26-February 1, 2020.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion to approve the City Council Agenda dated January 27, 2020 as presented. Moved by Vice Mayor Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Sweet, and carried by a 5 to 0 roll call vote:

AYES: Stimpson, Gonsalves, Garibaldi, Lewis, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Discussion items only, no action will be taken. Any person may address the Council at this time on any subject within the jurisdiction of the City Council. Please note – there is a five (5) minute limit.

Thornton Consolo, Jackson resident who is known as a Volunteer throughout Jackson. Mr. Consolo thanked Max Godde, Public Works Superintendent and Chief Mynderup, JPD, for their support from the City as they always go out of their way to help him whenever he asks and he is very appreciative for their overwhelming support.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR.

Items listed on the consent calendar are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed for discussion at the request of a Council Member.

a. Approval of the January 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes.
b. Approval of Expenditure Report in the amount of $143,488.43.
f. Approval of Tentative Agreement with Jackson Police Officers Association (JPOA).
g. Resolution 2020-02 – Vogan Alley name change.

Motion to approve the City Council Agenda dated January 27, 2020 as presented. Moved by Council Member Sweet, seconded by Councilmember Garibaldi, and carried by a 5 to 0 roll call vote:

AYES: Stimpson, Gonsalves, Garibaldi, Lewis, Sweet
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

This section is to provide staff an opportunity to present oral status reports on issues. No legal action is expected to be taken by the Council.

Public Works Superintendent, Max Godde stated they received a report that the Scout Hut downstairs sewer was not working properly. After PW put a camera in the sewer lateral, they believe the gas company hit their line. Staff is in the process of contacting the gas company and in the meantime has hired a local contractor to repair it as the Scouts have a big event there starting Wednesday. Jesse Thayer from PW recently resigned leaving 6 staff between PW and Water combined. There is an ad currently running for a Maintenance Worker I position. PW has started the design for a new water line that will serve Detert Park, the Library, City Pool and Poor Man’s Bronze. This new design will also bring a new hydrant to the area which noted on their last ISO rating report. PW had a 20-year-old electric motor and pump fail at the Argo II water booster station and with the help from every PW crew, they were able to remove, replace and wire with no problems. Lastly, a County run program called ARK has been helping out PW with the maintenance at the cemetery. They have spent 20 hours so far weeding, pruning, and picking up trash.

Police Chief, Chris Mynderup reported JPD had a pretty busy week last week. The JPD was called to the AT&T services yard that was hit by vandals by cutting through the chain link fencing and cut out the catalytic converters from 15 of their F250 service trucks. It will cost about $3,000 for each catalytic converter to be replaced. Stealing catalytic converters is a hot item these days due to the street value of the metals. 2 days prior, the Placerville yard was hit and then the Stockton service yard was hit where they have a suspect in custody. Evidence was collected from our incident and will be analyzed. JPD is going to attempt a new type of search warrant that deals with Geofencing through Google. All they do is provide the coordinates of the yard and they will find out every device that pinged off during that time which will lead them to the owner of that device. Google is inundated with this as it is a new technology that got leaked where every law enforcement agency is looking into this new technology. Chief Mynderup also reported on the John Doe mystery case which received a lot of media attention recently. An Amador County
Deputy was flagged down on Hwy 88 at French Gulch Rd. regarding a subject with a head injury in a ditch. Deputy contacted him, subject didn’t know he was, where he was or how he obtained this injury so they ambulanced him to the Sutter Amador Hospital. The hospital called JPD to ask for help identifying the subject. Sgt. Arevalos went and talked to the individual who was being cooperative and allowed Sgt. Arevalos to take a photo of him so they could put out a bulletin and with JFD’s help they posted on social media and the probation department they were able to broadcast their bulletin asking for the public’s help. By morning the individual was able to recall some facts including his name, birthdate and Social Security Number. Based on that they were able to identify him as Keith Keiffer, a 32-year-old male out of West Virginia. He’s actively a Staff Sergeant of the USAF who was stationed at Travis AFB and later transferred to Minot AFB, North Dakota about a month ago. He was out here finishing up his move, currently on leave, who became a victim of a crime and cannot provide more details due to investigation by Sacramento PD. After Sacramento Detectives talked to him and collected evidence, JPD called the Air Force who picked up Mr. Keiffer returning him to Travis AFB. It was definitely a busy news day with all media outlets in the valley with a couple on-camera interviews and phone calls. Lastly, he touched on some homeless issues the city has been having lately. One of the officer’s family who leases the Oro de Amador cattle grazing property had a run in with some of the local homeless folks who were getting aggressive with the ranchers out there. After discussing some legal issues with our City Attorney, JPD will be going out there this Friday to remove the homeless off the property based on Penal Code Section 602 Trespassing on land for Cattle Grazing. Secondly, regarding the well-known Penelope Chandler homeless woman which is actually a sad story; we have had her in custody for a long time, the Judge said JPD could no longer hold her and ordered the Conservator’s Office to take over Miss Chandler. The Conservator’s office took Miss Chandler to the hospital, in the mean time she came down with a medical condition preventing her from getting into a mental health facility. While trying to get her evaluated in the mean time you have Medical and Mental fighting over who is responsible for her and Miss Chandler walks out the door. JPD is in constant contact with the Conservator’s office and Social Worker assigned to her case who is diligently trying to get Miss Chandler placed but it’s an uphill battle. Chief Mynderup has been on phone with County Council several hours trying to figure out why Miss Chandler is allowed to continue walking the streets when she needs care and getting nowhere. It is a frustrating situation for JPD and it’s frustrating because the citizens want to know why JPD is not doing anything. JPD has to explain what they are trying to do and the battles they are fighting dealing with the homeless individuals. At this point, JPD picked up Miss Chandler and took her back to the hospital last Friday at the request of the Conservator’s office as they made it sound like they had a bed for her, sounded like she made it through the weekend and come today she walked out of the hospital again and we’re back to where we started. It is a revolving issue until they can fix the problem between mental health and the hospital, we’re fighting an uphill battle. Chief Mynderup wants to express the importance on homeless issues, if the public experiences a problem it is highly suggested the public to call the JPD. A lot of times they see things on social media but JPD is not receiving any calls so they can handle these problems. Lastly, last Thursday evening he received a text from a school official stating there was a possible threat at the High School. The Sheriff’s department was investigating the student who made the comment of a possible shooting at the high school and asked for additional units at the high school on Friday. After the Sheriff’s department investigated it, found out the threat was not credible and spent a lot of time with the young lady who made the comment and her mother finding no means or way of carrying out a threat. JPD was there at the school to help ease the concern of students and parents. JPD staff shared another issue on Sunday afternoon where JPD received a call from the Jr High Principal that heard from a chain of person-to-person talk about another possible threat. JPD investigated and found that is it was a discussion between 2 young ladies talking about the threat at the high school and was misconstrued but they had police presence out there and everything was fine.
Mayor Stimpson thanked Chief Mynderup for a great job even though he has his hands tied behind his back and social media working against him and everything else.

Fire Chief, Debbie Mackey reported that Captain Cody Martinsen will be leaving around March to go CalFire working at the Pine Grove Camp. It's a great move for him and his family. This last week JFD did the Kennedy Mine burn. They had great response from social media and KGVC radio as they did not have many complaints and helped with the awareness of the planned burn. JFD will be burning more piles for them to improve the fire prevention for our City. Will be attending the AFPA meeting is this Thursday. JFD will be doing co-op training throughout the county (Ione-Jackson Valley-Sutter Creek) working together for the dynamics of their operations providing cross-coverage and always supporting each other. Lastly, this Saturday Operation Care will be holding their 5K Fun Run/Walk stating she'll be there but not sure about Chief Mynderup. The Fire Cadets from Ione will be there as they are part of our recruitment program.

City Attorney, Josh Nelson – nothing to report.

City Manager, Yvonne Kimball stated her and her family will take up the challenge of the Fun Run this Saturday. CM Kimball also reported that County Behavior Health has offered the City $20K to be used by September 30, 2020 to deal with the mental health related homeless matters. We will be in discussion on how best to use these funds and how the reports work. She also said that several months ago, the Mayor brought to our attention that ATCAA had the HEAP funding of $14K in which we applied for and provided reports. Chief Mynderup did a good job providing the homeless data. We already received the check and it's already been spent. Mayor Stimpson questioned the HAPP funding where CM Kimball responded that the HAPP funding was tied to the Governor's new budget and the City waits for the cycle to open. She related that Vice Mayor Gonsalves said that funding is for the larger cities which could be very true. Maybe if we get some HAPP funding it would enable us to hire a person to dedicate to the homeless problems. Currently, these funds are usually to buy items for the homeless but she sees the need of time/service versus necessities to deal with this situation.

6. COUNCIL REPORTS.

Council member Sweet – attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting, Board of Directors and the major item that came out of that meeting was the Acorn Award that was awarded this year to Dr. Hartman and Donna Jackson both very involved in the community here over the years.

Council member Lewis – nothing to report.

Council member Garibaldi – nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Gonsalves stated she will be attending the AFPA this Thursday.

Mayor Stimpson reported he attended the Air District Board of Directors meeting where he was rotated out of Chairman position, which is great for him, and taken over by Frank X. He also attended the Homeless Steering Committee meeting and at the next meeting he and Yvonne will check into the HAP funding as far as personnel and what it would provide.
7. **DISCUSSION CALENDAR.**

a. **Possible acceptance of the FY 18-19 Audit Reports.**

City Manager Kimball introduced Carrie Schroeder from Smith & Newell CPAs, independent auditors, to present the Audit for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Ms. Schroeder reviewed the highlights of the City’s audit procedures, Annual Financial Report and financial statements, the Single Audit Act Reports, and the Public Financing Authority Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Complete copies of the subject reports were provided to the City Council and are available for review at City Hall or on the City’s website on the Administration/Finance page.

Mayor Stimpson asked the Council for any questions. Council went over the findings regarding HOME grant program budget, TOT Measure E fund balance, and timely budget amendments. Auditor Schroeder advised that the City maintain a reserve level at 17% of the total expenditure. Currently the General Fund balance is 9%. Council agreed with the City Manager that we need to continue as a team to build revenue and control expenses.

Mayor Stimpson concluded the discussion stating the City’s financials look more promising than last year with the reduced corrective actions from 4 to 2. Council proceeded to thank Carrie and the audit team for their efforts.

Mayor Stimpson opened for Public Comment.

Stephen DaSilva, Jackson resident, questioned the City’s Total Assets what they were and amount. Council clarified the Total Asset amount of $35M which included public buildings, city owned buildings, fire trucks, sewer plant, sewer property, water lines, streets, etc.

After hearing no other public comments, Mayor Stimpson went back to Council for further comments. After hearing none, council moved to motion.

*Motion to accept the Financial Statements and Audit ending FY June 30, 2019 dated January 27, 2020 as presented. Moved by Council Member Garibaldi, seconded by Councilmember Sweet, and carried by a 5 to 0 roll call vote:*

- **AYES:** Stimpson, Gonsalves, Garibaldi, Lewis, Sweet
- **NOES:** None
- **ABSENT:** None
- **ABSTAIN:** None

b. **Consideration and possible adoption of Resolution 2020-03: City Council expressing support for a self-help sales and/or use tax for streets and roads repair, maintenance and improvement.**

Mayor Stimpson has been working with all County Mayors and a couple County Supervisors on a project, an initiative we would like to get on the ballot, concerning a 0.5% sales tax increase in the County and all the Cities for road repair money that will stay in our County to be utilized by our Cities and County. Mayor Stimpson introduced Sutter Creek Mayor Robin Peters to help answer any questions on the materials distributed to the Council and also included in the Meeting Packet.
Upon Council member Garibaldi’s suggestion, Mayor Stimpson gave an overview of the proposed Resolution stating this would be a 0.5% sales tax which will produce similar revenues like the Measure M for fire. The breakdown for the County/Cities projected revenues of $1.89M. For the City of Jackson, it would be $414K annually for our streets. This past year, $60K was spent on paving Hoffman Street, which did not go a long way. This tax would put a big dent in our current needs. With Council’s approval we can work with the other Cities to get this on the ballot.

Council discussed the road miles in the Jackson and outlying cities and how the distribution of monies would be split.

Robin Peters provided background on how the monies would be distributed. After 6 months of committee meetings discussing the distribution, it was finally decided upon a 63%-37% split purely based on total population (also outlined in the report, page 6). One thing to note is the County’s new general plan strives to force future growth in to the incorporated cities. This will skew tax revenues toward the cities over time. It will take time to get there as this is a long-term project. This is a 10-year sunset that is being proposed in this Measure but fully anticipates that once the voters see what these revenues have done to improve the county’s roadways, they will vote again in 10 years to send this Measure forward. There certainly is a burden, should this pass, to demonstrate to the voters that the monies are being well spent. Considering the condition of our roadways it shouldn’t be too difficult as there are some pretty bad roads out there as we all know.

Mayor Stimpson stated having an oversight committee that’s working with ACTC, and through ACTC, to monitor everything would be favorable to everyone involved.

Council member Sweet shared what is better about this, is it allows us (as stated in the report) to leverage the funds with funds from the State because they give to the Cities that are helping to pay for their own roads with self-help monies, which is significant. We will have to point out, over the next 11 months before elections, is that we will be hearing from people asking about the tax monies now, the raised gas taxes, etc., which Mayor Stimpson added we are already hearing this. Council member Sweet suggests we should have ready the information the City or Cities or County actually gets out of those funds. Sales Tax, we get a penny out of the 8.25% we take in. Mr. Peters corrected Council member Sweet that we get less than that, we get $0.75. Council member Sweet continued that this is such an insignificant amount of the sales tax that we collect and, in this case, we would get 100% and that is a BIG difference. Mr. Peters stated the promises of SB1 have not played out at the level of small jurisdictions like ours, the monies are given out to the larger jurisdictions where SB1 is not our answer, we need to do more. So far, Ione and Sutter Creek have adopted this plan. Council member Garibaldi added that it’s important for this council and the people out there to be on the exact same page in supporting this because people will have inherent distress of the government and the money goes out and doesn’t come back and need to be unanimous as elected officials across the board in supporting this proposal. Everyone complains about the roads and this is how we pay for the improvements. Not only do the citizens of Jackson pay into the taxes, we have help from the tourism sales too. CM Garibaldi suggested after we do the official resolution maybe this can come on as a secondary agenda in supporting our recommendation as a council that our public vote for this.

City Attorney clarified that, if it qualifies for the ballot, bringing that resolution forward when it’s on the ballot, that it can be an official resolution in support of Measure A or whatever it ends up being.
Mayor Stimpson opened for Public Comment, after hearing none he returned back to Council for any other questions. After no further questions, it was motioned to approve the Resolution.

*Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-03 a County-Wide Half-Cent Self-Help Road Tax dated January 27, 2020 as presented. Moved by Council Member Sweet, seconded by Vice Mayor Gonsalves, and carried by a 5 to 0 roll call vote:*

**AYES:** Stimpson, Gonsalves, Garibaldi, Lewis, Sweet  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

8. **REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT.**

Mayor Stimpson adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

9. **CLOSED SESSION.**

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
  Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 2 cases

10. **CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNMENT.**

Mayor Stimpson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

John Georgette, City Clerk

Date Approved: 02/10/2020