



Mayor Carlos Duffey
Councilman Theodore Patterson: District 1
Councilman Lewis Sims: District 2
Councilman Ricky “P-Nut” Johnson: District 3
Councilman Don Cook: District 4
Councilwoman Beth S. Weaver: District 5

Work Session
Minutes

June 20, 2023

6:00 pm

Present:

Mayor Carlos Duffey
Councilman Theodore Patterson, District 1
Councilman Lewis Sims, District 2
Councilman Ricky Johnson, District 3
Councilman Don Cook, District 4
Councilwoman Beth Weaver, District 5

The City Council of Jackson met in a Work Session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 625 W Third St. The meeting was open to the public and called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Mayor Carlos Duffey.

Moment of Prayer: Councilman Theodore Patterson led the prayer.

Item discussed during Work Session:

1. Event Discussion:

1. Businesses with a voice.

- **Allyson Jones presented the concerns she has for her father’s business (Jimmy’s Steakhouse) and her husband’s business (Mulberry Drugs) and how the events have impacted their businesses. She suggested moving the events to the Patterson Sims Neighborhood Park.**

- **Jimmy Young the owner of Jimmy's Steakhouse expressed his concern he has with the overflow of parking from the events that affect his parking lot. He suggested not to do the events on Friday nights when it is the busiest time for the local restaurants.**
- **Keith Jones owner of Mulberry Drugs on the Square presented his concern of how the First Friday events significantly impact his business. He suggested moving the First Fridays to Saturdays, which are slower days for small businesses.**
- **Michael McLarnon the Owner of The Brickery in Jackson addressed his concern with the loss of sales from the events. He expressed his concern with the Bar Cart and people bringing in liquor from outside into the businesses.**

2. Additional public comments.

- **Melissa Middleton spoke of parking on the square and how businesses are not only losing spaces but convenience for their customers. She suggested making Mulberry St., Oak St., and 2nd St. a one-way street. She also brought to the Mayor and Council's attention the danger of the speeding traffic on 2nd St. She suggested a speed hump on this street to slow traffic down.**
- **Corey Clark owner of Go 4 Broke expressed his love for the events, but his concern with the traffic danger and the absence of an EMT on site. He suggested speed humps on 2nd St. to slow some of the speeding down.**
- **Audrey Jackson addressed the council with her concern that she will not be allowed to set up her Food Truck business where she would like. She expressed how she wants to be able to serve her community with her food truck business.**
- **Clay Fitzgerald with Roots Outdoors in Jackson addressed the Council with his concern about all the changes to the sign code. He expressed what his business requires with advertising every time of new product comes out and he does not feel it is necessary to have to get a sign permit every time he has to put out a new advertisement sign. He suggested for the City of Jackson to circulate any New Ordinances to the Businesses before voting on them.**
- **Darrell Jackson, the owner of a Food Truck in the City of Jackson expressed how he believes the food trucks are good for this community.**

3. Gold Lion Farm

- **Hannah Thompson with Gold Lion Farm spoke to the Mayor and Council about how she started her business from the ground up and she feels that the events are helping our town. She expressed how the business owners**

do not need to be fighting with each other and they need to be competing with the other Cities. She expressed how everyone goes out of Jackson to do events and with the events, it's creating the foot traffic Jackson needs. "We should be fighting for Jackson".

4. Additional Public Comments

- **Ana DuBois a resident of Butts County spoke of her concern about how the Tractor Supply is affecting how their mailboxes. She says that their mailboxes are on the same side of the street as Tractor Supply and she is requesting the City to move hers and 6 other neighbors' mailboxes to the opposite side of the street.**
- **Ian Patten expressed his concern with the loss of parking on the square and poor signage for the additional parking around the square.**
- **Ken Blandenburg suggested turning the City Parking Lot into a parking garage to increase the number of spaces available to the public.**

2. New Businesses in the City of Jackson

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Carlos Duffey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjorie Stansell, City Clerk