ORDINANCE NO. 2013-O-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JACKSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV CITY COUNCIL, DIVISION 2 MEETINGS, SECTION 2-71 ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND ADOPTING A PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

BE IT ORDAINTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, MORGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV City Council, Division 2 Meetings, Section 2-71 Order of Business of the Municipal Code of the City of Jacksonville be amended by deleting Items 9 through 11 in their entirety and substitute the following language in lieu thereof:

Sec. 2-71 Order of Business

(9) Public Comment;
(10) Reports of standing committees;
(11) Unfinished business;
(12) New business;

SECTION 2: That the Public Comment Policy as attached hereto be and is hereby adopted by the City of Jacksonville.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances, parts of ordinances, and amendments to ordinances in conflict with any provision of this ordinance are repealed as of the effective date hereof.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

SECTION 5: That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to publish this ordinance in pamphlet form.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois this 25th day of March, 2013.

Andy Ezard, Mayor

ATTEST:

Skip Bradshaw, City Clerk

(SEAL)

VOTES DESIGNATED:

Alderman Cook	Y
Alderman Geirnaeirt	Y
Alderman Hinchen	Y
Alderman McDaniel	Y
Alderman Large Oldenettel	Y
Alderman Scott	Y
Alderman Stevens	Y
Alderman Williams	Y

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CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

A. Any person who seeks to address the members of the Council or any commission, committee or other official body of the City at any public meeting will be permitted to speak on any matter listed on the agenda or on any other matter of public concern, subject to the following provisions:

1. Persons wishing to speak during any portion of an open meeting shall sign in before the meeting's starting time, stating their name, address, and topic to be discussed on the "public comment" form found on the agenda table, on the City website or at the Clerk's office. Speaker shall be called by name to approach to podium by the presiding officer. Citizens wishing to be heard on items not included on the formal agenda will be recognized under the agenda item entitled "citizen comments or questions" found at the beginning and end of the meeting.

2. Prior to speaking, each person must be recognized by the presiding officer and must state his or her name and address for the record.

3. The presiding officer may impose reasonable limitations on citizen's participation at meetings such as barring repetitious, irrelevant, immaterial or inappropriate comments or testimony, and reserves the right to halt or suspend the public forum/hearing to a later date if the rules are not being followed.

4. Subject to subsection (a)(5), public comment is limited to no more than five (5) minutes per person and to no more than one (1) hour per meeting, unless extended by consent of a majority vote of the members present. The presiding officer or his or her designee shall monitor each speaker's use of time and shall notify the speaker when the time allotted has expired.

5. If the presiding officer recognizes that more than twenty (20) persons desire to speak, he or she may limit each speaker to comments of no more than three (3) minutes. Whenever any group of persons wishes to address the members on the same subject matter, the presiding officer may ask that a spokesperson be chosen from the group. If additional matters are to be presented by other persons in the group, the presiding officer may limit the number of such persons and may limit the presentation to information not already presented by the group spokesperson.

6. Persons invited by the presiding officer to address the members are subject to such time limitations as the majority of the members present may prescribe.

7. The City Clerk shall post the provisions of this Policy on the City's website.