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Jackson City Council Regular Meeting

March 10, 2026

The city council held a regular meeting on March 10th at 10am. Timestamps for discussions/public comments will be at the end and you can find the video by scanning the top left QR code. I'll go through and highlight what I felt was most important for people to know. All the quotes next to each item are phrases I came up with to help summarize what the topic was about, not given by city council. All members were in attendance.

Item 21: "Robot Police Officers" : Police surveillance cameras and license plate tracking technology is finally coming to your neighborhood. With this item, the city authorized the mayor to execute an agreement with Axon Services to begin implementing their "Fusus" real-time crime center technology. It uses a combination of private CCTV video feeds, automatic license plate readers, and even offers home security bundles that homeowners can install to connect their home security system directly to the police department. The website says it can "Identify vehicles by plate, color, make or attributes and view movement history across connected ALPR (automatic license plate reader) sources." It will also include facial recognition software to identify and alert suspicious persons at any time. So once it's implemented, there will begin a recorded history of where all these license plates appear on the road. And this information can be used against you in a court of law, going back to the time they begin the recording. The city says this will help eliminate crime but many civil rights organizations are alarmed that this is an infringement on citizens right to privacy. There was a man in New Orleans who was arrested after being watched for 15 minutes smoking a cigarette outside his home. The officer saw a "bulge" in his jacket pocket and alerted officers that he had a gun. He was arrested, and wasn't awarded bail because of a past conviction. He spent a year in jail before all the charges were dropped and he sued the city for unlawful stop, false arrest, and excessive force. And won.

Road Resurfacing: There were also many road resurfacing and construction projects approved and set into motion during this meeting. **Item 23** Accepted a bid to replace the Martin Luther King Jr. bridge. **Item 24** authorized the mayor to execute phase 1B of the major resurfacing project that will tackle almost 100 different street sections. The full list can be found in this article:

<https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/local/2025/07/29/jackson-mississippi-road-repair-list-of-streets-to-be-resurfaced/85403253007/>

Item 27 accepted a bid to resurface Woodrow Wilson from MLK Jr. Dr. to the Mill St. bridge.

Item 30 approved the payment for the resurfacing of Larson, Foley, Harding, and Monroe streets.

Item 35 “JXN Water vs Supreme Court?”: This item authorized the city attorney to file an appeal of the federal court decision approving the water rate increase for JXN Water customers. This would send the decision to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals which is the last step before the Supreme Court if that decision is appealed again. It seems to be more symbolic than anything. Councilmember Parkinson asked the city attorney if they already had that authority without this order and his response was “I believe we do.”

That really feels like pretty much it for the important stuff. Nothing else feels that urgent or exciting to even write a paragraph about. I’ll give you a little taste: Confirming the submission for the application of a 2 million dollar cybersecurity grant (timely). Lots of resolutions supporting appropriations plans that will probably never come to be. Police pay raise discussion moved to executive session (didn’t want that one public). Staffers, Inc. won the staffing bid so congrats to whoever’s bonus that affects.

The following will be short descriptions of each public comment with timestamps for each. Find the video by scanning the top **left** QR code.

Quintin Bland “Strengthening Fathers”: Mr. Bland runs My Abba Father, a non-profit dedicated to strengthening fathers, veterans, and families in Jackson by providing comprehensive support for parents, economics, emotional wellbeing, with financial literacy classes, workforce development, and mental health classes. This weekend he’s hosting a “Fatherhood and Family Unity Festival” at Like Hico. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. Visit myabbafather.net for more info or to sign up as a vendor. Statements begin at 00:05:00.

Ms Robinson “My Brother”: Ms Robinson wanted to voice her dissatisfaction with how the city has handled the settlement they paid out after her wrongful death lawsuit she filed against the city, three officers working for the Jackson Police Department at the time and American Medical Response, INC., an ambulance company in October 2019. Her brother was beaten by three JPD officers and passed away as a result two days later. The settlement was for \$18,000. Statements begin at 00:09:56.

Shante Walker “Child Issues”: Ms Walker is returning to shed more light on the issue of her son being arrested, sex trafficked, and accusing the judge of being in cahoots. It is some serious stuff so I won’t go into details here. She has made pamphlets and is at every meeting I’ve covered and has pamphlets to hand out if you’re interested in learning more about her son’s case. Statement begins at 00:13:36.

Christopher Cooper “No Rate Increase”: Mr. Cooper gave a great, full-length plea to the city to get rid of the water rate increase and I personally feel he speaks well for the city. Statement begins at 00:16:04.

Discussions: Click on the link to go right to the discussion!

UPDATE- JACKSON POLICE DEPT./JACKSON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS (STOKES) [1:24:32](#)

KEEP JACKSON BEAUTIFUL (HARTLEY) [1:31:00](#)

SMITH WILLS CONTRACT (FOOTE) [1:34:55](#)

WHITE OAK CREEK FUNDS (FOOTE) [1:46:54](#)