

# JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

*Minutes From*  
August 10, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

## REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Biggs and the prayer was given by Mrs. Biggs. President Pro Tem Ryan Peters called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Foster – Present
- Mr. Coll – Present
- Mrs. Colby – Present
- Mr. R. Peters - Present
- Mr. J. Peters – Absent
- Mrs. Biggs -- Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

Mrs. Colby made a motion with a second from Mr. Coll to excuse Mr. J Peters from the meeting. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. R. Peters said Ms. Carisa Edwards has resigned as the president of council effective August 9, 2020. He was chosen at the beginning of the year to fill in as president pro tem when needed. He will be filling in until a new president is appointed. Anyone interested in filling this position can submit his/her letter of interest to the Republican Party at PO Box 271.

**VISITORS** ~ None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to approve the July 27, 2020 minutes with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY**~ Next scheduled meeting is for Monday, August 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Topics:

- Only topic will be Landlord/Tenant Ordinance Solutions

**BUDGET & FINANCE**~ No Report

**POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC**~ No Report

**SERVICE (STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS, & GROUND)** ~ Mrs. Biggs said she talked to the mayor of Wellston. They will meet with us when we have a meeting. Council in Oak Hill was going to talk about it and get back with her. She has not heard, and will check with them.

Mrs. Biggs contacted several surrounding cat shelters. She is trying to get information on how they are run and funded.

The dog warden and county representatives will be at our meeting when we schedule. We need to determine who will be the chair at our first meeting. Plan to have a meeting in September.

**JAIL COMMITTEE**~ No Report

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**CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE** ~ Met on August 4, 2020. The citizens' committee has a list of all the decorations and which ones are to be put back up, which ones, need to be retired...ect. Everybody went to the ice building to look at them. The mayor and service director are working on the plan for the park, and will have it for our next meeting.

Next Meeting September 3, 2020 at 6:30PM

**56-19**~ Mr. Coll said he would like to meet with Mr. Kirby this week. He will then call a committee meeting or bring something to discuss in executive session for the next meeting.

**CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER**~ N/A

**CITY ATTORNEY**~ At the last meeting we talked about the Purdue Pharmacy Bankruptcy. We have filed the paperwork. There is no timetable. We do not know if or when we will receive money. Could be a number of years.

**POLICE CHIEF**~ They did find some people who were breaking into cars, and have recovered some of the stolen items.

**FIRE CHIEF**~ Pages with statistics are in the packet.

**MAYOR** ~ Mayor Evans said he has heard that people have been complaining about the electric bills. He wanted to make sure everyone knows that we have not raised the electric rates. Electric bills are high right now because of increased usage do to the heat wave. We have reduced the rates 10% for the in-city customers starting in September. People who have had their bill read this month will show the reduction on the September bill. This council also removed the 3% annual increase for the water and sewer rates.

The income tax is set to be on the ballot. There is an Ordinance that prohibits all public funds from being used to promote passing the levy. City employees cannot promote or oppose the levy while working. However, they can talk about it when not on the clock. For council members this would be anytime not at a meeting.

Informational meeting at 7:00 PM Wednesday, August 12, 2020. It will be all fact based. Mayor Evans believes the people will support the levy if they get the facts.

Planning Commission meeting tomorrow August 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM followed at 7:00 PM with a Zoning Board Meeting.

**SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR** ~ At the last council meeting Mr. Swackhammer gave council members the guidelines for the Community Advisory Board. Would like to get this information up on the City Websites to get some interest from the city.

Need the utility committee to discuss the topic of curbside recycling. Need to know whether we are going to start it again or not. It will cost the city \$120-150k per year. We need public input. If we are going to do it again, administration needs to know so they can include it when working on the 2021 budget. Will need to know by the end of September.

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE 35-20**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE PERMISSIVE TAX FUND FROM THE STREETS, HIGHWAYS, & SIDEWALKS LINE ITEM TO THE SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS LINE ITEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Third Reading**

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the ordinance and the results are as follows:

FOSTER	Yes
COLL	Yes
COLBY	Yes
R. PETERS	Yes
J PETERS	Absent
BIGGS	Yes
BOPP	Yes

**Ordinance 35-20 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE 36-20**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR ODOT PAVING PROJECTS.**

**Second Reading**

**RESOLUTION 27-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ASPHALT REPAVING PROJECT ON A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 788 WITHIN THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LOCAL MATCH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Second Reading**

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RESOLUTION 29-20

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ASPHALT REPAVING PROJECT ON STATE ROUTES 93 AND 139 WITHIN THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LOCAL MATCH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Second Reading**

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

**RESOLUTION 30-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON OHIO AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF CT CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO DETERMINE THE PROJECTED EXCESS CAPACITY OF THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM AT THE FORMER MERIDIAN FACTORY SITE.**

**Second Reading**

**RESOLUTION 33-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REPLACE THE NORTH HIGH STREET BRIDGE AS PART OF THE MUNICIPAL BRIDGE PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LOCAL MATCH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

**RESOLUTION 34-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR VARIOUS SIGNAL UPGRADES ON A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 93 WITHIN THE CORPORATION LIMITS OF THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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Mr. Coll asked if these were railroad signals. The mayor said no these would be traffic signals on Main St. ODOT would be funding these 100%.

**CORRESPONDENCE~ N/A**

**OLD BUSINESS~ N/A**

**SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~ None**


**NEW BUSINESS~** Mr. Bopp said he saw on an electric bill there is a box to check to donate for the Christmas Decorations fund. Mayor Evans said administration has been told by multiple people that the computer system would not allow for them to do this. However, they needed to print new bills. When they printed them, they were able to add the line with the box to check mark for donations. They checked with Mr. Kirby, and it is legal to do this.

**Recap on the upcoming meetings:** Tuesday, Aug 11, 2020 6:00 PM Planning Commission, Tuesday, August 11, 2020 Zoning Board 7:00 PM; Wednesday, Income Tax Information Meeting; Monday August 24, 2020 6:00 PM Utility Meeting; September 3, 2020 6:30 PM Christmas Decorations Committee Meeting.

Mrs. Colby made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mrs. Biggs. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Meeting adjourned 7:41 PM.

  
Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

  
Dan Fulks, Council President

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