

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes From
August 24, 2020
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bopp and the prayer was given by Mrs. Biggs. President Dan Fulks called the meeting to order.

Mr. Fulks introduced himself as the new president of council.

Roll call was taken. The results are as follows:

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

VISITORS ~ None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to approve the August 10, 2020 minutes with a second from Mr. Coll. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Auditor's Report was emailed to members as well as placed in the packets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ Mr. J. Peters said we had a utility committee meeting tonight at 6:00 PM. Various landlords attended the meeting. We have been trying to resolve the issue for over 5 months. He is asking Mr. Kirby to prepare legislation to be able to do a tax lien against the property owners for unpaid utility bills and to make the property owners responsible for utility bills. Mr. Kirby said the responsibility part of this was probably covered under the last ordinance. Mr. Peters said we are also interested in trying to come up with a credit check. Could we increase our deposits so we could pay to do a credit check before granting utilities? Landlords are adamant that we do a credit check. Not sure of the legality of this. Mr. Kirby said he would look into these things.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ No Report

SERVICE (STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS, & GROUND) ~ Mr. R. Peters said we have an ongoing cat discussion – asked Mrs. Biggs if she had any luck reaching out to other communities. Mrs. Biggs said she needed to decide on a date for an organizational meeting. Possibly Sept 8th or the 14th. Mr. Peters said he would need to check his calendar and let her know. They decided they would set a date and let council and the media know.

JAIL COMMITTEE~ No Report

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE ~ Next Meeting was set for September 3, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Bopp will be out of town. He is rescheduling for Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

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56-19~ Mr. Coll said he met with Mr. Kirby, Mr. Swackhammer, and the Mayor to get a status update on the landfill situation. There is nothing happening. There are 12-13 Litigants. All but us and Oak Hill have offered up a settlement and it has been turned down by Goodyear. We do not have details on how much or when this was done. We are just going to wait it out for now.

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ N/A

CITY ATTORNEY~ N/A

FIRE CHIEF~ N/A

MAYOR ~ Income Tax Committee – Citizens for Jackson are meeting in chambers again Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00 PM.

We have some small paving projects starting. These are carrying over from grants from last year. The North-End Revitalization Project. Paving parts of Chillicothe St., Earl, & Mitchell.

Also, the Parkview Sewer Project will repave the intersection at High St. and Main St. this fall.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR ~ First Round of Mosquito Spray will be Friday August 28, 2020 from 9:00 PM to Midnight, weather permitting. If weather does not permit, it will be Saturday, the 29th at the same time. There will be another spray in September, and the date will be announced.

He has not heard back from anyone about the Community Advisory Board. He is going to open to public if council members have not heard back.

Mr. R. Peters and Mrs. Biggs said they both have been contacted by a couple of people, and will get that information to Mr. Swackhammer.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. The motion included all council members, the clerk, the mayor, safety director, and attorney. Mr. Coll seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken to approve motion and enter into executive session. The results are as follows:

Foster	Yes
Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
J. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Council entered executive session at 7:24 PM

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to resume regular session with a second from Mrs. Biggs. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Council resumed regular session at 8:01 PM

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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ORDINANCE 36-20

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

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	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 36-20 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 38-20

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Reading

Mr. Coll made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second from Mr. R. Peters. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

This money will go into city funds, just will not be spendable. The city is hoping to be able to open the pool next year. Mr. Swackhammer said the city maintenance crew is looking into and keeping the pool as ready as possible. They are deciding what type of things they know will need to do repairs on. The pool is filled. It just does not have chemicals in it.

ORDINANCE 39-20

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING APPROPRIATIONS IN VARIOUS FUNDS TO KEEP FROM EXCEEDING ESTIMATED REVENUE IN EACH AND TO MAINTAIN BUDGETARY COMPLIANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second from Mr. Coll. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. J. Peters asked if the McCarty Lane Sanitary Sewer Improvement Fund could be used to repair the pavement deterioration at the stop sign at Wal-Mart on McCarty Lane. Mr. Reed explained this was just bookkeeping. It is cleaning up things where we were working from the temporary budget to the final budget. This is not actual spending money.

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Mayor Evans said that ODOT fixed this issue by Wal-Mart once already. The city believes the problem is between the layers and it needs fixed because it is slipping again. ODOT is saying there are other conditions causing the current issues. The mayor wants CT Consultants to look at it and see what they believe the cause is and what needs fixed.

ORDINANCE 40-20

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LOCAL
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND: PROJECT EXPENSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer asked council to consider using emergency clause on this tonight. The funds need to be used towards expenses they have already incurred for Covid. Mr. J. Peters asked if there were any stipulations. Mr. Reed said they might have to pay out by 12-31-20. It would be best to get this passed as soon as possible.

Mr. Coll made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. J. Peters. A roll call vote was taken, and the results are as follows:

Foster	Yes
Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
J. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
J. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 40-20 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 41-20

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE DOWNTOWN
PARK & IMPROVEMENT FUND: PROJECT EXPENSE**

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Mr. Coll made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second from Mrs. Biggs. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

ORDINANCE 42-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO CAUSE 23 PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON MITCHELL, COFFMAN AND WEST STREETS NOW OWNED BY THE CITY TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS.

First Reading

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a second from Mr. J Peters. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. J. Peters asked if people could buy individual parcels or are these to be bought all together. Mr. Kirby said some could possibly be bundled together, but they are set to be sold individually. Mayor Evans said they are exploring ways to advertise this.

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.

Third Reading

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

Foster	Yes
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Biggs	Yes
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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.

Third Reading

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

Foster	Yes
Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
J. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 29-20 Duly Adopted

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.

Third Reading

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

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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.

Second Reading

Mr. J. Peters said he understood there was not going to be a pedestrian walkway on the replacement bridge project from Mound St. to High St. That is the only way to get from the park to the baseball fields. There needs to be a walkway for safety reasons. Can this be changed? The Mayor said this is not part of the project. This is an ODOT project not a city project. They can ask. Mr. Swackhammer said this would be a lot of re-engineering to add a walkway. It would delay and seriously increase the construction. We would lose the funding we have from ODOT for this. Mr. R. Peters mentioned the Moonville Tunnels non-profit organization that he talked about with the previous council last year. They recycle old bridges and could possibly use the existing bridge to make a walkway bridge beside the new bridge. He would bring that information to administration if they want it. Mr. Swackhammer said he would look into it.

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.

Second Reading

Mr. J. Peters asked if the signal upgrades include the pedestrian crossway at Business 35 and St. Rt. 93 on Chillicothe St. and/or what signal upgrades is this resolution talking about? Mr. Swackhammer said he would look into this.

RESOLUTION 35-20

A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND REPEALING RES. 17-20 THAT CREATED THE POSITIONS OF DEPARTMENT HEAD OF WATER TREATMENT, DEPARTMENT HEAD OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEAD OF ELECTRIC, DEPARTMENT HEAD OF SERVICE, DEPARTMENT HEAD OF WATER DISTRIBUTION, AND WASTE WATER COLLECTION; DEPARTMENT HEAD UTILITY BILLING; EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES; EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT; MECHANIC WORKING FOREMAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Resolution 35-20 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 36-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON
AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AN
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT TO FILL THE POSITION OF HEAD DEPARTMENT OF
ELECTRIC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

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CORRESPONDENCE~ N/A

OLD BUSINESS~ N/A

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~ None

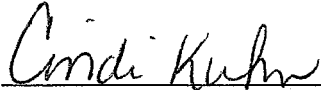
NEW BUSINESS~ Mr. R. Peters said at the zoning meeting last week they discussed putting in a new Dollar General building on Bridge St. This is going to cause a lot of traffic on Bridge and Water St. They decided that they need a turning lane on Bridge to Water St. He would like the Police/Fire & Traffic Committee to set up a meeting and discuss this.

September 14, 2020 6:00 PM Police, Fire, & Traffic Meeting

September 28, 2020 6:00 PM ~~Service~~ Meeting - Recycling
Utility

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mr. J. Peters. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.



Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 9-14-20



Dan Fulks, Council President

Date 9-14-20

