

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

November 9, 2020

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2020. The pledge was led by Mr. J. Peters, and the prayer was given by Mrs. Colby. President Dan Fulks 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 – Present
- Mrs. Biggs - Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

**VISITORS** ~ Mayor Evans invited Joan Waugh, supervisor for Waste Water Treatment Plant, to come accept an award. Joan and her department received an award certificate for adopting and implementing a safety program.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**~ Mr. R. Peters made a motion to approve the minutes from October 26, 2020 with a second from Mrs. Biggs. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

**AUDITOR'S REPORTS**

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 and to review negotiations with public employees about a bargaining agreement. His motion excluded the police chief, auditor, and public. The motion was seconded by 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

Council Entered Executive Session at 7:05 PM

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to return to regular session with a second from Mr. J. Peters. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Council returned to regular session at 7:17 PM

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY** ~ We had a meeting on October 26, 2020. The minutes are included in the packets. Mr. J. Peters asked the administration if they had any progress on the codified ordinances, they had discussed in the meeting before because that will determine the scheduling of the next meeting. Administration said they had not because they had focused solely on finishing the budget for this meeting.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**~ Mrs. Biggs said they met today at 6:00 PM with administration and looked at the budget for 2021. Administration produced a line item and an object budget. When someone looks at an

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amount on the object budget and wants to see it broken down in more detail, they can look at the line item budget. Administration asked the council members to study it over the next week and get any questions to the clerk so she can gather those and get a list to the administration early next week. That will give administration time to have answers before the next council meeting so they can be answered before the second reading of the ordinance on November 23, 2020.

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

**SERVICE ~** Reminder meeting-November 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM for the cat meeting and 7:00 PM for the other Ordinances: transient business, parade, food truck, and alarm.

**CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE ~** Announcement – Those who are not having their ornaments hung this year can pick theirs up this Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM at the ice plant. They are planning to have 2-3 more pick up dates. They will announce those dates and times on the website when those are planned. There will be evening times probably 6:00-8:00 PM.

**56-19~ No Report**

**CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report**

**CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report**

**POLICE CHIEF~** Chief Potter wanted to thank everyone who supported the income tax levy. He had been very concerned about public safety and he wanted to show his sincere appreciation and gratitude on behalf of the police department. Good turn out for Trick or Treat. Officers enjoyed it. Planning No Shave November. Currently working with staffing issues. They are prioritizing calls and asking for patience.

Fortunately, most of the numbers were on the lower end for this month.

Call Records			OH -1 Crashes			
<u>Oct</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
	466	364		9	16	12

Incidents		Arrests	Incidents		Arrests	Incidents		Arrests
<u>Oct</u>	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>			<u>2020</u>		
74		51	150	96	70		38	

**FIRE CHIEF~** Statistics are in the packet.

**MAYOR ~** Mayor Evans thanked the citizens for voting for the income tax. We will not only be able to maintain an adequate police force but also be able to support the needed infrastructure. He thanked council for their support, thanked the committee- Citizens for Jackson, as well as, Margaret Casey for getting the facts out on social media.

He also thanked David, Brett, and Tom Woltz for working hard to help get the levy passed and then getting the budget ready so it could be done in time to have three readings.

Mayor Evans presented an award from Amp, our Electric provider. This is a system improvement award for the Jamestown Substation to Tom Woltz, Head of the Electric Department.

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Mr. Woltz said he attributed the award to the people who work in it every day.

Mr. J. Peters asked when the income tax takes place. Mayor Evans said January 1, 2021.

Mr. J. Peters also asked about a plan to pay for police cruisers. Administration said they plan to start on that as soon as the budget is in place.

**SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR** ~ Mr. Swackhammer said he received a letter with no signature and no return address. He said he would like to speak with this person. He asks them to please call him.

He said there is a blue and a red budget. The blue budget will go with the Ordinance to be passed. Blue is by object. The red is by line object.

The 228 fund will be identified in the line items for the ODOT projects and other capital improvement projects.

There will be a creation of the Reserve Emergency Funds by ordinance.

No longer doing departmental vehicles. We are doing City Vehicles. Each department will pay 1/6 of the cost of the vehicle and it will be used across six departments.

We are cutting the budget about 1.3 million below last year's budget.

Mr. R. Peters said Trick or treat went off pretty well, but everyone had to walk in the street to separate. There is always a lot of traffic on South St. Could we plan to reduce the traffic between High St. and Burlington Rd. for next year.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE 50-20**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING ORD 17-20 REGARDING UTILITY BILLING AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF A NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNER/LANDLORD TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION 919.031 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Second Reading**

Mr. Coll asked again, why we are adding the emergency clause. He said he does not understand the hurry. Mr. R. Peters said why wouldn't we want to end the process sooner. He said many people have contacted him and seem to be pleased with what we have done.

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ORDINANCE 54-20

First Reading

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**RESOLUTION 42-20**

First Reading

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR REPAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT TO CITY PARKS AND POOLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Mr. Swackhammer said he has been working on this grant application and would like council to consider evoking the emergency clause on this tonight.

Mr. Foster 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

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

Foster	Yes
Coll	Yes
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**Resolution 42-20 Duly Adopted**

**CORRESPONDENCE~** Public notice of closed offices for Thanksgiving

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Ohio Division of Liquor Control notice asking whether council wanting to request a hearing regarding a transfer of the license for Mike's One Stop of Jackson.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to accept the transfer of the liquor license without requesting a hearing. Mrs. Biggs seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS~** Anyone wanting to have their leaves picked up needs to call the utility office and get on the schedule. Mrs. Biggs asked Mr. Swackhammer when he was planning to bring all of the Community Advisory Board members back together. He said those meetings would likely just be him, the individual ward members, and the council member from that ward. He said to let him know as soon as they were ready to meet.

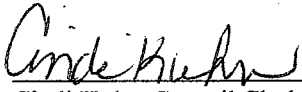
**SIGNED IN TO SPEAK~** None

**NEW BUSINESS~** Mr. J. Peters said he noticed on Hunt St that someone has cut into the new pavement, and wants to know that it has been properly sealed. Mayor Evans said he saw that as well, but did not know who cut into it. Might have been the gas company. He will follow up on it.

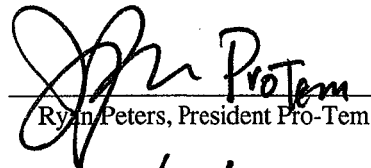
Mr. R. Peters said he has had a few calls about the pavement on Huron St. near the pool towards Burlington Rd. Wondering about doing the chip and seal, do we have the equipment to do it? Mayor Evans said we will do repair when we can. Pavement will not begin until next season. The rest will just be patching throughout the winter the best we can. Also, the pavement on State St. by Walnut is bad. Mr. Swackhammer said they were holding out to see what was going to happen with the Filling Station. They do not feel like blacktop will hold again. They have been looking into it.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:07 PM.

  
Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 11-23-20

  
Ryan Peters, President Pro-Tem

Date 11/23/2020

