

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

September 14, 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 Mrs. Colby. The prayer was also 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 ~ Erin Hench & Brittany Camp- Leaders of the Citizens for Jackson Committee – Door Knockers and yard signs are in and they will have those ready this week. People can contact a committee member if they want a sign in their yard. They can contact them via facebook and come pick one up or one can be dropped off at their house. There is a meeting at the Memorial Building at 6:30 PM on 9-21-20 to pass out signs and doorknockers and give street assignments to volunteers. There are also t-shirts being made by Total Media. They are \$10 and you can contact Amanda Crabtree if you would like one of those.

AMENDMENT OF MINUTES ~ Mr. R. Peters made a motion to amend the minutes from December 23, 2019, which this council adopted their first meeting of 2020. For Ordinance 62-19, the roll call vote to suspend the rules was omitted. Mr. Peters made a motion to correct the minutes by adding the roll call vote via the signed affidavits from each council member present during the December 23, 2019 meeting and have them attached to the December 23, 2019 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ Mrs. Biggs made a motion to approve the August 10, 2020 minutes with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Auditor's Report was emailed to members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ Minutes from previous meeting are in packets. Next Meeting is Sept. 28th at 6:00 PM discussing curbside recycling. Mr. Kirby said we are closer to getting a court order from Chicago from 2008. We are 6-8 weeks out from getting this, and need it to streamline our shut off notices.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ Had meeting tonight to discuss a turning lane from Bridge to Water St. Also talked about the backed up traffic on Water St. from cars turning left onto Bridge at certain times of the day. Fear this will be worse when/if the Dollar General store goes in.

Decision: Wait to see if the store goes in. See if there is a problem, then determine whether they need a 4-way stop, traffic light, turning lane, or no left turn sign.

SERVICE (STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS, & GROUND) ~ Mr. R. Peters asked Mrs. Biggs about the cat meeting. Mrs. Biggs scheduled the cat meeting for October 12, 2020 at 6:00PM. She said that Mayor from Wellston is interested in being a part of it as well.

JAIL COMMITTEE~ No Report

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CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE ~ Had a meeting last week. Deanna Bragg & Karisa Delay have gone to a lot of work to carefully examine all the decorations and to contact the owner of each. They have been able to retire 19 of the 150. The committee understands that the mayor would like this number to be under 100, and they are still working on it. Meeting again next week, September 21st at 6:00 PM. Mr. Bopp asked the mayor if there had been any decisions made for decorating Manpower Park. Mayor Evans said two groups have expressed interest. They are submitting their plans, so he and Mr. Swackhammer can look over them and make decisions.

56-19~ N/A

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ There is another Ordinance tonight for CARES money. Would like to get this one approved tonight. We still are not sure if this money needs to be spent by the end of 2020.

CITY ATTORNEY~ N/A

POLICE CHIEF ~		Call Records		OH -1 Crashes			
	<u>Aug</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
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Incidents	Arrests	Incidents	Arrests	Incidents	Arrests	Incidents	Arrests
	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>		
123	68	99	74	117	78		

FIRE CHIEF~ Chief Channel said there is an annual survey for the EMA of Ohio, which requires all of council and the mayor to take an ICS course 100/ 700 online. This affects the ability of the Fire Department and Police Department to be able to obtain Federal Grants. If we do not participate in this survey, then the PD & FD would not be able to get federal assistance if there is a natural disaster. Cities over 5,000 have to have it done. All council members must take two courses on line, which is a power point of videos and reading pages. When finished a test needs to be taken and passed for certification. This all needs to be finished by Oct. 6, 2020.

Mr. J. Peters asked Chief Channel how the Automatic Aid Agreement was going. The Chief said they are waiting on the county to get into the CAD system. Chief Channel also said he would like to start coming the 4th Monday of every month to the council meetings.

MAYOR ~ Income Tax Committee – Citizens for Jackson are meeting in the Memorial Building Monday the 21st at 6:30PM to get yard signs, door tags, t-shirts ect... to get these out to Jackson residents.

The North-End Paving Project is finished. Streets are very smooth, especially Chillicothe St. where it was especially bumpy.

Also, the Parkview to High St. project is almost completed.

Poured the last piece of concrete today on Main St. for the curb and gutter repair. They will now start on the East side of Main.

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165 Broadway St. –Most of the building is cleaned up and removed. The only remains of the building are the front brick wall and partial sidewall. They had a structural engineer look at it, and it was going to cost more to keep it safe to leave it up, then to tear it down and remove it. The property is owned by Apple City Properties LLC agent Brent Cooper.

Mayor Evans also thanked Erin and Brittany for the outstanding job they are doing leading the Citizens for Jackson Committee. He asks everyone to keep supporting them and reaching out to people. Election is 7 weeks from tomorrow.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR ~ Mr. Swackhammer said he was asked at the last meeting about the Ordinance on the traffic signals. ODOT will be doing upgrades to signals along St Rt 93. They will be doing design and study work, adjustments and sequencing.

Have received about \$235,000 CARES funding. There are Guidelines and we could be audited. Some of the money will be used for air filtration systems at the fire department. Some is being used for the council chamber IT upgrades to present a more public broadcast. Some is will be used for things at the auditor's office. Some for city expenses~ purchasing things for employees. Example -meters in structures –Want to keep city employees from having to enter homes or businesses whenever possible. Also looking for ways to help public with utilities.

Mr. R. Peters had a resident submit a proposal for some of the money. How would the public submit proposals for programs? Mr. Swackhammer said the residents could send a proposal to him and he would look to see that it fit the guidelines. However, we would still be responsible in an audit. So we would have to see that the money was carried out and used for the purpose that was submitted to us.

Mrs. Biggs asked if the nursing homes would get any of this money. Mr. Swackhammer said he is not aware of the money for nursing homes. He is only aware of government money for the municipalities.

Second Round of Mosquito Spray will be Friday September 25, 2020 weather permitting. If weather does not permit, it will be Saturday.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 38-20

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

Second Reading

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.

Second Reading

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ORDINANCE 41-20

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

Second Reading

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.**

Second Reading

Mr. J. Peters asked again about the two parcels in this ordinance with the same parcel number (H140010002300). Mr. Kirby said they are the same piece of land but one is on North Mitchell and one is on South Mitchell separated by the street. They are still on the same parcel and will be sold that way. Mrs. Biggs asked where the money goes from the sale of this land. Mr. Reed said it should go to the general fund, because there is not a utility attached to the land.

ORDINANCE 43-20

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO
CAUSE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO KNOWN BY TAX
PARCEL NUMBER C050010003900 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 Mrs. Biggs. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. J. Peters asked about the water tank on the property. Does this affect the value of the land? Is there a minimum bid? Mr. Swackhammer said they are trying to get a resolution to sell. The tank has no value. There is an easement to the property. There are utilities hooked to it. The land is of no value to the city. It is costing the city to keep it right now. Mr. Kirby said the city has the right to reject an offer if they feel it is too low.

ORDINANCE 44-20

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT
REPLACEMENT PAGES THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

ORDINANCE 45-20

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE RAILROAD REHABILITATION (FEMA) FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Reading

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

In February of 2019 there was damage to the city owned RR tracks. The previous administration applied for the FEMA grant. It was originally declined but then approved in early 2020. The work has been done, and now needs appropriated so we can pay the individuals. The grant clearly defined what the money could be used for. They are asking that this be approved on emergency so they can get the people paid. The city does still own the RR currently.

Mr. Kirby said they have prepared the deed and sent it. It came back. They are still working through issues.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Biggs. 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 Ordinance, and the results are as follows:

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

Ordinance 45-20 Duly Adopted

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ORDINANCE 46-20

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

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer asked council to approve this on emergency. Not sure, how soon they will need to have this money available to make purchases.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. R. 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 Ordinance, and the results are as follows:

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

Ordinance 46-20 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 47-20

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR
TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE SIX WALNUT LOGS THAT ARE NOW OWNED BY THE CITY
BUT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, TO BE SOLD TO THE
HIGHEST BIDDER PURSUANT TO R.C. SECTION 721.15.**

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

Mr. J. Peters asked where this money will go. Mr. Reed said these are not part of any utility so it will go to the general fund.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Biggs. 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 Ordinance, and the results are as follows:

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

Ordinance 47-20 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 48-20

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM BUSINESS (B-1) TO SINGLE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3) THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 63 SOUTH STREET IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO

First Reading

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

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.

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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 33-20 Duly Adopted

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.

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 34-20 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 37-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE VAN WERT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE HOUSING OF CITY OF JACKSON PRISONERS IN THE VAN WERT COUNTY JAIL AS NEEDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Coll made a motion to adopt the Resolution with a second from Mr. Foster. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

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

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

Resolution 37-20 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 38-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE JACKSON BOW HUNTERS, INC., AN OHIO NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR A NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE FOR THE USE OF APPROXIMATELY 177 ACRES IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, JACKSON COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said the last license agreement with the Bow hunters Organization expired in August. This would have allowed time for three readings before bow hunting season. However, there is not time now. We would like to have this approved on emergency.

Mr. J. Peters said we really need a master list of contracts and the dates they are due so these do not lapse.

Mrs. Colby made a motion to suspend the rules, with a second from Mrs. Biggs. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

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

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Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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 38-20 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~ N/A

OLD BUSINESS~ Need to schedule another Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for Mr. Kilgour. He did not have a survey done before the last zoning meeting and he is two foot short. He needs to be approved for another two feet. Mr. R. Peters scheduled the meeting for 9-21-20 at 5:30 PM

Community Advisory Board Meeting is set for 9-28-20 at 5:00 PM with Service Director, Council Members & the chosen constituents from their wards.

NEW BUSINESS~ Mr. R. Peters said that lights are out on the Apple Tower. Only one light is shining.

Can the speed bumps be ground down on Bridge St now that the road has been paved and is so smooth now? Mr. Swackhammer said he would look into it.

Mrs. Biggs said there is a large dead tree at the cemetery that needs taken care of. If it falls, it will take out several tombstones. Mr. Swackhammer said he will talk to the electric department about trimming it.

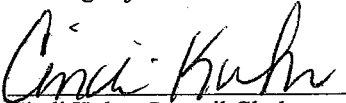
Mayor Evans said he knows the mowing and weed eating has been a concern this summer. They are trying. They are down several people because of Covid. They only have three part-time mowers right now. Last summer they had 10.

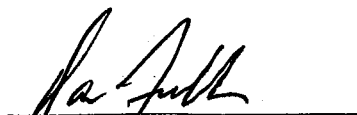
This is the last month the mowing notices will be going out. We did not have much of a dry season this year, so there has been a lot of high grass.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~ None

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

Meeting adjourned 8:41 PM.


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk


Dan Fulks, Council President

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