

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

July 6, 2020

7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL SESSION

Jackson City Council met in Special session on Monday, July 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Foster, and the prayer was given by Mrs. Colby. President, Carisa Edwards 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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 34-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCOME TAX AT THE RATE OF 1.5% FOR THE PURPOSES OF STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND/OR REPLACEMENT, AND FOR MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION OF OTHER CITY INFRASTRUCTURE, THE DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS, AND GENERAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES OF THE CITY INCLUDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

Mayor Evans wanted to again explain the tax levy. RITA has estimated it will bring in ^{2.2}2 million a year. In the past we have moved 1-1.2 million from the electric fund to the general fund, and the state auditor has told us we can't do any longer. We have been able to remove the 3% water and sewer increase for Jackson citizens. The electric rate ordinance will be up for the next regular meeting and will be cutting rates by 10%. Half of the money that that will be brought in from the tax levy will be used for infrastructure repair and replacement of buildings, streets, sidewalks, and underground repairs. These things have been neglected for 10-12 years. The other half will go to the general operations of the city including the police department. This levy is only for 5 years.

Mr. Coll asked since we are not proposing to increase the cemetery tax levy, should we make provisions to the income tax levy to cover the cemetery.

Mrs. Biggs asked are the water, sewer, and cemetery not enough to be self sufficient? Should we charge more for burial?

Mr. R. Peters said we just doubled burial rates last year. He doesn't feel we could raise rates again.

Mayor Evans said the tax Levy covers infrastructure of the city. The cemetery is part of the city. So it would cover repairs to the cemetery.

This levy keeps the police at its current level.

There was discussion over a tax credit for people who work in another city but live in Jackson. Mayor Evans said in 2018 they offered a 100% credit with a limit of 1%.

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Mr. R. Peters made a motion to amend Ordinance 34-20 to add to Section 6 the tax rate of 1.5% tax credit 100% with a limit of 1%. Mr. Coll seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

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

The amendment was adopted. Mr. Kirby will have the amended Ordinance for the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION 25-20

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO, THE ISSUE OF ENACTING AN INCOME TAX AT THE RATE OF 1.5% FOR THE PURPOSES OF STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND/OR REPLACEMENT, AND FOR MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION OF OTHER CITY INFRASTRUCTURE, THE DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS, AND GENERAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES OF THE CITY INCLUDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

RESOLUTION 26-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MUTUAL RELEASE AND WAIVER WITH JOHN PETERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk



Carisa Edwards, Council President

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