

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

*Minutes From*

June 29, 2020

8:00 P.M.

SPECIAL SESSION

Jackson City Council met in Special session on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. in Jackson City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Coll, and the prayer was given by Mrs. Biggs. 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.**

**First Reading**

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

Mr. Coll said he noticed there was not a credit for any portion of taxes paid to any other municipal corporation in this state or elsewhere. Mayor Evans said that is something they plan to look at and revise. In 2018 there was a credit given. They will do some research and see what some other areas around us are doing. We will look at amending this for the next reading with some kind of credit.

Mrs. Biggs asked Mr. Reed if he knew what other municipalities do. He said he knew that Wellston does give a credit, but he doesn't think Oak Hill does. Jackson can pass what they wish; it is up to the other cities to do what they want. Mr. Reed said for anyone who had any questions to get them to him and he will do his best to get answers.

RITA – Regional Income Tax Agency

**RESOLUTION 23-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR A CEMETERY LEVY AND REQUESTING THE AUDITOR OF THE COUNTY OF JACKSON TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL TAX VALUATION AND REVENUE THAT WILL BE GENERATED UPON A RENEWAL OF A 1.5 MILL CEMETERY LEVY FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

Mrs. Biggs said she wanted to point out that this is just a renewal. This is not additional. Mayor Evans said this needs to be passed on emergency tonight.

Mr. Coll 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 and the results are as follows:

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

**Resolution 23-20 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 24-20**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A CEMETERY LEVY AND CERTIFYING THE CEMETERY LEVY ISSUE TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**First Reading**

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

This must pass after we receive the certification from the county auditor regarding resolution 23-20.

**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**

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**First Reading**

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

Mr. J. Peters asked if we will have a comparison with 1.5 budget, if the voters of the city don't decide to pass this. Mayor Evans said yes we will have it for the next meeting. He also said this is for 5 years not open ended. He is sure that if we pass this, council and the public will like what we do with it. If they don't they can remove it, but he promises they will like it and be proud they are a part of it.

**RESOLUTION 26-20**

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

**First Reading**

Mrs. Biggs made a motion with a second from Mr. Coll to adopt the amendment. In a voice vote all members agreed with the exception of both Mr. J. Peters and Mr. R. Peters who abstained.

The amount of settlement is \$10,674.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK: Margaret Casey

Lots of people have to pay other city taxes. She supported it last time and she will again. She sees the need. The streets and the sidewalks are embarrassing. She likes there is a limit, and not open ended.

However, it is unacceptable the way it reads with no credit, because the city where a person works gets first "dibs".

Margaret also addressed the Utility Committee. She said she would like to see a work group and everyone work together. Like for them to help the renters. There are things procedurally that can be done. Would like for someone to reach out to the Attorney General's office about municipal collections, and see if there is a cost for it.

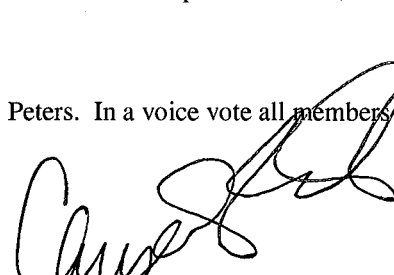
Mrs. Colby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. R. Peters. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 PM.



Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 7-13-20



Carisa Edwards, Council President

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