

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

January 27, 2020

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson City Council Chambers. President, Carisa Edwards called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Biggs, and the prayer was given by Mrs. Biggs. Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mrs. Biggs- present
- Mrs. Colby- present
- Mr. Coll- present
- Mr. Foster- present
- Mr. Matchett- present
- Mr. John Peters- present
- Mr. Ryan Peters- present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ryan. Peters asked for a name corrections, and Mr. Matchett asked for a couple of grammatical errors to be corrected, as well as, a few wording changes. Mrs. Biggs made a motion to amend the minutes with a second by Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote all members agreed. Mr. Matchett made a motion to approve the amended minutes with a second by Mrs. Biggs. In a voice vote all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY~ Mr. John Peters met with Tom Woltz and two Amp Representatives. The primary concern was renewable energy supply, electric vehicles, and charging stations. He said they were doing something called Lunch and Learn in which they would talk to the public about the peak usage and charging station sales.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ Mrs. Biggs said there will be a meeting on Tuesday, January 28th at 7:30 in chambers.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ No Report

SERVICE (STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS, & GROUND) ~ will schedule meeting the first part of February

JAIL COMMITTEE~ No Report

CITY AUDITOR- No Report ~

CITY ATTORNEY~ n/a

POLICE CHIEF~ No Report

MAYOR~ Mayor Evans said they had met with most department heads, as well as, the health dept, the local economic development group, insurance providers, Amp, and all 3 union reps. They have met with the department heads to discuss the 2020 budget that needs to be in place by the end of March.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR~ Mr. Swackhammer said that Thursday was supposed to be the bid opening for the Parkview project. Several people who picked up packets had questions for the engineers. So they needed to delay at least a week. They want to get the information back out to all people who picked up bid packets.

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Mr. Ryan Peters said we have meters that won't work with solar. What repairs or upgrades are needed? What improvements do we need to do to make our meters compatible with solar?

Mr. Woltz said he doesn't know if the city has a policy on this. It might be something administration needs to look into.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 01-20

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RES 44-19 THAT AUTHORIZED PAYMENT OF LEGAL FEES NOT TO EXCEED \$8,208.25 FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO DEFEND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

R. Peters
J. Peters
amend

First Reading

Mrs. Colby made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second from Mr. John Peters. In a voice vote the results were ambiguous. Mr. Ryan Peters asked for a roll call vote.

The vote to adopt

was

COLBY	yes
COLL	no
FOSTER	no
R.PETERS	yes
J. PETERS	yes
BIGGS	yes
MATCHETT	no

There was more discussion about the legality of the expense. Questions were asked: Is this a legitimate expense? Would insurance cover this, since it was criminal charges rather than civil charges? Do we have a letter from the insurance stating this? Would it be covered if the deductible had been met? Mrs. Biggs suggested we get the insurance policy and have Mr. Kirby at our next meeting where we can have a more educated discussion. A special meeting has been scheduled for a second and third reading of this resolution on January 29th and January 30th.

RESOLUTION 02-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO JOHN T. COURTNEY dba COURTNEY & ASSOCIATES PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second by Mr. Ryan Peters. In a voice vote all were in favor except Mr. Coll.

Mr. Coll said it was ambiguous. The ordinance was for \$3,000, the purchase order was for \$5,000 and the invoice is for \$3,000. Mr. Woltz said the purchase order was requested for \$5,000 because the retainer was for a whole year and then they anticipated some additional cost. Mr. John Peters asked why it is a" then

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and now" when everything is January 2020. Mr. Woltz said the invoice was before the purchase order date, so it must be a then and now.

RESOLUTION 03-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO RUMPKE WASTE, INC. PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,621.40 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Reading

Mr. Ryan Peters made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second by Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. Coll asked about the surcharge. No one knows what the surcharge is, but Mr. Swackhammer will look into it. Mr. Ryan Peters said we approved the Rumpke contract in December 2019, so we need to pay this. Mr. John Peters asked about the "then and now" clause. And why is Rumpke billing us December and January 2nd and 3rd on the same invoice. Mr. Reed explained the process of the state approving the budget and expenditures before he can do the purchase orders.

Mr. Ryan Peters made a motion to suspend the rules, with a second by Mr. Foster. A roll call vote was taken, and the results are below:

BIGGS	yes
COLBY	yes
COLL	yes
FOSTER	yes
MATCHETT	yes
J PETERS	yes
R PETERS	yes

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

BIGGS	yes
COLBY	yes
COLL	yes
FOSTER	yes
MATCHETT	yes
J PETERS	yes
R PETERS	yes

Resolution 03-20 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 04-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER WITH NEW RIVER ELECTRICAL CORP. FOR ADDITIONAL STEEL POLE FOUNDATION WORK ON THE JAMESTOWN SUBSTATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$87,443.80 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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Mr. Ryan Peters made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second from Mr. Foster. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. Swackhammer said this resolution is time sensitive. Need to get this done before AEP does their shutdown. They need to be ready when AEP comes. This is not additional money. The money is there, they are just asking for permission to use it. After taking soil samples from the sites it was determined they need holes to be dug deeper. There are a total of 8 steel poles. Majority of these steel poles are behind substation 2 near Bellisio and near Fairmont St. Mr. Ryan Peters pointed out that council has been told several times that "this" is the last extra expense on this project.

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CORRESPONDANCE~ The clerk reminded all elected officials present about the need to file with the Ohio Ethics Commission by May 15, 2020. She also copied a reminder letter for their packets.

OLD BUSINESS~ Mr. John Peters said we need to find, advertise, elect, hire a law director. He asked what we currently pay in salary and benefits and do we need to add to it, to make it enticing, to hire someone.

He asked about the Goodyear situation. He said we are one month into our 12 months. Do we need legal advice? Do we need an attorney that specializes in environmental lawsuits? Mr. Ryan Peters says he feels we are in the dark. We don't know what is expected and where to begin. Can we reach out? Mrs. Biggs said we don't want to start until we have legal representation. Mr. Matchett said the lawsuit won't start until the year is up and the lawsuit is filed. Could we interview some environmental attorneys?

Mrs. Biggs said she had reviewed ordinance 54-95 and we needn't worry about the Take over your Town contest from HGTV. We need to look at the ordinance and see what needs changed and what is valid.

NEW BUSINESS

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Mrs. Marva Colby talked about the OML (Ohio Municipal League) and the training for newly elected council members. The training is in three different months in three different parts of Ohio. She encourages everyone to go. Members can ride together.

President Edwards is on the Visitors and Conventions Commissions Committee along with Mr. Reed. They need a third member and need to have a meeting every three months. Mrs. Biggs made a motion to nominate Mr. Ryan Peters with a second by Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. John Peters asked what MCTWF that was on the Board of Control minutes from January 14th and 17th. Mr. Reed said this was the Insurance. He asked about these amounts of over \$93k and over \$116k. Are these monthly charges? Yearly charges? Mr. Reed said he believes these are monthly charges for all employees.

Ordinance 36-09 was copied for council. It covers establishing rules of order governing council. A work group committee was formed to revise the rules, which includes Mr. John Peters, Mrs. Debbie Biggs, Mr. Matchett, and Mrs. Colby. Mr. Matchett resigned his position on the committee. Mrs. Colby nominated Mr. Ryan Peters to take his place and Mr. John Peters seconded the motion. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. Matchett said he has received several texts during the meeting saying they can't hear what is being said. Mr. Woltz said he can come in every Monday of the meetings and check the microphones.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to amend the special meeting agenda to include discussion with Joe Kirby. Mr. Ryan Peters seconded the motion. In a voice vote all members agreed.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM.


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 2-10-20


Carisa Edwards, Council President

Date 2-10-2020

