Minutes From
May 11, 2020
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. John Peters, 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. Coli Present
- Mrs. Colby Present
- Mr. R. Peters Present
- Mr. J. Peters Present
- Mrs. Biggs --Present
- Mr. Bopp --Present

VISITORS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to amend the minutes from April 27, 2020 on page 2 paragraph 4 to be changed from "have to be paid until next year" to" won't have to pay until the end of the year". Mrs. Biggs seconded the motion and all members agreed.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion with a second from Mrs. Colby to approve the amended minutes. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to go into executive session to conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action with only council members excluding Mr. John Peters. Also included to stay in the closed session with Attorney David Riepenhoff were the clerk, city attorney, service director, and Mayor Evans.

Mrs. Colby seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the results were as follows:

- Mr. Foster No
- Mr. Coll − No
- Mrs. Colby Yes
- Mr. R. Peters Abstain
- Mr. J. Peters Abstain
- Mrs. Biggs --Yes
- Mr. Bopp --Yes

Mr. Coll said he misunderstood why we were taking the vote and retracted his no vote changing it to yes. Council then entered into executive session at 7:05 PM.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion with a second from Mrs. Colby to resume regular session. In a voice vote all members agreed. Council resumed regular session at 7:32 PM

Mrs. Colby made a motion that city council direct its counsel of record for the city of Jackson in case 19 CIV 0139 to tentatively accept the May 5, 2020 settlement offer subject to approval of written terms in a settlement agreement to be brought before city council, including among other terms payment of attorney fees of defendant/counterclaimant in the amount of \$10,674.00.

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Mrs. Biggs seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

- Mr. Foster Yes
- Mr. Coll Yes
- Mrs. Colby Yes
- Mr. R. Peters Abstain
- Mr. J. Peters Absent
- Mrs. Biggs --Yes
- Mr. Bopp --Yes

Motion Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY~ Mr. J. Peters said there will be a meeting May 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Subject of Meeting – Septic Dumping Rates.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ Met on May 4th. Have the Automatic Aid Agreement Ordinance ready to pass tonight along with two grant ordinances for the fire department.

Mr. J. Peters said fire chief & SD agreed to:

- 1) Provide a proper & large map to city dispatchers, which clearly show correct automatic aid fire department response(s) to the City of Jackson.
- 2) Provide training/testing necessary to assure a proper automatic aid response to fire alarm and structure fires in the city of Jackson.
- 3) Reports of Automatic Aid responses as may be requested by the committee or council

SERVICE (STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS, & GROUND) ~ Mr. R. Peters sent a copy of the alarm agreement to administration today. He would like to get with them next week before going back to the committee.

Boat ramp at Hammertown Lake. Is this something we can cover cost?

Tree situation- overgrown trees in the right-a-way... Are the sidewalks the homeowner's responsibility? Are the trees the city's responsibility? The roots are tearing up the sidewalk. If the trees were gone, homeowners might want to fix their sidewalks in front of their homes. Mrs. Biggs said the ORC says the sidewalks belong to the city. Who owns them? Who needs to repair?

Potholes- We patch but don't repair. Put band-aids on them, and then the next year they are back. Why can't we fix them permanently?

Mayor Evans said patching and filling is the only thing we can do other than redoing the entire street. SD said there is a cold mix and a hot mix. The cold mix is like a band aid. We don't have the hot mix in the winter and have to use the cold.

Mayor Evans said the only repaying we will be doing this year is a small area as part of the North-end revitalization project in Ward 2. Then next year we will be doing the major paying job with ODOT.

JAIL COMMITTEE~ No Report

CITY AUDITOR/TREASURER~ He said we did get a refund for Workman's comp for 2018 in the amount of \$102,218.58. It will go back to the funds it was paid out of. \$37,900 of that was general fund.

The general fund so far through March for 2020 is down almost \$42,000 in interest.

Mr. Reed read a correspondence email he received from President Edwards referencing ORC 733.06 which defines his role at council meetings. Mr. Reed said he felt he always tried to follow Roberts Rules of Order and if he didn't he apologized. He wasn't aware that he was interjecting anything unwelcome at the meetings.

Mr. Reed was asked about the auditor's reports. He said February was on line and March and April should be by the end of the week.

CITY ATTORNEY~ n/a

POLICE/FIRE CHIEF~ Incident Reports	April ~ 2019- 102	April ~2020- 66
Call Records	April~ 2019 - 404	April~ 2020 -365
Traffic Crashes	April~ 2019- 8	April~ 2020- 10
<u>Arrests</u>	April ~2019 - 65	April~ 2020- 43

Chief Potter explained his report. OHLEG stands for Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway ~Record system keep track of incident reports

OH-1 Form used for traffic crashes.

MAYOR~ Lot of work being done on Main St. over the last month. Working on curbs and gutters to prepare for ODOT to pave. Any issues with storm sewers, catch basins, gutters, or curbs must be repaired before ODOT can begin work. Also must have handicap ramps meet code. Council agreed to do that and set aside \$85,000 last year. We looked into this and realized that was not nearly enough money. There were 20 catch basins for the storm sewer in various stages of disrepair. that were deteriorating and needed work as well as storm drains. The one in front of McDonald's was collapsing. This is a very large one 6x8x7ft. The money set aside by previous council is not nearly enough. The estimates were many times the amount set aside by council. If we do not get this work done ODOT will cancel the project. We can't afford to sub it out. So the city workers are doing most of this work themselves.

Mr. J. Peters asked if the sidewalks would meet the new standard 48" ADA requirements and the distance for passages every 200ft. Mayor Evans said they were trying to make them as handicap accessible as possible as they can be at the ones they are repairing. ODOT only required the ones downtown at the major intersections. We know some of the ramps won't meet ADA requirements because Main St. is sloped steeper than the handicap rules allow. So there isn't anything we can do about that.

Mrs. Biggs expressed concerns about having the money to do these projects. Could we possibly look at selling trucks we don't need and use that money? You said in order to sell the recycling truck we need to completely stop the recycling program. So what does council need to do to get that in motion? Mayor Evans said recycling is on hold right now due to Covid-19. If council wants to do away with the program, I would think we would just need a motion passed. Mr. R. Peters asked for some figures. Mayor Evans said approximately \$100,000 a year savings. Cost of employee and the cost of the truck.

Mr. Coll asked if we sold the garbage truck what account that would go back into. Mr. Reed said it was bought through a grant. The money would go into the general fund if we chose to sell it. The money we would save through the recycling program would just put extra money into the garbage fund. We would have additional money because of the tonnage as well. Probably closer to \$150,000 in savings per year.

Mrs. Biggs asked Mr. Kirby if we need a resolution to do away with recycling. He said that is an administration decision. But council would have to vote to sell something at a public auction. Mayor Evans asked how council felt about doing away with the recycling program. Mrs. Biggs said she was probably opposed to doing away with the program but understood that the city needed \$150,000.

Can we sell the impounded vehicles in the government site auction? Cities sell used equipment on those sites. Mayor Evans said he believes they usually sell excess stuff that is in good shape. Mr. Reed said we can sell to another municipality directly without having to auction on that site, but as far as scrap metal not a good site. It would be a great site to sell the garbage truck on.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR~

Finished the records retentions review with the departments and ready to send to the records retentions committee. Waiting to see if the records need to be certified by the Historical Society.

Last week started working with the superintendents and our insurance provider to get updates for our policy. As of this Friday we will be taking bids for the city's insurance and keep it open for 2 weeks. Tentative date is the 29th at 2:00 pm for bid openings. They will have to pick up the bid packets from the municipal building.

Mrs. Biggs asked when the winner would be announced. Mr. Swackhammer said it wasn't just the lowest bid. There would be several pieces of information that would have to be reviewed to determine that. Will do it as quickly as possible. Because our insurance is up the last week of June. He will bring it to council with an emergency clause when he has it for council.

We won't be able to apply for as many grants this year as we hoped because most of grant forms require level of information around the project, the engineering work, estimated cost, some of that stuff takes more time then we have available so to get ahead of the game for next year working with the superintendents and Mr. Strickland with RCAP to form a pipe line with 5-10 year capital improvement projects because some of these grants you have to apply for them 4 years in advance.

Plan is when we do the 20-21 budget they will be line items on the budget. We will have them ear mark the amount and where we believe we are getting the money from. And when and where we are using it. We don't want to have money sitting in the general fund. We want it to be very clear what the money is being used for.

The 228 budget will be line item also. We will know exactly know what we are using it for also,

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 15-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE INDIGENT DEFENSE CONTRACT WITH THE JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SO AS TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNCIL TO INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS OF THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2020 IN AN AMOUNT OF \$12,069.42 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

Mr. J. Peters asked again about the number of cases verses amount we are paying. Mr. Kirby said the

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county commissioners enter into a contract with the public defender's office. This is the amount we need to pay for the remainder of this year. Mr. Kirby said next year would be a good time to renegotiate this. Mayor Evans said he made a note to do that.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to suspend the rules with a second by Mrs. Biggs. In a roll call vote the results were 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 below:

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

Ordinance 15-20 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 16-20

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING ORD. 40-08 AS CONTAINED IN THE CITY OF JACKSON CODIFIED ORDINANCES SECTION 919.03 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

ORDINANCE 17-20

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING UTILITY BILLING AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNER/LANDLORD TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION 919.031 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

ORDINANCE 18-20

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REVISING ORD. 83-15, AS CODIFIED AS SECTION 929.07 OF THE CITY OF JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO REMOVE THE AUTOMATIC 3% ANNUAL INCREASE.

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

Mr. J Peters expressed concern about a management letter citing a problem from 2017 about the subject of this ordinance needing an effective date. Exhibit A in the middle there wasn't an effective date. One of the stipulations from the state auditor is that we need an effective date. Is it when we pass it or is it a date in the future. Secondly, from the state auditor, is that our gallons are not converted to cubic feet. The ordinance says gallons and the bill says cubic feet. Our utility customers can't understand without looking up the formula. Not only should the ordinance make reference to it but so should the utility bill.

Mr. R. Peters asked Mrs. Colby in regards to the effective date, is it your intention to leave them as they are now then in January 1, you won't raise them again?

Mr. Kirby said the way it is written the rates are staying the same; we just aren't raising them in the future. If we are reducing the rates then we would need an effective date. The way it is written we do not need an effective date. Both the water and sewer rates will stay the same as they are now and will not raise next January.

Mrs. Biggs said we had a rate study done in 2016 that said customers were paying too much for electric. We haven't had a study done with the water rates that say they are paying too much or too little. Why don't we start with the electric rates instead of the water and sewer? Mr. Coll said last meeting the mayor gave us some figures.

Mayor Evans said he reported those in error. He said he has been studying the water and sewer since this has been proposed. We have been talking with RCAP. In looking at the numbers something we noticed that our revenues in both areas have flat lined. So if we don't raise the rates we will be losing money. It is very hard to keep expenses from going up. He is always looking at cutting costs and saving the citizens money. But we are probably in need of a rate study, but that costs money also. We have been looking very hard at the electric. We are wanting to bring you a plan to reduce the electric cost. Still working out the details. It will be a credit. We will be giving it back to our customers.

Mayor Evans said he would love nothing more than to fix up the sidewalks, the streets, and the dilapidated buildings. There's no money to do it. A rough calculation to pave all the streets in the city would take about ½ million per year for about 10 years.

Mr. Coll wanted to clarify that we are just eliminating the 3% increase right now. But if we need to increase again do we have the right to do this again? Members agreed yes. Mr. Coll said how do we know when? Mrs. Colby said she just wants to eliminate for the customers during this hard time. Mr. Swackhammer said the best way is to just look at the budget for next year and they can look at the projects for the year and see if there is a deficit in the fund in that area. That would let them know if they need additional funds in that area. They will know each year if they need to make a change.

Mr. R. Peters said we have been increasing 3% for the last 5 years. He agrees we need give people a break right now. If we need to raise it later then we will. We can consider it at any time. For now we need to remove it and tackle it later if the problem arises.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORD. 33-12, AS CODIFIED AS SECTION 927.05 OF THE CITY OF JACKSON CODIFIED ORDINANCES SO AS TO REMOVE THE 3% ANNUAL INCREASE OF THE CITY SEWER RATES AND TO INCORPORATE THE CURRENT SEWER RATES.

First Reading

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

It was asked if there are many sewer users outside of the city. The mayor said quite a few, yes. Mr. J. Peters said he had done some research and most municipalities charge more for users outside of the city. Mr. J. Peters would like to get that number of users. Mrs. Colby said the rates are already too high. She said she was elected to look after her constituents. The people do not get anything, and everything increases every year.

ORDINANCE 20-20

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORD. 81-15 AND REMOVING SECTION 927.051 FROM THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY

First Reading

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

ORDINANCE 21-20

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GARBAGE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion with a second by Mrs. Colby to adopt the Ordinance. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. Coll said there is a fund there transferring out to where, he would like an explanation. Mr. Reed said this is transferring the funds for the garbage department to keep funds separate. Council decided several years ago to keep it separate. This is taking it out. The next ordinance will show where it is going.

Mr. J. Peters said in section 2 it says it should have been in the permanent budget and wasn't. He said he can't vote for it.

ORDINANCE 22-20

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND: TRANFER OUT; WATER FUND: TRANSFER OUT SEWER FUND: TRANSFER OUT AND GARBAGE FUND: TRANSFER OUT TO THE TRANSFER IN FUNDS OF THE STREET C.M. & R; FUND; WATER UTILITY OFFICE FUND; WATER DISTRIBUTION FUND; SEWER

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UTILITY OFFICE FUND; SEWER COLLECTION FUND AND GARBAGE UTILITY OFFICE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion with a second by Mr. R. Peters to adopt the ordinance. In a voice vote all members agree.

Mrs. Biggs asked why we are taking money from the general fund to support the street and ally fund and cemetery fund when there is not enough money in the general fund to start with. Mr. Reed said the general fund is the only fund that can give money to another fund. Street and ally and cemetery never have enough money to support themselves. We would like for all funds to be self supported. Mr. J. Peters asked what the money is used for once it is in the street and ally fund. Mr. Reed said whatever administration feels it is necessary.

It was asked if \$28,000 was used twice for the garbage fund. Mr. Reed said no, it was set up and then it was appropriated. Mr. J. Peters asked where these account numbers are because he can't find them in the budget. Mr. Reed said he would bring the breakdown next month.

Mr. J Peters asked about \$339,000 transferred into the Utility office. Didn't we approve a budget that already had money in it for the utility office? Mr. Reed said it was dependent upon this. Mr. J Peters said but how can it be in the budget if they didn't have the money. Mr. R Peters said what if we voted no and said you couldn't have this money. Mr. Reed said this would blow your budget up. Mr. Reed said if you don't pass those than the budget you passed can't operate. These are the revenues for it.

ORDINANCE 23-20

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE, ELECTRIC AND FIRE TAX LEVY FUNDS TO THE GENERAL, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AND ELECTRIC FUNDS FOR REIMBURSEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAXIMUS COST ALLOCATION.

First Reading

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

Mr. J. Peters said he feels the \$25k must stay in the fire dept. fund. They need this money for air packs. Mrs. Biggs said she didn't know we can take money that was there because a levy was passed by the public and use it for something else. Mr. R. Peters was told this could be used for anything when he asked this last year. He completely disagrees with taking the money from the fire department and won't support that. Mrs. Colby asked how this money can be used for other things when the people vote for these levies for a reason. Mr. Reed said the city is over the fire department. Why that amount specifically, he doesn't know, but will try to find out for the next meeting. These funds are done by cost allocation. These fit the budget that was passed. The state recommends this and the Maximus study says this is how it is to be done. Mr. Coll says the columns do not add up from the left to right side.

ORDINANCE 24-20

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CEMETERY: STREETS, HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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Mrs. Biggs made a motion with a second from Mrs. Colby to approve the Ordinance. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mrs. Biggs said she understood that if we let AEP put that land down there they were going to pave the streets at the cemetery. This is part of this. The cemetery would get \$60,000 per year. They didn't spend that all last year. This is part of the \$60k from last year. So they are using that. Mr. J. Peters said he has a problem with paving the streets at the cemetery when the streets and allies are so bad in town and the mausoleums are so bad at the cemetery. Mr. R. Peters asked if the money had to be used for something other than that purpose. Mr. Kirby said if it is already budgeted for that, then no. He can look into it. Mr. R. Peters asked if we can do a resolution to re-appropriate this. Mr. Kirby said he wasn't sure.

Mrs. Biggs said that she knew that up north they are pouring their own footers for headstones. It is quite a lucrative business. Could the service department do this?

ORDINANCE 25-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, THE CHIEF OF THE JACKSON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO ENTER INTO AN AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. J. Peters made a motion to suspend the rules with a second by Mrs. Colby. In a roll call vote the results were as follows:

COLL	es
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COLBY	es
R. PETERS Y	es
J PETERS Y	es
BIGGS Y	es
BOPP Y	es

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

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

Ordinance 25-20 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 12-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JACKSON TO APPROVE THE RETURN OF ALL CHRISTMAS OR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, PURSUANT TO ORD. 53-19 AS CODIFIED IN THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY AS SECTION 953.12.

Second Reading

Mr. R. Peters said he wanted to clarify for the public what we are trying to do is to give the decorations back to the Chamber of Commerce who originally started the program. Mr. Coll asked for what reason. Mrs. Biggs said to save money. She said she was in error last meeting. The city workers did not work overtime when hanging and taking down the décor each year. The cost is still the same. It cost the city around \$13,000.

Mr. Coll said he has a letter from former Mayor Heath. Mrs. Biggs said when it started it was a novel idea. But it has gotten out of hand, and it is costing the city too much money. Mr. Coll said \$13,000 is .0006 of the budget.

Mr. Bopp said when it started it was supposed to be from Jackson Implement to Mayhew Brown and from the Filling Station to Rowdy's. This is why the cost has gotten so high. Everyone is talking about keeping the tradition of decorating the downtown area of the city. Maybe if we can keep them just in the downtown area, as originally planned, we can keep the program.

Mr. R Peters said we haven't even tracked the cost of prepping the poles for hanging the décor.

President Edwards was contacted by a citizen who had noticed that sometimes the decorations had to be taken down and moved because they had been hung in the wrong place. This adds to the cost.

Mayor Evans said the place they are stored is not as big as the Chambers and holds all 160 pieces of Christmas décor. Some of them get damaged. The city workers spend a couple of weeks each year repairing and putting in new bulbs before they can be hung up. The town has mixed opinions. It is huge project for the electric department. The program has gotten so big. The decorations are old and in disrepair. If this passes do we have something else in its place?

Mr. R. Peters said we do not know the actual electric cost either. A lot of these decorations have the old bulbs that are not LED bulbs. So that is a lot more cost that we can't gauge. Mr. Coll said he thought the costs were 7-8 cents per customer.

Mrs. Colby said we have an Ordinance that says nothing is to be placed on the utility poles.

RESOLUTION 13-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A PARTNERSHIP WITH JACKSON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING JACKSON COUNTY TO ACT AS THE OFFICIAL GRANTEE FOR THE PY 2020 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

The county oversees it. And the application is due by June 24, 2020

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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 below:

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

Resolution 13-20 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDANCE~ n/a

OLD BUSINESS~ Do we have an inventory of tools, vehicles, ect? Are they insured? Mr. Swackhammer said a lot of it is covered under a blanket policy. The mechanics have a tool allowance and use some of their own personal tools. We realized this while working on the bidding package for the new insurance policy. Some buildings were under insured. Some things are being added as line items. If they are inside/outside or are on a truck in transit cause them to fall into different categories.

Some stores and lobbies are opening back up and people returning to work. Do we have a plan for keeping people safe? Mr. Swackhammer said no city workers have been off work do to Covid-19. These workers were deemed essential. The lobbies have been closed at the Municipal building, police station, and utility office. Those will re-open with only 3 people being allowed in at a time for social distancing. They have been given a thermometer and have hand sanitizer in the office, and will ask the 3 questions. The Auditor's office does not have a lobby and there is no way to social distance in the office, so it will not be re-opening to the public at this time.

President Edwards said committee meetings need to be televised until we open meetings back up to the public.

Citizen asked about the areas where the trees were pulled up in town and have gravel in them. Are we going to fill them with something else? Mayor Evans said brick will go back into those spaces.

Mr. R. Peters said he is looking into the work sessions for council to shorten our meetings. He will email council to see how they feel about these.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~

NEW BUSINESS~

Mr. Bopp also asked about the playgrounds and city fields. Mayor Evans said they are not allowed to have any organized activity on the fields as of right now. Playgrounds are still closed by the state.

Mr. Reed said there have been a lot of questions about the Maximus study. He said if we do one of these work session meetings, it could be a good time to sit down and see how this is done.

Mayor Evans asked council if they would want to meet the day after Memorial Day in May. We would only have one meeting in May because of the holiday causing the meeting in June to run really long if we didn't meet again in May.

Council decided to meet on Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 PM

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

Meeting Adjourned at 10:02 PM

Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 5/26/20

Carisa Edwards, Council President

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