

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL SESSION

JANUARY 30, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Jackson City Council met in Special Session on Thursday, January 30, 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 Mr. Ryan Peters. The Prayer was given by Mrs. Biggs.

Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mrs. Colby -present
- Mr. Coll -present
- Mr. Foster -present
- Mr. R. Peters -present
- Mr. J. Peters -present
- Mr. Biggs -present
- Mr. Matchett -absent

Mayor Evans announced that Mr. Matchett had resigned as of noon today and did not give a reason for his resignation.

President Edwards said the purpose of the meeting was for the third reading and vote of Resolution 01-20

**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**

**Third Reading**

Mr. Coll said he thought the resolution is poorly written. The fact is not in evidence. It says an account has not been identified from which funds can be spent. Mr. Coll produced the minutes from the third reading of resolution 44-19 in which Mr. Ryan Peters asked Mr. Sheward where the bills were. Mr. Sheward said there were requisitions at the auditor's office and the money was coming from the legal defense fund under the line item that Joe had listed.

Mr. Coll also read from Pete Wilson's article from the newspaper which said that Brett Reed had refused to make payment without legal authorization from Joe Kirby. Joe Kirby said that the legal fees were eligible, however they were under the \$10k deductible. It would come from the Criminal Defense Fund.

Mr. Coll also pointed out that we specifically requested to have the insurance policy and letter from Mr. Kirby, and not to proceed with this until we got this. And we haven't gotten these items.

Mr. Ryan Peters said that new information was brought to council after some of the above things were said. Former Mayor Heath sought legal representation and incurred these bills prior to contacting the insurance company. The insurance company is under no legal obligation to pay these fees even if the \$10,000 deductible had been met.

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A Roll Call Vote was taken to adopt Resolution 01-20 and the results are as follows,

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

*Amended J. Peters*

*Reso. 01-20*

*R. Peters*

*Duly Adopted*

*Amended to add Duly adopted.*

Mr. John Peters made a motion to include both the informational packet from the law firm of Cole, Kirby, & Associates, and the coverage information from the Cincinnati Insurance Company in the minutes from tonight's special meeting minutes. Mrs. Debbie Biggs seconded the motion. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote all members agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

*Cindi Kuhn*

*Carisa Edwards*

Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Carisa Edwards, President of Council

Date: 2-10-20

Date: 02-10-20