

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

*Minutes From*

August 23, 2021

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

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Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 23, 2021. The pledge was led by Mr. R. Peters and the prayer was given by Mrs. Biggs. President Fulks called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Foster –Present
- Mr. Coll – Present
- Mrs. Colby – Present
- Mr. R. Peters - Present
- Mrs. Biggs -- Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Wendy Sexton. Wendy worked for the city in the auditor's office for 23 years. Mayor Evans and Mr. Reed spoke about Mrs. Sexton and how much she will be missed.

**VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS:** Republican Party met this evening and voted Harold Newkirk as the council member to replace John Peters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES~** Mrs. Colby made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Mrs. Biggs. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY ~** No Report.

**BUDGET & FINANCE~** No Report

**POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~** No Report

**SERVICE COMMITTEE~** Met tonight to discuss our franchise agreement with Rumpke for dumpster haul away. Some smaller businesses asked us to revise the ordinance to allow them to service the city also. Administration is going to work on the figures for this.

The picnic tables at Hammertown were mentioned, as they need some work.

**CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~** No Report

**CITY ATTORNEY~** No Report

**POLICE CHIEF~** No Report

**FIRE CHIEF~** No Report

**MAYOR ~**

- Our meeting tonight is once again being live streamed from our city website and the city Facebook page. We are reaching more people and have better quality.

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- Paving projects have gotten a good start. The paver did breakdown, so the paving stopped temporarily. Should be back next week. After street paving, they will be doing part of the cemetery streets.
- Hopefully pass legislation tonight to do additional paving. Currently paving nine streets. They are putting together a list of priority streets. Will be paving the roads that are most heavily traveled and in the worse condition. Going to take a while, but plan to get all the city's streets over the next several years.
- Mr. R. Peters asked if they could pave where State Street meets Bridge and Walnut Streets. Mayor Evans said this is on the list of ones that might get done this year.
- When looking at which streets to do, they have to consider the storm catch basins, gutters, curbs...ect
- Also, looking at the sewer line repairs and how they will affect what streets they do also. They don't want to pave a street and then have to tear it up to work on the sewer lines.

**SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR ~**

- Time to start looking at the budget for 2022. Mr. Swackhammer asked Mrs. Biggs to have a budget meeting by the end of September.
- The electric used on this Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM-6:00 PM will set the city's transmission bill for all of 2022. Asking city residents to voluntarily help by only using the electric needed during this time.
- Mr. R. Peters asked that the light be checked on Main St. & South St. He said he has noticed a couple of times where his light turned green, but the other light didn't turn red.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 53- 21**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 731 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO GOVERN TRANSIENT MERCHANTS.**

**Third Reading**

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

Foster	No
Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

**Ordinance 53-21 Duly Adopted**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 55-21**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE AND TO SELL TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDERS THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES: THE DT466 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK AND 1996 FORD 555D BACKHOE, NOW OWNED BY THE CITY BUT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, PURSUANT TO R.C. SECTION 721.15 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

Mr. Foster made a motion, with a second from Mrs. Biggs to adopt the ordinance.

Mr. Swackhammer said there are two vehicles have issues that we can no longer fix. Asked that council pass this on emergency so they can advertise these with the others that were approved in the last meeting. There are 40 vehicles in the impound lot prepared to auction.

Mr. Foster made a motion with a second from Mr. Coll to suspend the rules. A roll call vote was taken, and the results are as follows:

Foster	Yes
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Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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Biggs	Yes
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**Ordinance 55-21 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 32-21**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Second Reading**

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R. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the Resolution, and the results are as follows:

Foster	Yes
Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

**Resolution 32-21 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH G & J PAVING, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL STREET PAVING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 AS IT IS NOW FINISHING ITS CURRENT WORK ON THE 2021 CITY OF JACKSON STREET PAVING PROGRAM AND IS ON SITE WITH EMPLOYEES AND EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

Mayor Evans said council appropriated \$600,000 for paving. The bid for the streets they are doing is \$450,000. Would like to do additional streets with the difference by using the paving company currently working instead of rebidding it. Looking into 6-8 streets and will pave 3-4 of them.

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Bopp	Yes

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the Resolution, and the results are as follows:

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Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

**Resolution 34-21 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH RICART PROPERTIES, INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 FORD F-550 DUMP TRUCK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,968.00, WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**First Reading**

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

Mayor Evans said we need to replace the truck we are putting in the auction. Tried to buy locally and can't get a truck in time to use by winter. Can't take bids and still get a truck this year. Already missed out on others. They are holding this truck for us. Not asking for any more money. It is in the budget to purchase a truck. Administration feels this is a good financial decision.

Mr. R. Peters asked where this was in the budget.

Mr. Swackhammer said it is in six different line items.

Mr. R. Peters said in the past they bought a truck then had to fit the truck with all the extras they needed.

Mayor Evans said this truck is under \$90,000. It is a one ton, versatile truck that can be used throughout the city. It already has a snow scraper, salt spreader...ect.

Mr. Foster made a motion with a second from Mr. Bopp to suspend the rules. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

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R. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the Resolution, and the results are as follows:

Foster	Yes
Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 35-21 Duly Adopted

**CORRESPONDENCE**~ none

**OLD BUSINESS**~ Mrs. Biggs wanted to let everyone know that at our last meeting it was said the ordinance regarding decorating the graves came out in 2010 long after some people had purchased plots. She said this is incorrect. The codified ordinance was in November 1990 for planting flowers, and October 1998 prohibiting cornerstones.

**SIGNED IN TO SPEAK**~

- Marcia Eggers spoke about the cemetery. She said she buried her 18-year-old son there, and feels it is not right to put a sign by his grave saying things had to be removed. She mows or weed eats when necessary. She takes good care of the plot.
- Laydene Orender agrees with Marcia. Her son and husband are buried there. The city doesn't take care of the plots. They had knocked off a stainless steel plate from her son's headstone when mowing and didn't put it back. She asked council to reconsider allowing them to continue taking care of the plots.
- Vicky Coy addressed council again. She understands the ordinances do go back to before she bought her plots. However, she said things can be changed. There has to be a way to resolve this without removing everything.
- Mayor Evans apologized for offending people. Those signs were placed by city employees. They had to use their own judgment on where to place them. He said nothing is mentioned about Memorial Day. Need to update the rules.
- Mr. Swackhammer said we need to regroup and look at this. It's been a discussion for 6 months. He said city cemetery workers need to have a voice in this as well.
- Mr. R. Peters suggested we see what other cemeteries are doing and change ours if necessary. Possibly a complete overhaul of what is being done there.

**NEW BUSINESS**~ None

Mr. R. Peters made a motion with a second from Mrs. Biggs to go into executive session for the reason of: Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. His motion included everyone at the table, Andrew Esposito, HR manager Tonia Hatten, IT Coordinator Tom Thacker, and new council member Harold Newkirk.

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A roll call vote was taken to enter into executive session and the results are as follows:

Foster	Yes
Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Motion Carried. Council entered into executive session at 8:00PM.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion with a second from Mr. Foster to resume regular session. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Motion Carried. Council resumed regular session at 8:47PM.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:48PM

  
Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

  
Dan Fulks, President

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