

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

July 12, 2021

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 2021. The pledge was led by Mrs. Colby and the prayer was given by Mrs. Colby. 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
- Mr. J. Peters -- Absent
- Mrs. Biggs -- Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

Mrs. Colby made a motion to excuse Mr. J. Peters from the meeting. Mrs. Biggs seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS~ Girlie Starcher was present to represent herself and husband Daniel Starcher. They are building a house at 355 Summit St., which is outside of the city limits. They are requesting a water and sewer tap for city utilities.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ No Report.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ Mrs. Biggs met with Mr. Swackhammer to discuss the budget. It is getting low but chose to wait a couple months to make a decision on whether to adjust it. There have been a lot of special meetings in which the clerk has been paid to attend and keep minutes. If the last half of the year there may be less meetings, and the budget may not need amended.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ Mrs. Colby called a PFT meeting for Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00PM. The firefighters have some concern to be brought before council.

SERVICE COMMITTEE~ Met this evening to discuss the Transient Merchant Ordinance. Mr. R. Peters and administration have made changes. These were presented to council. Asked council to review and get questions/ concerns to Mr. Swackhammer by Monday July 19th so changes can be made if needed. Want to bring this before council to adopt on 7-28-21.

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~

- Resolution 31-21 tonight is for the American Rescue Plan. This is for the money for the city. Two step plan. Half this year and half next.
- Planning a Maximus study. Trying to get that done this year.

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

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POLICE CHIEF~ Report with Statistics are in binders.

FIRE CHIEF~ Report with Statistics are in binders.

MAYOR ~

- Thanks to the fire department for the fireworks. Thank you to all who donated for the firework display.
- Still prepping the curbs and sidewalks for paving.
- New Hires:
 - Matt Colbertson –pretreatment coordinator at the wastewater plant. He has the class 3 waste license that was needed for this job.
 - Matt Crabtree-new repairmen
- Now interviewing for the tree trimmer position, also taking applications for police department dispatcher position.
- None of these are new positions, they are vacated positions that need filled.
- Received some complaints about the golf carts on the road, and underage drivers. Golf Carts must be street legal and the driver must have a driving license.
- The Mayor wanted to clear up the misconceptions concerning the Zoning Appeals Meeting from June 28th and July 2nd. The meeting was for the Zoning Appeals Committee to consider the conditional use of land on Huron St. There is some misinformation amongst the public. Council has nothing to do with the meeting or the decisions made. The accusations that it was a “secret meeting” are untrue. It was posted on every social media site including the city’s website, and the newspaper. Also, every resident within 200 feet were informed via letter so they could attend the meeting if they wished. At the June 28th meeting, they decided they needed more information. At the July 2nd meeting, the additional information was provided and considered. Only three committee members were able to attend. One no vote meant it did not pass. Administration feels this was unfortunate and unfair that the rest of the committee couldn’t be there. They have consulted legal and have reached out to see if they want to attend another meeting for reconsideration when all members are present. As of now, they haven’t requested this.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR ~

- Mr. R. Peters asked how the Florence Ave Projects is doing. Mr. Swackhammer said there is no new information. Less than 30 responses out of 100 have been gathered. They plan to go door to door and ask personally for each resident to fill out the questionnaire. No timeline yet. It is a huge 2 million dollar project. There is an opportunity for funding, but need involvement from community.
- Railroad crossing repairs will be done starting this week ahead of paving. Burlington Rd between Huron and South St. RR repair on Harding Ave by Veterans Dr., and Huron St. by Dickason St. Also been notified they will address the RR near Southview Elem even though it is out of city limits. The Railroad that we have it leased to is responsible for maintaining these.
- We Tabled Resolution 25 last meeting. Asked council to not bring from the table tonight and let it die.
- There are several items in the packet that need passed tonight. Will explain as they come up.
- Mr. Coll asked how things are going with our new Code Enforcement Officer. Administration said he has been very beneficial. Has helped us obtain a level of compliance that we couldn’t have done without his help. He has been a huge asset.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 50-21

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CITY INCOME TAX FUND: ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

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

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

Ordinance 50-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 52-21

AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FOR DEMOLITION EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Coll asked if this has been done or are we making funds available. Mayor Evans said money is budgeted we are just moving money to be available. Mr. Swackhammer said this cost would be placing on tax liens.

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

Foster	Yes
Coll	Yes
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J. Peters	Absent
Biggs	Yes

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Bopp Yes

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

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

Ordinance 52-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 20-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICE AND SAFETY TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR TRANSITIONAL WORK GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third reading

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
J. Peters	Absent
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 20-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 21-21

A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND AMENDING RES 12-21 TO ESTABLISH THE METHOD BY WHICH SALARY INCREASES MAY BE DETERMINED FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Third Reading

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

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Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
J. Peters	Absent
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 21-21 Duly Adopted

No Motion was made to bring Resolution 25-21 from the table.

RESOLUTION 25-21 (Tabled)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO EXTEND THE CURRENT TELEVISION BROADCASTING AGREEMENT AS MODIFIED REGARDING COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 90 DAYS, WITH CHANGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Seconded Reading

Resolution 25-21 died

RESOLUTION NO. 27-21(Amended)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A NON-EXCLUSIVE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BIG RED DIAMOND CLUB, INC., AN OHIO NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR THE USE OF THE HIGH STREET BALL FIELDS AND FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to strike the words High Street, and insert City. Mr. Coll seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed. The resolution now reads:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A NON-EXCLUSIVE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BIG RED DIAMOND CLUB, INC., AN OHIO NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR THE USE OF THE CITY'S BALL FIELDS AND FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION OF THE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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R. Peters	Yes
J. Peters	Absent
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
J. Peters	Absent
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 27-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 28-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,800 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion with a second from Mrs. Colby to adopt the resolution. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Swackhammer said there is a detailed funding request explanation in the packet. We received the invoice more than double, what we were told originally. This project was delayed for 2 years. . It was determined after the initial projection that the bridge would require a steel truss bridge costing more money. This is for the High St. Bridge project. Must have check by end of the month. Mr. R. Peters asked where the additional money would come from. Mr. Reed said it would come from the 228 account. Mr. Swackhammer said this money would not affect the other projects planned that will come from the 228 account.

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

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Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
J. Peters	Absent
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 28-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 29-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO ROBERT G. STEIN PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,237.50 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Administration requested that we suspend the rules and pass on emergency.

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

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

Resolution 29-21 Duly Adopted

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RESOLUTION NO. 30-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF JACKSON TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE STORYBOOK TRAIL GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading

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

Included in Council's packets are a letter of support from the city library, information on Storybook Trail, and the proposed project Boon Rock. The library will manage this. Must be submitted by July 15th so must be passed tonight. Mr. R. Peters asked about the parking. It will be on the city side.

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

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

Resolution 30-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 31-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JACKSON TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE AS PART OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Resolution 31-21 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~ None

OLD BUSINESS~ None

SIGNED IN TO SPEAK~ None

NEW BUSINESS~ Mr. Swackhammer said the Starcher's are aware of the cost associated with getting the city utilities. They have met with the wastewater supervisor and are aware of the maintenance cost.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to approve the water and sewer taps on Summit St. for the Starcher family. Mrs. Biggs seconded. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mrs. Biggs asked our legal counsel if we need to state a reason when suspending the rules. He said we do not.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

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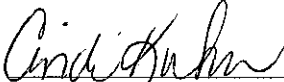
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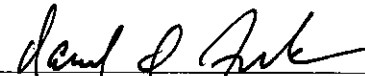
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Meeting Adjourned 7:55 PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk


Dan Fulks, President

Date 7-26-21

Date 7/29/2021