

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes From
June 28, 2021
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 28, 2021. The pledge was led by Mr. Bopp 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
- Mr. J. Peters – Present
- Mrs. Biggs -- Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

VISITORS~ Recreation Big Diamond Club members. Recognized for the great job they are doing with the city's youth softball and baseball programs. Tony Castina – President; Travis Ruckel – Vice President and Treasurer; Matt Jenkins – secretary; Chad Knittle- Equipment; Brandon Crosier-12U Baseball. Had almost 600 kids involved this summer. Future plans include working on the fields at Harding Ave to make another useable place for teams to play.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ President Fulks mentioned a correction to the minutes. The Zoning Board would be meeting regarding 155 & 156 Huron St., not 160 & 166 Huron St. This change has already been made to the official minutes.

A second change: Mrs. Biggs was going to meet with Mr. Swackhammer about Council budget for council expenses, not salaries.

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

Mr. J. Peters made a motion with a second from Mrs. Biggs to approve the special minutes from 6-21-21. In a voice vote all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ No Report.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ Mrs. Biggs will meet this week with Mr. Swackhammer to get the budget amended.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ No Report

SERVICE COMMITTEE~ Brief meeting scheduled for 7-12-21 at 6:30 PM regarding the transient merchant ordinance.

JAIL COMMITTEE ~ No Report

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report

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CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

MAYOR ~

- Saturday, July 3, 2021 fireworks around 10:00 PM. Parade is at 8:00 PM. Anyone can be in it, just line up on Broadway St. near the library. No Registration.
- Monday, July 5, 2021 will be a Federal Holiday. All city offices will be closed.
- Scheduled for paving to start 4th week in July. G & J Paving was awarded the contract.
- Sewer Line Project – Sewer Main- Chillicothe St/Earl St area all the way down to Harding Ave. Has old leaking clay tile. Passes through Osco, Billisios, and the shopping center on Main. We were rated 2nd out of around 25. Likely, we will get this grant. Seven to eight counties were competing for a grant. Will cost \$900k. The grant will cover 1/3 of it.
- Have filled the Civil Service Commission terms. Margaret Casey- 6 year term, David Thompson- 2 year term, and Cheryl Browning – 4 year term.
- Jeff Young Asst. Fire Chief notified the city of his resignation/retirement.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR ~

- Public notice for a radio dispatcher in the police department. Posting again
- Trash pick-up for Monday, July 4th will be picked up on Tuesday, July 5th, 2021
- Powell and Veterans Dr. will be closed starting at 8:00 AM on July 6 & 7th for railroad repair.
- Mr. Coll asked about the curb repair. Mr. Swackhammer said still need Broad St. to Broadway. Also, work on Morton, Athens, and downtown 93.
- Sewer Relining project –off of Veterans Dr.; Mr. J. Peters asked if this sewer system once relined will still be adequate for future expansion.. Mr. Swackhammer said we did have research done on this. Will be better off than it is now.
- Aggressively going after permits for contractors. Using OUPS, drive-byes, building permits. If anyone sees something please let administration know. There are many people who have been doing business for years in the city and have no idea things have changed. Need to get the word out.
- The city was supposed to get over a million-dollar stimulus check. The townships weren't getting anything originally. So now they and the municipalities will be splitting. The city will get about \$600,000.
- Have been doing fire hydrant flushing for about a week. This is EPA required. Mr. R. Peters asked if the flushing could spray up and out instead of along the curbs and landscaping. He said there was something that could be placed on the fire hydrant to do this. Chillicothe does it this way. Mr. Swackhammer asked for this information to be sent to him.
- Discussed 3-4 months ago about the roadway to Atomic Credit Union. In 2007 Council approved an ordinance to accept this area as part of the city. Need to get this on our paving list. It needs properly repaved not patched. Mr. J. Peters asked if we will need to repair the base. Mr. Swackhammer said we can't know until we get into it. He said this Ordinance 57-07 was passed in April of 2007, but was never properly recorded.
- The new Federal Holiday in June wasn't announced until the day before. So there wasn't time for the city to honor it. They will work on that the 2nd half of the year. Might be a floating holiday or the employees might just be paid for it.
- Will be paving SR 139, from St Rt. 32 to South St. in July.

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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.

Second Reading

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.

Second Reading

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.

Second Reading

Mr. R. Peters said we passed this once approving salaries. Mr. Swackhammer said a few positions did not have subordinates and didn't follow the guidelines as the other salary approvals. They are in categories by themselves. It was not their intention to exclude them.

It was asked if the public or a private firm was interested in our IT Coordinator position. Mr. Swackhammer said no firms were interested. There were three individuals interested. The city will be hiring it as a non-union position.

The raises were questioned. Mr. Swackhammer said the step raises are not associated with longevity. They are performance based. Steps are not guaranteed and can go backward as well. They also could get a % raise and a step raise in the same year.

RESOLUTION 25-21

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.

Second Reading

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Mr. Swackhammer asked council to table this and let it die. They can't come to an agreement. This is an extension of the current contract. This is not related to Resolution 17-21 that has been voted down.

Mr. R. Peters asked if the city had contacted Spectrum to see what to do with the channel. Mr. Swackhammer said they contacted Charter and they can have it back if they want it. He also asked if we are going to find someone to use it again. Mr. Swackhammer said there is no interest and no need to move forward.

Mr. Coll asked about the \$90,000 we get from spectrum. This is based on the number of customers in the city. This channel does not affect this money. The mayor can negotiated up to 5%. We are currently at the 5% already.

Mr. Coll made a motion to table the Resolution 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	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 25-21 tabled

RESOLUTION 26-21

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A REPLACEMENT FIRE LEVY AND CERTIFYING THE FIRE LEVY ISSUE TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

County Auditor Assessment is in the back of the binder.

Mr. J. Peters asked about the wording "continuing period". How long is this? Mayor Evans this is indefinite and this is the proper language.

Mr. Swackhammer said we need to do this on emergency. Paperwork needs filed. Additional steps need taken to get this on the ballot by August 2, 2021.

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

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Coll	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes

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J. 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
J. Peters	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 26-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 27-21

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.

First Reading

The current lease with the Big Red Diamond Club goes through October of 2021. They are renewing it now to add items 5 & 6 which deal with working on the fields on Harding Ave. They will also be maintaining the field on Mound St., that was used some this summer.

CORRESPONDENCE~ Mrs. Biggs said many council members have "taken a beating" over many hot topics since they took office. She has received some positive phone calls and positive card which she read to council.

OLD BUSINESS~ Service Meeting on July 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Meeting will be brief regarding the Transient Merchant Ordinance.

SIGNED IN TO SPEAK~ None

NEW BUSINESS~ Mr. Coll had some questions regarding the board of control minutes. He asked which parcel the \$4600 in real estate was for. Mr. Reed said it was several. Mr. R. Peters asked how much we have reduced our taxes by filing the proper paperwork. Mr. Reed said the first time it was \$21,000. This time most didn't meet the criteria. Mr. R. Peters also asked if the ones we are paying taxes on are for sale? Mr. Swackhammer said some have been approved to sell.

Mr. Bopp said several have asked again about the recycling program. He said the recycling dumpsters are out of control. Mr. Swackhammer said council had voted to not do door to door recycling. It is not budgeted for this year and had not planned to budget it for 2022. It cost the city \$120,000-\$150,000 per year. The dumpsters are provided by the solid waste management at no cost to the city. Mr. Reed also

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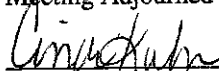
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pointed out that it cost them \$20 more per ton to have the recycling hauled away from the door to door recycling than to haul away trash, and many times things in the recycling ended up in the trash anyway because it wasn't recyclable.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:17 PM



Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk



Dan Fulks, President

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