

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

March 8, 2021

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 2021. The pledge was led by Mrs. Biggs, 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 -- Present
- Mrs. Biggs -- Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

VISITORS ~ Recognitions: Ray Lewis newly hired Code Enforcement Officer

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ Next Meeting: 3-22-21 at 6:00 PM to consider codified ordinances 921.11 & 921.13.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ Mrs. Colby said meeting tonight was cancelled. Mr. Swackhammer said they did meet with the people who did the evaluation on our traffic lights. They are looking into the ones we have disputed. We do not have any new information back yet.

SERVICE COMMITTEE~ R. Peters said the work meeting on 3-1-21 went well. All council members were present. They discussed a lot of topics. Plan to move forward with them one by one, and have them all updated by the end of the year.

JAIL COMMITTEE ~ No Report

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ Mr. Reed advised council that the Ordinance 19-21 need to pass on emergency tonight. This is for booking expenses. Cannot appropriate any of the income tax until this is done. Have been getting RITA money for about 90 days now.

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF~ Written report in packets

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

MAYOR ~

- No city workers with Covid or quarantined.

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- Health Department is having a Covid Clinic at the Nazarene Church tomorrow, March 9th. It is open to the public for those 60 years old and over and for first responders.
- Had first negotiation meeting with the Teamsters about the Police Department contracts. Will discuss this in executive session at the end of the council meeting tonight.
- Joan Waugh will be retiring soon from the sewer plant. Ron Aldrich is temporarily covering both the Water Plant and Sewage Plant. May choose to do this permanently and eliminate one of the supervisory jobs.
- Tremendous amount of projects in the works. Will update when he has more information on them.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR ~

- Working with the engineers and consultants on the grant money for projects.
- Mr. J. Peters received two calls about vacating alleys in the 2nd ward. Mr. Swackhammer said there was an old ordinance that had the name of the alley to be vacated but no boundaries. So they do not know which parts of the alley are to be removed. All neighbors would have to agree and start the process over again.
- Several calls to council members about the condition of the alleys.
- Mr. R. Peters said the pavement was broken up and everywhere at the corner of Portsmouth and Main St. They took it down to the brick and it is very smooth. Possible cost saving solution for other areas in the city.
- Mrs. Biggs said she has received several calls about the large holes at the recycling bins.
- Mr. Coll asked if the Jisco property had ever been harvested. Mr. Reed said some had. Mr. Coll suggested the timber could be worth something. We could get a local logger to check for us. Just under 500 acres.
- Council also asked about the streams that run through Jackson and all the trees besides the streams. Are they there for flood control? Are they worth anything? Mr. Swackhammer said he would look into it.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 06-21

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND:
GENERAL GOVERNMENT: FERAL CAT PROGRAM.**

Third Reading

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R. Peters	Yes

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Biggs	Yes
Bopp	No

Ordinance 06-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 08-21

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING ORD. 92-99 REGARDING POLICE PERSONNEL AS SET FORTH IN THE CITY OF JACKSON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS SECTION 131.01.

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AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 919.02 AND 919.03 UNPAID CHECK CHARGES AND UTILITY DEPOSITS.

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AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 1313.03 AND 1313.05 GOVERNING SERVICE CALL RATES AND SEWER AND WATER TAP FEES.

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ORDINANCE 14-21

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 929.29 GOVERNING WATER SERVICE CALL RATES.

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ORDINANCE 15-21

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 927.09 GOVERNING DISCHARGE OF SEPTIC TANK WASTES.

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ORDINANCE 16-21

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 921.16 AND 921.17 GOVERNING SERVICE CALL RATES AND ELECTRIC TAP FEE.

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ORDINANCE 17- 21

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 945.03, 945.031, 945.04, 945.18 AND 945.20 GOVERNING THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RATES AND DEPOSIT FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES.

First Reading

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ORDINANCE 18-21

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SEWER FUND:
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

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

Mr. J. Peters asked if this was for any specific grant. Mr. Swackhammer said this is for multiple projects. They are moving money from the water and the sewer funds to pay for the engineering so they can apply for grants.

Mr. J. Peters asked if we have a contract with a professional service yet. They have selected a couple of firms from the 19 that applied. They went with ones that had references with people who could speak of their projects.

Mr. J. Peters 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
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 as follows.

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

Ordinance 18-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 19-21

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

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Bopp	Yes

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

Ordinance 19-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 20-21

AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE WATER FUND FOR ENGINEERING EXPENSES FOR UPCOMING PROJECTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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Ordinance 20-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 21-21

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTERS 1316 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON REQUIRING AND GOVERNING THE REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS SEEKING TO WORK WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF JACKSON, OHIO

First Reading

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

Mr. J. Peters asked if we need to add city building official to the definitions in part 1316.02. Mr. Swackhammer said it would be him or his designee. Building officials are defined in the zoning code or building code.

We have had no previous legislation requiring contractors to be permitted in the city. We also have more in depth applications for demo and building. Would like the city's input on these.

CORRESPONDENCE ~ None

OLD BUSINESS~ None

SIGNED IN TO SPEAK~ None

NEW BUSINESS~ Recycling by the city garage is a huge mess. They are overflowing and things are all over the ground. The cleanup effort probably falls on the city workers.

Mr. Swackhammer said there are two recycling locations and they are emptied twice a week. The city does not currently have a recycling program for pickup.

Mrs. Biggs asked if we could see if Rumpke could pick up 3 days a week. Mr. Swackhammer said he would look into the cost.

Mr. R. Peters said in the work meeting they discussed numbering houses. Many houses do not have numbers. Asked if there is an ordinance requiring this? If not can, we get one. This is a public safety issue.

Mr. R. Peters advised council of recent ransoms asked of cities where a hacker had taken over the city's network. And, they had to pay a lot to get their systems back. Where are we with security? Mr. Swackhammer said we have upgraded twice this year. Our IT monitors this and is blocking suspicious activity.

Mr. Coll asked if the 2020 census was complete and do we have new numbers. Mayor Evans said he read that it was complete, but we do not have new numbers yet.

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Mrs. Biggs requested we look at the cemetery needs. Mr. Peters said he would find a time to do that soon.

Mr. Swackhammer asked council what their recommendation is to get the contractor information out to the public. Put it on the city page and face book page, invite public. Put it on bulletin boards of local stores where contractors go. I.e. Callahan's.

Mr. Coll made a motion with a second from Mr. R. Peters to go into executive session for the purpose of: Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining session with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. His motion included council, the mayor, service director, clerk, and auditor. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion and enter into executive session, and the results are as follows:

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

Motion Approved.

Council entered executive session at 7:54 PM

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

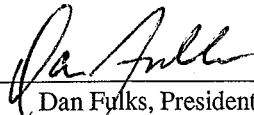
Council returned to regular session at 8:34 PM

No further action taken after the executive session.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:38 PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk


Dan Furks, President

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