

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes From
March 22, 2021
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 22, 2021. The pledge was led by Mr. Bopp, 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 ~ Travis Ruckel & Tony Castina- Big Red Diamond Club: Gave update on fields, number of players, improvements, and announced they have been approved as a 501C-3 not for profit organization.

Traci Plantz ~ Newly hired executive assistant and project manager. Provided information on the process of projects from beginning to end.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ Mrs. Biggs made a motion to amend the minutes to show that Mr. Bopp voted no on Ordinance 06-21. Mr. R. Peters seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Mrs. Colby made a motion to approve the amended minutes with a second from Mr. R. Peters. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ Met tonight at 6:00 PM to discuss codified ordinances 921.11 & 921.13. Administration will review and bring recommendations to change.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ No Report.

SERVICE COMMITTEE~ Next meeting April 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Plan to discuss the yard sale ordinance and to review the cemetery policies regarding what can be placed on the graves. Concerns for the time and effort being put in to mow these areas with so many ornamental type things being placed on the graves.

JAIL COMMITTEE ~ No Report

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

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MAYOR ~

- Everyone over 40 in Jackson Co can now get the Covid Vaccine.
- As part of the rescue package for 2021, the city will be getting over a million dollars in Covid relief money. There are fewer restrictions on this money than before.
- Working on a huge number of possible projects. They must first identify the problems, prioritize the needs, get an engineer or consultant, and then estimate the cost and look into funding options. Not all ideas will come to fruition.
- Number one project is the paving, followed by GIS mapping of the water and sewer lines.
- ODOT will be paving parts of 93, 139, & 788. They require a lot of work before they can pave. The city is fixing gutters and curbs, and using city workers to do these jobs.

Mr. Swackhammer and Mayor Evans responded to several of council's questions.

- For liability reasons the gas company has said they cannot share their gas line mapping with us.
- Broadway St. will be paved in 2029. They want to wait until Bellisio's is completely done with their building projects, before paving the road.
- Trying to get ahead of any standing water or drainage problems with the paving.
- Will not be placing curbs or sidewalks in areas that do not already have them.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR ~

- Mr. Swackhammer advised council that the process they are going through for these potential projects is the minimum they can do. They must get to an engineer or consulting company and get an estimate to see if the project is feasible and if they can get funds for the project. They aren't spending a lot of money on these possible projects.
- Hammertown Lake cleanup April 10th & 11th
- Trout Festival April 17th
- Working with the clerk to get past years caught up on the copying of ordinances, resolutions, and minutes for the hardbound books.
- Working with the clerk on updating the codified ordinances. Would like to update those quarterly from now on instead of yearly.
- The east side of Jisco Lake is the only hunting and fishing area, but hasn't been enforced.
- Would like to give ODNR more authority and have signs, permits, ect to be enforced.
- Asked if council would support an agreement with ODNR. Mr. Coll asked if any downside to an agreement. Mr. Swackhammer said it is a positive for the city. Mr. Coll also asked if Hammertown would also be like this. Mr. Swackhammer said he would look at it after Jisco.
- Will see if an officer can come in and speak to council.
- Council expressed concern for the torn down or condemned houses and buildings in town. Mr. Swackhammer said some of the properties are part of the land bank. Some of them administration contacts the property owner about condemning a property. Some, the health department condemns and the city cleans up the property after demolition.
- Mr. J Peters expressed his concern for tearing down the old depot on the Dollar General new building site. Mr. Swackhammer said they were getting ready to write citations on the buildings on this land because they were unsafe. This land is now owned by DG, and they will likely tear down all of the structures on the property.
- Took the oldest police cruiser that the city had and removed police equipment from it. They have now placed a City of Jackson logo on it for the code enforcement officer, Ray Lewis, to drive.

Mrs. Biggs asked if there was an ordinance about having boats and campers parked on the street. Mr. R. Peters said there is one in codified ordinances for each of those. They are asking administration to enforce it. Mr. Swackhammer said if anyone would contact administration about this issue. They will address it.

Mr. Fulks asked about the tire day. Mayor Evans said the county will dispose of old tires for one dollar per tire for Jackson Co residents. This will be on 4-10-21 from 8:00AM to noon. They will be located by

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Mr. Coll asked about the old Michael's Ice Cream building. Mr. Swackhammer said they are legally at a "stand still" currently.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 11-21

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

Third Reading

A roll call 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 11-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 12-21

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.

Third Reading

A roll call 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 12-21 Duly Adopted

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ORDINANCE 13-21

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 941.13 AND 941.16 AND 941.18 GOVERNING THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE OF LOTS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE FEES OF THE CITY CEMETERY.

Third Reading

A roll call 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 13-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 14-21

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

Third Reading

A roll call 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 14-21 Duly Adopted

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

Ordinance 15-21 Duly Adopted

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.

Third Reading

A roll call 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 16-21 Duly Adopted

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.

Second Reading

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

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

Mr. Swackhammer feels that word has not gotten out enough to the general public even with it being on the website. Mr. Peters said he has heard it on the radio and local TV station. It was suggested that Mr. Pete Wilson of the Telegram do a piece on it. Mr. Peters said this is designed to protect citizens. It's not hurting or penalizing anyone. Most cities in southern Ohio require this. Mrs. Biggs suggested that we put fliers at local hardware stores such as Callahan's and Martin Block and to the realtors in town. It was confirmed that this does not affect a homeowner doing a DIY project.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to strike the words "compliance bond" in section 1316.07 number three from the ordinance. Mr. J. Peters seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

ORDINANCE 22-21

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND: POLICE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. J. Peters questioned the fund numbers for the general fund and the drug task force fund. He also said the budget doesn't make reference to the drug task force. If we did away with the drug dog, do we still have a drug task force?

Mr. Swackhammer said none of this is coming from the income tax money. We are asking for more money because there are now more testing levels for the police officers. The medical policy now requires the officers to have a physical and psych exam before being hired. They also need money for new uniforms. They cost about \$18,000 per year. We lost about ½ of our police force, and are now starting over as they hire back officers.

Mr. J Peters also asked how much is left in the general fund if we are appropriating this money. He asked Mr. Swackhammer to bring those figures for the next meeting.

Mr. Reed said this Drug Task Force money is brought in to the city from the county. We have never appropriated it. Mr. Swackhammer said this needs approved because it is holding up the hiring of officers.

Mr. R Peters made a motion to strike the words "The General" from the Ordinance heading and add an "s" to the word fund. Mrs. Biggs seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

ORDINANCE 23-21

AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE SEWER FUND FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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

Council asked if we have someone on unemployment in the sewer department or is this in anticipation. Mr. Reed said we are responsible for this and will be getting a bill. We are required to pay right away or there will be additional fees and/or fines.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. Foster. 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 23-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE 24-21

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REVISING ORD. 08-13 OF THE CITY OF JACKSON SO AS TO ESTABLISH WAGES FOR MANAGEMENT AND LIFEGUARD POSITIONS AT THE JACKSON CITY POOL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said they are looking to hire 15. There is a pool manager, four head lifeguards, and lifeguard positions. They need to be able to hire right away so the lifeguards can get certified in time. They pay for their own certification cost. It is on the Hillcrest Pool facebook page and the city site.

Mr. Peters asked if we have someone specially trained to handle the pool chemicals. Mr. Swackhammer said the Health Department and water department are the ones who usually does regular testing. He will follow up on it.

Council asked about wages. Current minimum wage is \$8.80/hour. Some employees could be paid up to 150% of this amount.

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

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Bopp	Yes

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

Ordinance 24-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 25- 21

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 147.13 TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO HIRE AND COMPENSATE SEASONAL EMPLOYEES AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said this ordinance and 26-21 have a relationship. In the past, the city has hired extra labor to care for the cemetery only in the summer. They would like to repeal Codified Ordinance 941.26 (Ordinance 26-21) but must pass Ordinance 25-21 first. This will allow for hiring of seasonal employees to be used throughout the city. The pay wouldn't come from the general fund. It would come from whatever fund the employee was working for. If the employee was mowing at the cemetery, then it would come from the cemetery fund. Each would be appropriately charged.

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

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

Ordinance 25-21 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 26- 21

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 941.03 FOR EXTRA CEMETERY LABOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. J. Peters made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Colby. 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 26-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 07-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,250.15 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Swackhammer said they didn't have the PO in place at the time.

Mr. R. Peters 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:

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 Resolution, and the results are as follows.

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

Resolution 7-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 08-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT/MIDDLEPORT JAIL TO PROVIDE HOUSING OF JACKSON PRISONERS IN THE MIDDLEPORT JAIL AS NEEDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. J. Peters said he has been asking for contracts that are expiring for months now. This one was brought up 3 months ago. Council does not want to act on emergency.

Mr. Swackhammer said this list doesn't exist. They didn't inherit a list when they took over these jobs. They are creating their own records as they go along, and acting on these contracts on an "as needed" basis. This contract was just sent to them.

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

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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 8-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 09-21

AN RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE MONROE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE HOUSING OF CITY OF JACKSON PRISONERS IN THE MONROE COUNTY JAIL AS NEEDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mr. J. Peters. 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 Resolution, and the results are as follows.

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

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Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 9-21 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 10-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OR THE CHIEF OF THE JACKSON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION FIREFIGHTER EXPOSURE TO ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE GLOVES AND HOODS TO BE USED BY THE JACKSON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from Mrs. Colby. 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 Resolution, and the results are as follows.

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

Resolution 10-21 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE ~ None

OLD BUSINESS~ Council asked about the lineman training cost. Would like us to utilize AMP if possible for this.

Mr. R. Peters asked the clerk to bring the work meeting minutes to the next meeting to be adopted.

SIGNED IN TO SPEAK~ None

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NEW BUSINESS- The service director will take care of placing a street sign at the corner of Huron St. & David Ave. It is missing.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion with a second from Mr. Biggs to go into executive session for the purpose: To Consider the appointment, employment, and compensation of a public employee. And to prepare for or review negotiations or bargaining session with public employees concerning a collective bargaining agreement and 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 9:10 PM


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

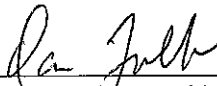
Council returned to regular session at 9:42 PM

No further action taken after the executive session.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:43 PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk


Dan Fulks, President

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