

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL  
*Minutes From*  
September 13, 2021  
7:00 P.M.  
REGULAR SESSION

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Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 13, 2021. President Fulks called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken as follows:

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

**VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS:** Mayor Evans recognized our new police officer. Matthew Kight- former Gallia Co Sheriff. He also said goodbye to Police Officer Wes Kight who is moving to a new job in another city.

Mr. Neal Hess addressed council regarding Resolution 37-21. He does grant writing and real estate work for the Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition. They are seeking an application to approve the property at US Hwy 32 and 35. They are asking for the city's support in order to apply for the grant. It is good conservation property with some flood plain benefits.

OVCC owns 3-4 nature preserves. They purchase them because the land has a lot of wet lands, flood plains, ect. Joel Wood is the local representative.

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

President Fulks announced changes to committees. Mr. Coll will be the chair of the Utility Committee. He assigned Mr. Newkirk to the Utility Committee and the Police, Fire, & Traffic Committee.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY ~** The Electric Department has been doing work at Hammertown Lake. Electric had been out for about a month. The lights and cameras are now up. It looks really nice.

**BUDGET & FINANCE~** Mrs. Biggs said she would make appointment with Mr. Swackhammer this week.

**POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC ~** Mr. Foster expressed concern over speeding in the city now that the streets have been paved. He said Cincinnati had a pilot program with speed cushions to slow the traffic. He said he would get the information to Mr. Swackhammer.

Mr. Coll asked about making it one-way on Bridge St. from West to State. He also asked if that was going to be paved. Mayor Evans said they will pave Bridge St. from Main St. to West St.

Mrs. Biggs asked about having PD monitor West St. She said traffic constantly goes both ways on the one-way street.

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**SERVICE COMMITTEE**~ Mr. Swackhammer said he still hasn't heard from Rumpke. Mr. Foster said the restrooms on the hill at Hammertown are not handicap accessible and are in bad condition.

**CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER**~ Trying to organize the office. There is an Ordinance to move appropriations to payout what is owed for Wendy Sexton and for other contracts. Need approved tonight.

**CITY ATTORNEY**~ No Report

**POLICE CHIEF**~ No Report

**FIRE CHIEF**~ No Report

**MAYOR** ~

- Paving tomorrow on Vine St. There are 6 streets that still need paved, plus the cemetery.
- Central Street waterline is complete.
- There is an ordinance that needs approved for the loan application for the sewer line project.
- The paving of SR 93 and 139 is finished. Just need striping.
- Apple Festival next week. Met with the County Health Director and with JAFE. They are taking all precautions to keep people safe during the festival.
- Trick or Treat for Jackson, Oak Hill, Wellston, and Vinton County will be on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 5:30-7:00 PM.
- Mr. Coll asked what happens when they are doing the milling. Mayor Evans said per the contract they haul away some of it, but some of it gets recycled back in.
- Mrs. Biggs asked if administration had thought of making some streets one-way in the cemetery because there are some not wide enough to have 2 cars pass by.
- Mayor Evans said they are designing some new areas for the cemetery and have talked about making those one way.
- Mr. Peters said they did the paving of 93 and 139 at night this time. He said this went right by many of the residents in his ward including his house. No one liked the paving at night. It was very loud until 3:30 in the morning. They did turn off their back up beepers, but the dump beds slamming and other things were very noisy. They are violating the noise Ordinance for the city.

**SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR** ~

- The city employees are tearing up curbs on Main St. They are prepping for next year's paving. Checking and preparing water catch basins. Be in the area for the next couple of weeks.
- Committees all need to schedule a meeting quickly.

The Police, Fire, & Traffic Committee

- Need to talk to the FD about updating Fire Policy Book. It is over 30 years old. Would like the Chief and Fire Department to be part of the meeting.

Service

- Need to discuss the cemetery again.

Utility Committee

- He wants to meet with the committee to discuss long-term projects. We have applied for grants, but this doesn't cover 100%. Need to discuss how to cover expenses.

Budget

- Will meet with Mrs. Biggs first.

These all impact budget.

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- Talked to Rumpke about the tonnage for the city. Rumpke hadn't been tracking it. He has asked twice in the last 2 weeks and hasn't heard back from them. Need to know the volumes before we can set franchise fees.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 56-21

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF THE ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS 158 AND 157 OF THE NAIL MILL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JACKSON.**

**First Reading**

No motion was made to bring this ordinance to the table.

Ordinance died.

ORDINANCE NO. 57-21

**AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND:  
TRANSFER OUT TO THE AUDITORS FUND: PERSONAL SERVICE AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

Mr. Call made a motion, with a second from Mr. Peters to adopt the ordinance.

This is for cash to pay the family of Wendy Sexton. The other is needed in the auditor's office for payroll. Already in the budget; just need to appropriate.

Mrs. Coll 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
Newkirk	Yes
Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

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**Ordinance 57-21 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 36-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RANDY EVANS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

Mrs. Biggs made a motion with a second from Mr. Bopp to adopt the resolution.

Need to apply for these OPWC funds. This can only be used for infrastructure. Working with DLZ Engineering and Kurtis Strickland. Need this approved tonight to get the application process started and meet the September deadline.

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**Resolution 36-21 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 37-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON IN SUPPORT OF THE OHIO VALLEY CONSERVATION COALITION APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE CLEAN OHIO FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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Mrs. Biggs made a motion with a second from Mr. Bopp to adopt the resolution.

A map was given to council. The red portion is what OVCC will give back to Jackson. Mr. Peters asked if we would have to pay taxes on this piece. Mr. Reed said if we have a use for it, such as a utility substation, then we will not be paying real-estate taxes. If it is just conservation land, we will pay taxes. They will be giving approximately 11 acres of the total estimated 90 acres back to the city. The taxes on the total land are \$2300. Mr. Reed said this is valuable land being given to us.

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Biggs	Yes
Bopp	Yes

**Resolution 37-21 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION NO 38-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO AN OHIO EPA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JACKSON FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHILLICOTHE/HARDING/CENTER STREET SEWER LINING PROJECT, DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

The Ohio EPA does water and sewer grants each year. We passed a resolution earlier in the year for the sewer. We now need to apply for the water section. It is a 20-year program for the interest rate of 0.2% or a 30-year term for 0.3%.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**~ none

**OLD BUSINESS**~ Council asked if the new lights and cameras deterring the swimming that was a problem earlier in the summer at Hammertown Lake? Swimming wasn't associated with this side of the lake. They have asked PD to non-routinely drive back there.

Is alcohol allowed there? – No, not on any city property.

Figures on the swimming pool? – Behind on several items in the Auditor's office with the passing of Mrs. Sexton.

**SIGNED IN TO SPEAK**~ None

**NEW BUSINESS**~ Mr. Coll asked if we can, we get a list a list of houses in the city that do not have house numbers on them?

Administration is not sure how to compile a list.

Mrs. Biggs suggested each council member could go door to door in their ward to find houses without them.

Mr. Coll asked if we have monthly meter readers. We use RF – radio frequency. We are phasing out the meter reading. Only have a physical meter reading on an auditor's basis.

Mr. Swackhammer said we are currently interviewing for an Administration Assistant Role. Will assist in the utility office, auditor's office, and city office. They will float and be trained to fill in for any of these offices.

Have posted the department auditor position. Also posting service employee/cemetery position, so that we are better able to cover the cemetery. Went from 4 full time people down to one. Haven't been able to get anyone to apply for the lower pay. This will be a full time position with the flexibility to use this individual in other places during off seasons.

September 27, 2021 5:30 PM – Police, Fire, and Traffic Meeting

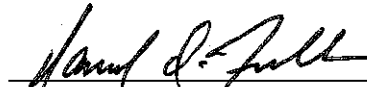
October 4, 2021 5:30 PM – Utility Meeting

October 11, 2021 5:30 PM – Service Meeting

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:00PM

  
Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

  
Dan Fulks, President

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