

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes From
January 24, 2022 (AMENDED)
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 24, 2022. The pledge was led by Mr. Newkirk, 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. Ondera — Present
- Mrs. Colby — Present
- Mr. Peters — Present
- Mr. Newkirk - Present
- Mr. Crabtree -- Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS — Mayor Evans handed out Certificates of Appreciation to the former council members that served in 2020 & 2021. Mr. Dan Coll and Mrs. Debbie. 13iggs were present to accept their certificates and Mr. Ryan Peters accepted the one for Mr. John Peters.

Mayor Evans also welcomed the new council members for 2022-2023; Mr. Jon Ondera & Mr. HD Crabtree.

VISITORS TO SPEAK— Gerald Entler spoke on his concern for the change in traffic pattern where Bridge St. & State St. meet. He said he could not pull his 38 foot camper onto his street and into his garage with the traffic pattern change. He asked why the change. Mayor Evans explained that an auto accident knocked out one of the lights causing them to have to shut down all three lights. They are currently trying it with the new traffic pattern to study it and see which way is best for the residents of Jackson.'

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Mr. Newkirk made a motion to approve the amended meeting minutes from December 13, 2021 with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Newkirk made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 27, 2021 with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE— No Report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC —No Report

SERVICE COMMITTEE — No Report

POLICE CHIEF- Chief Rinsch provided council with a written report.

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CITY AUDITOR/TREASURER— Mr. Reed said there are two ordinances regarding the closing of the books for last year. There are two resolutions that are then and now that need to be approved tonight to pay the bills.

CITY ATTORNEY— Mr. Kirby did research the legal procedure for naming a President Pro Tern. He said the person would need to be nominated and approved by council. He said this is the same procedure for the clerk as well.

FIRE CHIEF— No Report

MAYOR—

- Mayor Evans gave his Annual Mayor Report. (Included with the minutes)

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR—

- No Report — will discuss legislation as it is brought to the table.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 77- 21

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S
CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 557.01 GOVERNING WEED CONTROL.**

Second Reading

This Ordinance was amended at the last council meeting. This change brought the ordinance back to another second reading.

ORDINANCE 78-21

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITIONS OF MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
II AND CHIEF MAINTENANCE MECHANIC, ESTABLISHING
SALARY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Third Reading

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 78-21 Duly Adopted

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ORDINANCE NO. 01-22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE FIRE DEPARTMENT GEAR TO KENTUCKY FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN NEED OF SUCH GEAR DUE TO WIDESPREAD DAMAGE IN KENTUCKY AS A RESULT OF TORNADOES IN DECEMBER 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said due to the storms in Kentucky, there is a lack of emergency response equipment. This fire department equipment has aged out and would end up in the city auction. We would like to donate this to the workers in Kentucky. Mr. Peters expressed his concern for the safety of the equipment since it has "aged out". Mr. Swackhammer said it is safe, we would not send anything that we were not sure was safe to use.

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 01-22 Duly Adopted

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ORDINANCE NO. 02-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING APPROPRIATIONS IN WATER UTILITY OFFICE FOR SALARIES AND WAGES AND PERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Foster made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with a second from Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Ondera 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
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 02-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 03-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SEWER UTILITY OFFICE FUND FOR SALARIES AND WAGES AND PERS AND MEDICARE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes -

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Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 03-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 04-22

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 305.03, 305.04 AND 305.05 GOVERNING TRAFFIC CONTROL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY,

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said there are several lights at intersections and other parts of the town which are there by ordinance. They are not pertinent anymore. Administration would like to repeal this ordinance and then evaluate traffic patterns to see what is needed in the city today. There are several other lights that are not on this list that also need to be evaluated. This would give administration the freedom to adjust traffic lights as needed not governed-by an ordinance.

Mr. Peters expressed his concern with wiping out the entire ordinance giving them free reign to do what they want. He said administration in the future might not make good decisions with this freedom.

Mr. Ondera felt there are too many traffic lights and they are not needed. He feels it is a good thing to remove the ordinance and re-evaluate things.

Mayor Evans said the accident that knocked out the traffic light on Bridge St. /State St brought this up because they began researching and found ordinances about the lights. They have discussed this with our attorney, Mr. Kirby. He said they do not have to have ordinances.

Mr. Ondera said the new traffic pattern at Bridge St. and State St. could use a sign for motorist that states the pattern change to let them know.

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ORDINANCE NO. 05-22

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 945.07 AND 945.072 GOVERNING FRANCHISE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORT OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH OR OTHER WASTE MATERIAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said this came from council asking the administration to allow more franchisees for containers in the city. It is currently just Rumpke who pays \$10,000 for the year. They are looking at the current quantities of the city. Will take a year or two to get accurate numbers. If some smaller companies do not buy into the current fee, they will have to convey their numbers to the city by yardage.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR PADDLING ENHANCEMENT GRANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLIC BOATING ACCESS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This is a grant for funding for improvements to the lake. Need to adopt tonight because of the deadline to file.

~~Mr. Peters 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
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

Foster	i	Yes
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Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 01-22 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 02-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF 01110, FIRE MARSHAL FOR FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE JACKSON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Bopp made a motion to adopt the Resolution with a second from Mr. Foster. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

This is a \$15,000 grant- no match

Mr. Ondera 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
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	14s
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 02-2/ Duly Adopted

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RESOLUTION NO. 03-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO RUMPKE CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES, INC. PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,530.47 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This bill came in during the three days that our books were down at the beginning of January.

Mr. 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
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 03-22 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 04-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,552.13 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Ondera made a motion to adopt the Resolution with a second from Mr. Bopp. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

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

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R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
R. Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 04-22 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE— The clerk notified council of the deadline to file the financial disclosure with the Ohio Ethics Commission. All current council members will need to file by 5-16-22, except for Mr. Crabtree. He has to file within 15 days of being sworn in 'Since he was appointed rather than elected to his position.

The clerk also advised council of the training seminars with the Ohio Municipal League for new council members. All new and current members can attend. They are to let the clerk know if they are interested in going.

All of this information was also given to council in their written packets also.

OLD BUSINESS-

- Council had asked Mr. Kirby to draw up a letter or resolution in support of the projects that Mr. Berridge had spoken about during the December 13, 2021 meeting. Mr. Kirby has never been given any more information or a project name that he would need to do this.
- Mr. Peters asked some questions regarding the Board of Control Minutes.

SIGNED IN TO SPEAK- None

NEW BUSINESS-

- Mr. Fulks discussed the current order of the agenda, which was established by The Rules Governing Council attached with Ordinance 11-20. This agenda has visitors speaking at two different places during the meeting. One of which is at the very end of the meeting. Administration feels there should only be one place for visitors to speak regardless of when they sign up to speak, and, it needs to be at the beginning.

Mr. Peters made a motion to amend the Rules of Council, which contain the Order of the Meeting and to Repeal and Amend Ordinance 11-20. Mr. Ondera seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

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The clerk will edit the Order of the Meeting to show this, and Mr. Kirby will bring a new ordinance to the next meeting.

- Mr. Ondera made a motion to elect Mr. Peters as the Pro Tem, with a second from Mr. Newkirk. In a voice vote, all members agreed.
- Mr. Peters made a motion for Mrs. Kuhn to remain as the Council Clerk. Mr. Ondera seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.
- Mr. Fullks spoke about changing the way we currently run committees. He would like to see us change to Committee of the Whole. This means there would be a chair of each of the committees. However, all members of council would be members of all the committees. This way all members would be present, could sit at their seats, and participate in the meeting as active members. It would save time because all members would be there during the committee meeting, so they would not have to repeat discussions during the regular council meeting.

Mr. Peters made a motion to make this change with a second from Mr. Newkirk. In a voice vote, all members agreed. This is another change that the clerk will make to the Rules of Council.

- Mayor Evans made new appointees.

Mrs. Colby to the David Brooks Jones foundation.

Mr. Ondera to the Zoning Board

Mr. Newkirk to the Tree Commission

Mr. Peters to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Peters made a motion to approve these appointees with a second from Mr. Crabtree. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

- Mayor Evans scheduled a Planning Commission Meeting for January 31st at 5:00PM in Chambers. The clerk will have IT put this on our web page and social media.
- Mr. Swackhamer announced the baseball/softball signups for the Big Red Diamond Club. The club is requesting to use chambers for the sign ups. The dates are as follows:
Tues. Feb. 22 — 6:00-8:00PM Thurs. Feb 24- 6:00-8:00PM
Sat. Feb 26 —10:00-Noon
Tues. Mar. 1- 6:00-8:00PM Thurs. Mar. 3- 6:00-8:00PM
Sat. Mar. 5- 10:00-Noon

Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the use of chambers, with a second from Mr. Newkirk. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

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- Mr. Swackhamer said on December 14, 2020 council took a yes/no vote and decided to disband the K-9 Unit because we lost the k-9 officer. He would like to reinstall the k-9 unit. It would be a minimum of 5 years that the officer would have to stay with the dog. There would be a repayment plan the officer would be responsible for if they chose to leave within that 5 years.

Mrs. Colby made a motion to reinstate the K-9 unit with a second Mr. Newkirk. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

- Mr. Bopp asked if the code enforcement officer would be willing to come give a report to council.
- Mr. Bopp also talked about Rumpke and recycling. He would like to have them come to a meeting and present council with some new recycling information.

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Mr. Bopp made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM



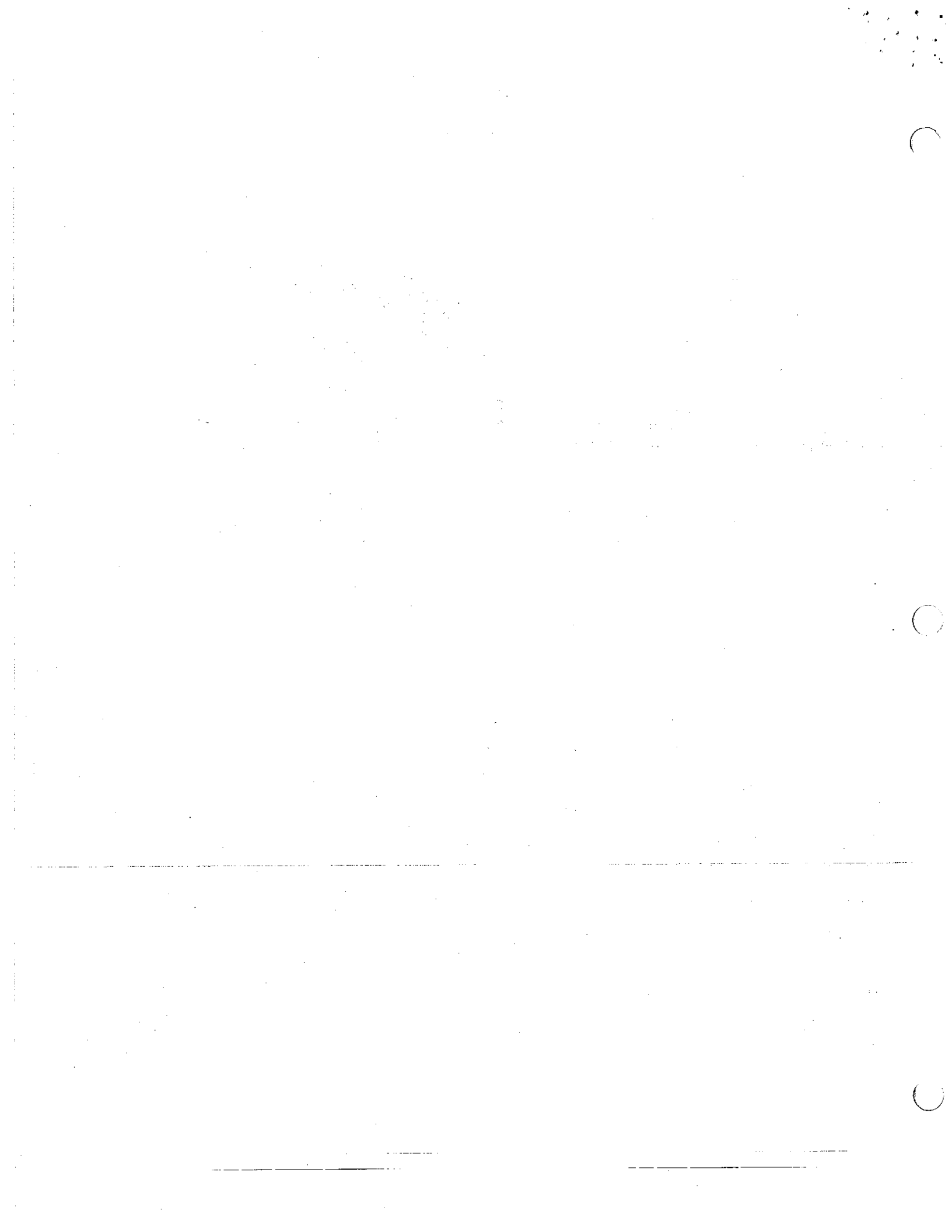
Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk



Ryan Peters, Pro-Tem

Date 2-14-22

Date 2/14/2022



Annual Report to Council.

1-24-22

My Mayor's report tonight will be my Annual Report to council. It's a little long...but I promise it's full of really good, fun, stuff.

Again this year I will remind YOU...as well as myself,...that when I campaigned for mayor ...I said : 1. I wanted to see my hometown managed more efficiently, more productively, and more professionally. 2. I wanted city utility rates to be more competitive, while still providing great service to our citizens. And 3. I wanted to clean up and fix up my hometown. These were my goals, this was my campaign...these are the reasons I ran for mayor.

For the rest of this report, anytime I say "we" or "us" I want you to know who I'm talking about. We or us is referring to our entire team of city staff. We're about 80 strong. I'm just the mayor...I rarely make decisions by myself. I rely heavily on my staff when making decisions. Everyone at this table is also part of our team ...and the more we all work together, the better Jackson becomes.

HOW do we make our city run more efficiently, more productively, and more professionally? It really is "all about the people". We are fortunate to have a really good staff in both management and the workforce here in Jackson...and MANY of our people are just truly outstanding. We continue working to raise expectations for not only our existing people, but to insure that all new employees are the best of the best, and are chosen for the right reasons. We continue working to reorganize and modify our staffing needs to meet TODAY'S need, as efficiently as possible. We continue working to update job descriptions, policies, and procedures ...many of which are very outdated

Once again, utility rates were not raised in 2021 in the city of Jackson. Obviously with rising cost and increasing inflation, we won't be able to hold the rates flat forever,... But the rate cuts that we have previously made and the lack of new increases has made our city utility rates much more competitive and in line with other area providers.

In Feb of last year, we increased efforts to cleanup and fix up our town by hiring a part time code enforcement officer and it's made a huge difference. In the last year Code enforcement has dealt with over 240 cases of high weeds and grass, over 100 cases of litter & trash, 57 cases of unsafe buildings, and 11 building demolitions.

Halfway through my first term as mayor, these things continue to be my goals for our city...and I proud that we're making progress in all those areas.

A year ago in my annual report I stated "the city income tax revenue is going to change Jackson" ...and it already has.

The tax provided us over \$2 million in revenue in 2021. With this revenue we paved almost 5 miles of 13 different streets in 2021, every penny of that paving was with income tax revenue. We also partnered with ODOT and paved SR. 139 and SR. 93 south of town.

The income tax allowed us to budget for a million dollars of additional infrastructure work for 2022, most of which will be street paving and related work. Also, the city and ODOT plan this year to resurface SR. 93 all the way thru town, SR. 788 or Athens St, and East Broadway Street. Our plan is to repair and pave every street in town...that's about 52 miles of streets plus the parks, parking lots, and access roads.

It's going to take 10 years to get them all...and then it will be time to start over. Without the income tax these improvements would not be possible.

The income tax also provides for about half of the \$2 mil+ police budget. We are very excited getting our police staffing numbers back up to where we think they need to be and plan to complete that this year.

We have initiated several key projects in 2021 including technology upgrades and infrastructure improvements.

In May of last year we began a massive GIS mapping project. The goal of this task is to capture GPS points and data for all city utilities ...this includes water lines, sewer lines, manholes, valves, meters, fire hydrants, storm sewers, electric service lines, poles, transformers, and so forth.

Having this information readily available on a computer screen in the office or in the field will tremendously increase efficiency for service work and emergency repairs. It will also make accurate information readily available for prospective customers, for grant applications, for maintenance records, and so on.

This project is long overdue and taking the city of Jackson into the 21st century in utility mapping, and moving away from old, antiquated, and inadequate or nonexistent paper maps. The recent major water leak on E Broadway street reinforced the need for more accurate records. We had very little accurate information regarding the line size, where the shutoff valves were, where related service lines were, and how the line tied into other lines in the area. For 24 hours we didn't have the knowledge required to shut that 12" water main off without shutting down our entire city water system...in fact, our main source of information during that break was what long time city employees remembered...or had been previously told

In addition to mapping improvements, other areas saw technology upgrades.

The utility billing office can now allow online and text viewing and paying of bills.

Technology upgrades in the Auditor's office allow for more efficient processes, and a trend toward more paperless transactions and records

We have upgraded the equipment in this room and now stream these meetings on YouTube at a much higher quality than before.

Providing reliable and efficient water distribution and wastewater collection service for the community continues to be a top priority for the city. Waterline breaks are common due to the age of our lines. In fact we have had 8-10 water breaks already this year, we even have one right now! We also have a lot of Infiltration of rain water into the old sewer lines causes us to treat many times the normal amount of sewer during a rain event, and that's costly.

For this reason we have identified 6 critical infrastructure projects to address our aging water and wastewater lines...and we're going to need to continue these types of projects every year, from now on.

3 of our current projects are fully or partially funded including our

- Mill Street Area Sewer Extension Project
- Mitchell to Wood Sewer Replacement Project and
- Main Trunk Line Sewer Lining Project

We were awarded \$ 1.75 million in grant funding in 21, and have several grants still pending. We continue working to identify and prioritize repair and replacements projects. And we spend a tremendous amount of time seeking outside funding for these projects.

Each of the City's departments saw many successes in 2021 and plan continued improvements in 2022

Our street and alley services department continued repairing and replacing curbs and sidewalks in 2021, and will be back at it as soon as the weather allows.

This is all in addition to their regular work of cleaning and repairing streets, trash collection, and taking care of our parks. And this crew is always ready and willing to work all hours of the night if necessary to make our streets safe from snow and ice.

We increased the Cemetery budget and plan increased staffing this spring to better keep up with the massive task of keeping that 62 acres mowed and looking nice. We paved about 1.2 miles of the cemetery streets and plan to the pave more of them this year. We archived * all old cemetery records in 2021, that's 27 huge books of old hand written records... and have began planning a computerized plot management system.

We began efforts in 2021, at councils request, to bring the cemetery more in compliance with existing rules and regulations...and will continue those efforts this year, focusing on plots where violations cause maintenance issues....However, for those who visit the cemetery regularly, and take really good care of your own plots, or those of your loved ones plots...if your decorations are not causing us problems, we are going to show some compassion, and allow you some space....to grieve...and to heal.

Our electric department continues to provide incredibly reliable electric service to our customers...and respond very quickly to outages. In addition they completed in house upgrades at the Lick substation and a couple of our primary feeder lines. Our in house tree trimmers allow us to avoid the contractor costs of main line clearing, while also allowing us to also efficiently address our other tree trimming needs.

At our water and waste water plants... we have cut down on use of outside contractors and perform almost all maintenance in house now, even though we have reduced staff and reduced overtime costs. We have updated technology for communications with the 5 water booster stations and our 16 wastewater lift stations. These are the kind of efficiency improvements that make me proud.

The Covid 19 Pandemic continued throughout 2021, and caused some very sad times in our city. On Feb. 1st, Rob Norman from our utility billing Dept, lost his battle with Covid. Rob had a nice guy personality that made people love him, even if he was there to shut off their utilities.

On August 9th, councilman John Peters also passed away. John was like a full time councilman, he did his research, he usually knew what he was talking about, and John worked hard to make sure things were done the way they were supposed to be.

Less than two weeks later, on August 18th, we lost our long time deputy auditor Wendy Sexton. Wendy pretty much stayed behind the scenes, but she was the heart ...and soul...of our Auditor's office.

All three of these individuals were outstanding in their role with the city, and each of them continue to be sorely missed.

2021 was a very busy year in the city of Jackson ...and it makes the time fly by. It's hard to believe I've been your mayor for two years already. It's taken me this long to realize that all the people who tried to talk me out of running for mayor..... were right. Nah, I'm kidding...I love being your Mayor ...it challenging, and it's rewarding.

2021 was a good year for the city of Jackson. It takes all of us working together to make it happen. And I thank each of you for your role in making it work.

2022 is going to be even better.

Thank you,
Randy Evans, Mayor
City of Jackson