

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

April 11, 2022

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 2022. The pledge was led by Mr. Foster and the prayer was given by Mr. Ondera. 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 ~ None

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK ~ Mr. Entler spoke again about the recent change to the street direction on Bridge and the removal of the light on Bridge and State St. He said he has come to several meetings, had a petition signed, spoken with the service director and nothing is happening. He said this decision was made by a few people and didn't consult anyone else.

Mayor Evans asked him whom the few people were he was referring to. He said the mayor. Mayor Evans said that was untrue. Mr. Entler said the service director was the other. Mayor Evans said it was a group effort including the department heads for the electric department and the Street and Alley Department. Chief Hinsch and his staff along with the city administration all worked together on this to determine what was best for the city as a whole not for just a few people. He wanted Mr. Entler and the public to know the facts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Mrs. Colby made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 28, 2022 with a second from Mr. Newkirk. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ No Report; Minutes from last meeting were included in the packet.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ Mr. Foster said he spoke to Mr. Swackhammer about doing the traffic study. He feels it is a good idea. It has been close to 20 years since one has been done.

Mayor Evans agreed it would be a good idea. There are several lights in the city that probably do not need to be there. The bid we have is for up to 10 lights. Mr. Swackhammer said he would like the committee to get together and discuss the lights. Prioritize what ones need to be looked at. If there are more than 10 then we can probably work out a deal with them. Do not want to just go with 10 because that is what they quoted.

SERVICE COMMITTEE ~ No Report

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CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ Update on the office. Things are going smoother. The office lost the two people that had been there the longest. It has been a learning curve. Mr. Reed feels after the new people have gone through an entire year, things will really improve. Hoping to make a lot of things electronic.

Last year the City of Jackson passed an income tax. In the last 14 months, the city has netted 3.1 million dollars for the police department and city infrastructure. Of this, 3.1 million only 15% of it comes from residents of the city. The other 85% comes from people outside the city that are working here. There has been a lot of improvement to our sidewalks and streets. Will continue to see improvements. Estimating about 2.8 million per year.

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF ~ Written report in packets. The chief said the other 85% of the people not living in Jackson still have ties to the city and he wants to make sure they feel safe and feel it is a good community to be a part of.

He said April is a big training month for the JPD. He has two Sergeants in CIT -- Crisis Intervention Team Training, three patrol officers in basic Swat training, and one officer in k-9 training.

He said the whole department is required to do 24 hours of ongoing training. Most of this is online. There will be officers in the PD more this month as they are all trying to get their online training completed. The JPD received a grant for \$2800 to offset some of the cost associated with the training.

MAYOR

- Good Friday is a holiday for the city. Trash pickup for that day will be moved to Monday.
- He said when they were trying to pass the income tax he said everyone must support it to get it passed and it would change Jackson. Everyone did support it and it passed and Jackson is truly changing and the income tax is a big part of it.
- In regards to the traffic study mentioned earlier, the mayor said Mr. Swackhammer reached out to the county and ODOT regarding the removal of the light on State St. He wanted council to know it was not a haphazard decision. He agrees with Mr. Entler it is frustrating on how long it takes to move things along. If council wants to move on this traffic study, administration is prepared to.
- Trout Festival this Saturday, April 16th at Lake Hammertown.
- Mr. Ondera asked how long the traffic study takes. Mr. Swackhammer said there is a timeline in the paperwork that he gave to Mr. Foster. They would need to know the full scope of work before being able to say how long it would take to complete.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR

- There was a boil alert for Burlington Rd and the High School area due to a power pole being changed out causing a shortage at the lift station. Samples had been taken and were being tested. Hopefully the boil advisory will be lifted tonight or early tomorrow.
- There are a couple of Jackson seniors that have been awarded the AMP scholarship. These students and an AMP representative will be here for the July 11th meeting to present the scholarships to the students.
- There was an ordinance passed in April of last year requiring houses to be numbered. There have been issues with emergencies and not being able to find the houses. Would talk to Chief Channel

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and Chief Hinsch about addressing these as they come across them. This is for the public safety to have their numbers posted. This was Ordinance 27-21 or Codified Ordinance 521.11. He asked Mr. Wilson with the Telegram to get this out to the public.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 12- 22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING REGULATION TEXT IN CHAPTER II OF THE CITY OF JACKSON ZONING REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL USES IN AREAS ZONED AS B-1, B-2, B-3 AND I.

First Reading

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

The mayor said this was a result of the Planning Commission meeting to allow for more flexibility in the Zoning Book, where none exists. There is a house on Main St. that was zoned a residence and was changed to a business, and now the owner wants it zoned a residence again. The Zoning Book does not allow for this. This Ordinance will help to bring things into compliance that are inaccurately zoned currently. Mr. Peters said this would allow for an appeal for a conditional use or variance. There is no appeal process on some of them. Allows each zoning class to have the ability to appeal.

Mayor Evans added that three other businesses have approached administration this past week with things regarding these zoning issues. Looking forward to this path.

ORDINANCE NO. 13 -22

AN ORDINANCE CREATING FUND NUMBER 412: MILL STREET WATER PROJECT FUND 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.

This is for the Mill Street Water project. This funding will allow for 4" pipe to replace the 2" pipe allowing for fire pressure and better additional water pressure. We need to set up the account to accept the funds coming in for this project. Need to pass this tonight.

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes

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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
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 13-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 14-22

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE
FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO TO THE SKATE PARK PROJECT FUND
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

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

Mayor Evans said this is for a grant to purchase additional equipment for the Hillcrest Pool Skate Park. Need to pass tonight.

Mr. Ondera 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
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
Peters	Yes

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Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 14-22 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 12-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER SERVICE CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This is not new. There have been multiple phases to the Substation on Veteran's Drive. We have done the preliminary work, this allows us to enter into the final agreement with the final designs of installing, owning, operating, ect. The city has already spent over \$100,000 for this and it is approved in the budget.

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

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

Resolution 12-22 Duly Adopted

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RESOLUTION NO. 13-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH S & S ENGINEERS, INC. TO COMPLETE THE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MILL STREET WATER PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This Resolution allows us to hire the engineers for the Mill St. Fund we just set up. Mr. Foster asked where this company is from. They are out of Huntington/ Charleston area. They did the sewer project for this already. They are already familiar with it. The survey and related things are already done for this. Need to pass tonight. Would like to get both out to bid, so water and sewer can be done at the same time.

Mr. Ondera 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
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
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 13-22 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 14-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH DLZ OHIO, INC. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, PROJECT INSPECTION AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER MAIN LINE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Swackhammer said we have discussed several times the application for the EDA grant. It was an extensive grant for over 2 million. This is one of the final things they are asking for. They are requiring a signed contract with an engineer. Mr. Foster asked if we have worked with this company before and where they are from. DLZ bought out the local branch of Stantec. We have worked with them in the past. This resolution needs passed tonight.

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

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

Resolution 14-22 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE ~ The clerk again reminded council that the Ohio Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure Statement must be filed by May 16, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS ~ Mr. Peters said he wanted to let the public know that we have passed a lot of things on emergency lately. There are ongoing projects and need the funding approved. They aren't rushing things, but just trying to complete the process.

NEW BUSINESS ~

- Traffic Study – Mr. Peters said he would like the committee to meet to see which lights they feel need to be looked at in the study, and then make a recommendation. Mr. Bopp asked Chief Hinsch if there were any advantages to having the light or if he has seen anything negative from it coming out. He said he feels it is an advantage to not have the light because people see a green light and they increase their speed to try to get through it. If there is a stop sign or nothing at all, they will continue speed or slow down because there is nothing to try to beat. He said there hasn't been anything negative. No crashes or increased speed. Mr. Foster scheduled the meeting for 6:00PM on Monday, April 25th in chambers.

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- GeoPro quote for digitizing the council records. (Minutes, Ordinances, Resolutions) Mr. Peters asked if the paper copies we have are secure from fire. They are not. The files have been found in various places throughout the city. There are still missing journals/years. Mr. Peters said he feels we need to have this done. Can we stay up on it once it is finished? Capability to continue? Yes, we will have the software to continue it.

Mr. Ondera agreed it is a necessary expenditure. Is there another company from which we can get a quote?

Mr. Swackhammer said when researching this for the cemetery they got another 2-3 quotes and they went with GeoPro because of their capability and flexibility. Didn't get any new quotes for this project.

Mr. Peters made a motion to move forward with the quote from GeoPro, with a second from Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

- Mr. Peters said the paving on Veteran's Drive and Harding already has cracks. It was just paved this past year. The state has something that seals the cracks to make it last longer. Can the city seal it? He looked up the equipment and the cost of an Asphalt Crack Sealing Melter is \$2500.00. Seemed like a good price to protect the city's investment. Could be done in house.

The mayor said the pavement the city is doing is the top 1 ½ inches. They are not rebuilding roads. They paved about 5 miles of road last year; if they had tried to rebuild any of those roads, they would have gotten maybe a half mile. Once they repave the streets they are not going to last a long time, but do want to take care of them and make it last as long as possible. If we do not have the equipment then we need to acquire it, and do a sealing program every summer. Hoping to have all the streets repaved in 10 years, meaning the income tax will need to pass again. If that happens, we will then start over.

- Mr. Peters said at the Visitor's Convention meeting they talked about the overpass and exits at 32 and 93 could we do anything to make it look better. Some landscaping and/or trees. 15000 cars drive by there per day.
- Mr. Ondera asked if there was a group that could do a service project to help get the numbers on the houses in Jackson. A club- Kiwanis's or Boy Scouts or other organization. Could have numbers available.
- Mr. Crabtree asked if there were any plans for the Eddie Jones Park. It is the only place with tennis courts if you are not a YMCA member. Mr. Swackhammer said he wishes there was another location for the tennis courts and would like to make it look better. However, it is in the flood plain and the soil is unstable. They did put money in the budget to start saving to help that area. There is not enough this year. It would be better to let it carry over and try to take that on later.
- Mr. Peters and Mr. Newkirk talked about the wooded area near the t-ball field on Mound St. Does the city own all of that around the shelter house? Because there is standing water back in there and in the summer, there are huge mosquito pits. He said you will only see it if you walk back there. Discussed possibly digging a ditch to drain it and stop the mosquitoes.
- Mr. Ondera asked if we could recognize Dexter Roettker. His father passed from ALS. He is ranked 5th in the nation and is on the OSU men's gymnastics team. Mayor Evans said to get with him in regards to this.

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:16 PM


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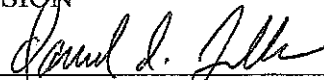
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Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk


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