

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

April 25, 2022

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2022. The pledge was led by Mr. Peters 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 - Absent
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

Mr. Ondera made a motion to excuse Mr. Crabtree with a second from Mr. Foster. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS ~ Mayor Evans introduced Amy Cardiff to council. She has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant/ Project Coordinator.

Travis Ruckel and Tony Castina were present from the Big Red Diamond Club. Mayor Evans welcomed them and asked them to speak about their program and opening day activities for this weekend. Travis said they had around 500 kids sign up this year on 42 teams. This Friday they are having a Duck Race, which was part of their fund-raiser. After that, the kids will be in a parade from the Kroger parking lot to the Eddie Jones Fields. They will announce the names of all of the players and sponsors at that time. Travis and Tony thanked council for their support. They said there are many things they need to do and due to the collaboration with council the city allows them this flexibility without having to come to the city for things each time. Last year they did new dugouts on the 8u fields and have further updates planned for the end of this season. Mayor Evans extended his appreciation for all they do for the youth in Jackson.

Mayor Evans introduced Ron Aldrich. He is the superintendent of the Water and the Sewer Plants, which saves the city a lot of money. The mayor said he has increased the efficiency of both. In council's packet were EPA inspection reports. Ron was present to answer any questions concerning the reports. Council was encouraged them to set up a tour of the plants if they have never been to them.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK ~ None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Mr. Newkirk made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 11, 2022 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~ Mr. Foster said the committee met this evening at 6:00PM. They decided to follow the recommendations of the administration with regards to four way stops at 6 different areas, removing unneeded stop lights. Adding stop signs from each direction at Bridge and State St. and changing

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Bridge St. back to two ways, and leaving all the other intersections discussed as is. These can all be done without doing a traffic study saving the city a lot of money.

Mr. Swackhammer said he will send out communication to the public with the changes. It will be well publicized in advance.

SERVICE COMMITTEE ~ No Report; Mr. Peters asked about the problems with the cemetery from last year regarding drainage issues. Mr. Swackhammer said they added two catch basins, several feet of French drains. They will be paving two streets there later this summer. The two people that brought this to their attention last year are aware of the work that has been done. They still plan to seed and do some fill and add some more french drains in another area.

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF ~ No Report

MAYOR

- Spring clean up is this week. Resident can set out extra items at no extra cost.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR

- Received an update today on the EDA grant for the South St. Water Line Inspection. They have made it through the 2nd step. This will be for 2.2 million if we receive it.
- Have a contractor meeting scheduled for paying on 788. This bid has gone to Shelly and Sands. This will take place about mid-year.
- That is one of the four ODOT-COJ projects. The others are High St. Bridge in June. SR 93-139 continuation 3rd quarter, and East Broadway late 3rd quarter beginning of 4th.

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.

Second Reading

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes

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Crabtree	Absent
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	Absent
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 12-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 15-22

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE F.O.J.
EXPENSE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

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

The Police Department needs funding to support on-going projects regarding the Drug Task Force.

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Bopp	Yes

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Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 15-22 Duly Adopted

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ORDINANCE NO. 16-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This is for grant funds for the fire department to purchase MARCS Radios.

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

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

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

Ordinance 16-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 17-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DIGITIZING COUNCIL RECORDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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Council made the decision that all of their records (minutes, ordinances, resolutions) needed to be digitized to preserve the records. There isn't enough money in the council budget, so we needed to appropriate money for this. The company is starting next week, so need to pass this tonight.

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

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Crabtree	Absent
Bopp	Yes

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

Ordinance 17-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 18-22

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REVISING SECTION 957.01 OF THE CITY OF JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO MODIFY THE RATES AND RENTAL FEES FOR THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL POOL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

The Pool opens on Memorial Day. Our rates need updated. It is not a money maker, but need to cover expenses. Will be selling passes in a little over a week, and need to be able to tell people the charges. Mr. Swackhammer asked that council pass this tonight for that reason.

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

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Bopp	Yes

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Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Absent
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 18-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 19- 22

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 941.09, 941.14, 941.15, 941.16, 941.17, 941.18, 941.20, 941.21, 941.22, 941.27 AND 941.30 GOVERNING OPERATION OF THE CEMETERY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said council had several discussions last year about maintaining the cemetery and restrictions on decorations. Administration has tried to incorporate the changes discussed and have added verbiage regarding the Soldier Circle.

Mayor Evans asked council to study this and make sure they are in agreement with it, or if any changes are needed before passing.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONSENT TO AN ASSIGNMENT OF THE MAY 2000 LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND R.D. WHITESIDE, LLC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Kirby said we signed a 99 year lease back in 2000 for this. It is about a ½ acre, mostly a parking lot. The business is being sold this week, and council must approve. Just want to continue as is. Mr. Peters asked about this land since it is by the railroad. Mr. Kirby said ORDC didn't take this piece. Mr. Peters

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asked if we are extending the original leases. Mr. Kirby said we are just consenting to sign the lease. It is 20 years into 99. This is just allowing a new owner.

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

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

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

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

Resolution 15-22 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~ The clerk presented council with liquor license transfers from The Handy Mart to the new owner, Jackson Petroleum LLC.

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

OLD BUSINESS ~ None

NEW BUSINESS ~ Tree Commission meeting will be May 9th at 5:00PM in Chambers.

- Police, Fire, & Traffic Committee met this evening. We need to amend Ordinances 55-78 & 77-79 which currently prohibits right hand turns onto South St. from Broadway and Portsmouth St. Mr. Kirby will bring this for the next meeting.
- Mr. Ondera said a new gas line is going in where he lives and he asked if there were any requirements for putting things back. The mayor said they have an allotted amount of time before they need to get things back. The hot mix for the blacktop is not available yet. So they are waiting on that. Mr. Ondera said that Chillicothe uses concrete instead of blacktop. Is that an option for us? Mr. Swackhammer said they were not in the conversations with the gas company before the project to work out these details.
Mr. Ondera said they have backfilled, seeded, and laid straw as if they are done. And what they have seeded is not acceptable to him and his neighbors. Mr. Swackhammer said he would reach out to Columbia Gas and ask them to be present at the next meeting so he can voice his concerns.

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- President Fulks brought to the attention of council the Needle Exchange Program getting ready to begin in the City of Jackson.
 - He has talked to Chief Hinsch about the positives and negatives. He encouraged council to also talk to him and voice their concerns.
 - There is a 1,000 foot free zone where they can't be arrested for carrying hyperdermic needles. The chief said they are not condoning drug use. Research has shown that the exchange program does keep some needles from being tossed out on the sidewalks and streets. Also keeps people from stealing them from people who need them like diabetics. Also, some studies show a decrease in diseases.
 - They will still be able to arrest people for having drugs on them, just not for the needles. The chief said he agreed to participate, but if there is a huge negative impact we can always stop all together or change things.
 - There will be opportunities for counseling and rehab for the people coming to exchange.
 - Mr. Ondera said he was not in favor of this program.

Mr. Peters made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of:

- 1) Conferencing with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

and:

- 2) To consider information related to an applicant for economic development assistance.

He asked for everyone at the table to remain. Mr. Ondera seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken to enter into executive session.

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

Motion Carried.

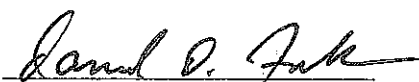
Council entered executive session at 7:59PM

Mr. Newkirk made a motion to resume regular session, with a second from Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Regular session resumed at 8:40PM

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk


Dan Fulks, President

Date 5/9/22

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