

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

May 9, 2022

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 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 - Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS ~ Mayor Evans introduced Korena Crabtree to council. She has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant.

He also recognized a group of Boy Scouts. The kids introduced themselves. They were attending the meeting as one of the requirements to earn a merit badge.

The mayor also introduced our Arka, the k-9, and our newest member of the Jackson Police Department. She is trained in tracking and in detecting drugs.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK ~

- Mr. Kingery and Mr. Watkins were present from Columbia Gas to discuss the rehab of streets and lawns during and after the gas project going on throughout town. They assured council and the public that some rehab is going on now that is temporary, and the final street repair, fill dirt, grass seed, and straw will be done when the project is completed.
- Brian Leach from the Chamber of Commerce spoke to council about three upcoming public events they have scheduled. They asked if they could be placed under the same ordinance as JAFE in which the merchants do not have to pay permits to set up at the events.

Mr. Swackhammer said he is in support of this. The merchants/vendors would have to have permits if they were going to set up any time before or after these events, but if setting up only for these events they would not need one.

Mr. Peters suggested we schedule a service meeting to discuss this further. Meeting scheduled for May 23, 2022 at 6:00PM.

- Mrs. Sparks spoke to council regarding the cemetery. She was in last year, upset about all of the water that was surrounding the graves of her family members. She knew work had been done and asked what the next step was, because she did not feel like it was done.

Mr. Swackhammer said they have put in the French drain and cleaned out the ditches to help with the water flow. They plan to raise the headstones and put in fill dirt and then put the headstones back down, and seed and re-straw.

She asked about a timeframe. Mr. Swackhammer said hopefully in the next couple of weeks before Memorial Day.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Mr. Bopp made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 25, 2022 with a second from Mr. Peters. 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 – Meeting scheduled for May 23, 2022 at 6:00PM

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF ~ Written Report in Packets

MAYOR

- Have posted online the need for contractors for stump removal. This is largely on Morton St.
- Also have been looking for contractors to help with the curb repair for the paving projects.
- Mr. Bopp asked again about Mr. Lewis coming to speak to us. He said people have asked him about yellow cards left at their house and demolition dates. He would like to know the status of the different things that Ray is working on.

The mayor said he is working on many things. It is common for him to open and close 10 different cases every day. It would be hard for him to come and give updates because things change daily. If there are specific things that Mr. Bopp or council has a question on, they can find the answers for them.

Mayor Evans said there are 14 projects slated for demo, but we have not heard about the grant money yet. Still waiting to see if we are approved and will get the money to do these demolitions.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR

- Mr. Swackhammer wanted to go over the information he had as far as the traffic lights, the communication, and timeline on when these changes would happen.

He listed the changes that he had, but a couple were corrected by council. The following will be the changes made throughout the city in upcoming weeks.

- State St and Bridge St. – 3-way stop
- High St. and State St. – 4-way stop
- High St. and Main St. – 4-way stop
- Broadway and Water St. – 4-way stop
- Broadway and Pearl – 4-way stop
- Broadway and Broad – 4-way stop
- Portsmouth and Pearl – 4-way stop
- Portsmouth and Broad – 4-way stop
- Broadway and South St. – Leave as is
- Portsmouth and South St. – Leave as is.

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- Organization that does the summer flowers and lights in Manpower Park cannot do it anymore. Looking for another group to take this over.
- Athens St – 788 thought paving was beginning today. They just started putting up signs and placing barrels and things around. Not actually starting until week of May 23rd.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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.

Second Reading

Mr. Peters read through other municipal controlled cemeteries. Almost all have rules like ours. Few had planting permits. People had to go to the cemetery board or administration and appeal to ask to do extra. This would help people who want to take care of their own. This gives whoever is enforcing this a list of who takes care of the plots and who does not.

Mr. Odera not in favor of giving a permit to plant a shrub. Believes it needs to be uniform. This is what is allowed and what is not. People are trying to mow and maintain. Getting off the mower to move things really slows things down.

Mr. Swackhammer allowing grave blankets, things at the headstone as long as no wider than the headstone. This ordinance is loosening the rules of the old ordinance. Agrees with Mr. Odera that things need to be uniform.

Mayor Evans agreed with Mr. Peters that it would be nice to give a waiver to those who take care of their own plots. However, it can get out of control and get out to wide and then be in the path of what the city takes care of.

There are plots out there that are in violation of the old rules. Need council to study ordinance and make sure it is what council wants and the administration will enforce it.

ORDINANCE 20-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2023 JACKSON CITY LIBRARY BUDGET 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. Reed said the city signs off on the library's budget every year.

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There were typing errors in the ordinance for the years. Mr. Peters made a motion to change the years all to 2022 except for the one that says the budget year, which is 2023. Mr. Ondera seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

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	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 20-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 21-22

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY
ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES THERETO
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

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

Mr. Peters 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
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Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes

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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 21-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 22- 22

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 313.11 GOVERNING RIGHT TURNS ON BROADWAY, SOUTH, MAIN AND PORTSMOUTH STREETS.

First Reading

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

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
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 22-22 Duly Adopted

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE BID OF SOUTHERN OHIO TRENCHING AND EXCAVATING, INC., FOR THE MITCHELL STREET SEWER PROJECT AS IT WAS THE LOWEST AND BEST RESPONSIVE BID SUBMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Approved contract with SOTE.

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

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

Resolution 16-22 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 17-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE COPS HIRING PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO HIRE ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

This is to apply for a grant. If we get this, we can hire additional police officers and 75% of their pay is paid for by the grant for three of 5 years.

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

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

Resolution 17-22 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~ None

OLD BUSINESS ~ Mr. Ondera said he was against the needle exchange. Don't have to agree with the state. Mr. Peters said he thought no matter what stance we took it was going to happen anyway. Mr. Newkirk said we could make a stand. We don't have to agree with it. Mrs. Colby said she was against it as well. Mr. Swackhammer said our comments need to go to the county health department. The decision for Jackson was not made at the state level. Mr. Kirby said he believes there is one city that tried to outlaw it, and it is being challenged. The chief said he did not feel like it would be a long lasting program.

Tree Commission met at 5:00PM. Danny Barger, the DM from Jackson County Soil, and Water spoke. Jackson has the opportunity to have several hundred trees to plant. Anna Bonner, the Regional Urban Forester- Division of Forestry from ODNR is coming on June 16th to meet with the committee to walk the city and determine the best type of trees and where to plant them.

NEW BUSINESS ~ Tree Commission meeting will be June 27, 2022 at 5:30 PM in chambers.

Mr. Crabtree asked if there were updates on the curbside recycling. Mr. Swackhammer said he hadn't been given any direction on what to do with curbside.

Mr. Ondera said he would not be at the next meeting on May 23, 2022.

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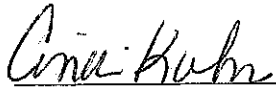
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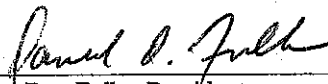
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Mr. Bopp made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mr. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Meeting Adjourned 8:46 PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk


Dan Fulks, President

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