

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

June 27, 2022

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 27, 2022. The pledge was led by Mrs. Colby, and the prayer was led 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 the newest hire to the Jackson Police Department, Sam Payne. He comes to the JPD from Gallipolis. Chief Hinsch said he is a great addition. They now have a staff of 11 with 12 being the max.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Mr. Ondera made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 13, 2022 with a second from Mr. Newkirk. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Bopp made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from June 16, 2022 with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report

SERVICE COMMITTEE ~ Committee meeting scheduled for July 11, 2022 at 6:30PM for ongoing cemetery issue.

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF ~ No Report

MAYOR

- Ordinance tonight with new police contract with teamsters.

Project Updates:

- Lots of interruptions with traffic and electric due to paving. Also, Columbia Gas is still working.

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- Still doing curb work on Morton St. and starting on Broadway.
 - Paving being done on the south end: Redondo & Gay St. areas. Concrete repairs on Acy Ave.
 - Will be doing Railroad work on Gay St., then 93 near Southview Elementary, and then the one on Main St. by McDonalds.
 - Will be doing a manhole near Wendy's.
 - ODOT is starting the signal upgrade project before they do the paving.
 - No update on the Broadway St. paving. This has been in the works for years. It is controlled by ODOT. No bid for this yet either.
 - ODOT getting ready to start the High St. Bridge project. The electric department will be re-routing electric and will have to shut it off for some of the residents in that area. They have all been notified of this.
 - Received an OVRDC grant to pave Pearl St. Probably be next year.
 - Received \$150k Capital Grant money for improvements at Hammertown Lake. Boat Access.
 - ODNR paddling grant – Kayak launching facilities.
 - Skate Park at the pool is having the pieces manufactured right now to add to what is there.
 - Completing the second shelter house at the pool. There will be gates so the shelter houses can be accessed from the pool when it is open and from the public when the pool is not open.
 - Still waiting to hear about the \$500k for demolition of houses in Jackson. Hoping to hear this week.
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- 4th of July festivities will be on the 3rd. Music in the park in the afternoon. Parade is at 8:00PM. No registration. Fireworks at 10:00PM. All sponsored by the Fire Association and business and individual donors.
 - Mr. Bopp asked if the paving was behind schedule because there are signs for paving on Payne St. and it hasn't happened. Mayor Evans said they are doing them out of the original order. They are not behind. Will have the signs removed until they are ready for that street.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

- There is still an Ordinance prohibiting the discharge of fireworks in the city regardless of the new Ohio law allowing fireworks inside of city limits. Mr. Swackhammer wanted the public to be aware. The local government still controls this via Codified Ordinance 1519.04 Section B.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 28-22

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM INDUSTRIAL (I) TO BUSINESS (B-3) A 5.491 PARCEL OWNED BY JACKSON GRANDVIEW BUILDERS, INC. AND LOCATED ON ACY AVENUE IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 said the survey shows a street. Does a street need put in? Does the city pay for that? Mayor Evans said the top of the property is Acy Ave. This will be their access. Mr. Swackhammer said it is a dirt trail now. This was offered to the city as a spec to see if we want to accept. Mayor Evans said we are not

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obligated to build any streets at our expense. Right now, they are showing a restaurant, rehab, and retail going into the new building. They will still need variances or conditional use once built.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-22

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM INDUSTRIAL (I) TO (O) PROPERTY OWNED BY THE JACKSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND LOCATED AT 320 E. BROADWAY IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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. Martin asked if the Ordinance could be changed to take out the ½ lots on Water St. and keep the ½ lots north which are the Salt Village lots. Would like to amend to remove 264 & 270 Water St. He is to get the new info to Mr. Kirby.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-22

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mayor Evans said it is just a formality. They already have the contract. The police department can't strike. The process started with negotiations and they didn't come to an agreement. Then they went through mediation without coming to an agreement. There was no arbitration. The conciliator makes the decision and writes the contract. They were awarded a 3 year contract retroactive to 2020. Will have a new one in September of 2023. They are getting 6% wage increase. Three percent as of January this year and 3% in the fall. Employee contribution to the insurance goes from 6% to 12%.

Mr. Peters said people voted for the income tax to support the PD. This is part of it. Mayor Evans said they have been successful with Chief Hinsch in rebuilding the PD. The income tax doesn't cover all of the PD expenses but it helps. No one thinks the city is paying the Police Officers too much. However, they still need to be fiscally responsible.

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes

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Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

Ordinance 30-22 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~ None

OLD BUSINESS ~ None

NEW BUSINESS ~ President Fulks said Mike Costilow wanted to invite council to the Holzer Conference room tomorrow night at 6:00PM for a gathering with Ryan Smith the president of Rio Grande University.

Mr. Crabtree asked to be excused from the July 11th meeting for vacation.

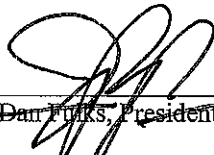
Mr. Swackhammer said a representative from AMP Ohio will be here with the students to receive the scholarships they were awarded back during the school year.

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:47 PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 7/11/22


Dan Fulks, President **PROTEM**
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