

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

May 8, 2023

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 2023. The pledge was led by Mr. Foster 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. Elliott -- Absent
- Mrs. Colby -- Present
- Mr. Peters -- Present
- Mr. Newkirk - Present
- Mr. Crabtree - Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

Mrs. Colby made a motion to excuse Mr. Elliott with a second from Mr. Newkirk. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS~None

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~

Kay Howe spoke to council representing a group of Jackson residents who play Pickleball. They play at the YMCA. However, they are having trouble getting space. The tennis courts at the Y are reserved for JHS tennis. They would like to repair the courts at Eddie Jones so they can be used again by all of Jackson. They have created a group to do most of the work and are raising the money for most of the cost. They are asking the City of Jackson to take down the old poles and nets and install the new poles. It would only cost the city the labor. They have an insured entity that will be doing the remainder of the work along with volunteers who will sign waivers. HD said with the new poles, they will be able to remove the nets during the winter months to keep everything in working order. There was a lot of positive feedback from council. They are in favor of these improvements and hope to not only keep Jackson residents playing here, but bring other people into the city to play as well.

George Davis spoke to council regarding his property on Mayhew Rd where his business U-Store-It is located. His storage units are Zoned B3 and it should be Industrial. He wanted to have this officially resolved in case he wanted to sell in the future. Council and our attorney discussed the prior zoning changes that were made and what is needed for this case. Mayor Evans said they would look into this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ Mr. Peters made a motion to amend the regular meeting minutes from April 24, 2023 with a second from Mr. Newkirk to change the service committee report to strike the word "not" and to add "while the income tax is in place". In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the amended regular meeting minutes from April 24, 2023, with a second from Mr. Crabtree. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report

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POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ No Report

SERVICE COMMITTEE ~ No Report

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ Two Ordinances to do the first installment of the cash reserve for Garbage, sewer, and water funds.

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF ~ No Report

MAYOR~

- **Projects**

- Resolution for street paving in the packets tonight. Received three bids within our estimated amount.
- Met with Justin McCauley who is a Strategic & Professional Services Consultant. He is putting together a proposal to help us gain advantage to receive the Congressional Money from US Senator Brown. We have made the first cut. These funds will help us with improvements and repairs to the Memorial Building.
- The Capital Bill Grant we received for the Hammertown Lake is still in progress. The designs should be done this week. Will then have to go to ODNR. This is for a new boat ramp and kayak launch.
- Mr. Fulks asked if properties owned by the city are eligible for repairs using the city tax money. The PD parking lot is in need. Mayor Evans said they realize that. However, the city properties are going to be lower in priority than the high use streets.

SERVICE DIRECTOR~

- Several city properties were given to the city from Fema. There are restrictions on what can be done on those. Would like to see them put into a program where they become conservation areas and the Tree Commission could plant trees on them.
- Horizon approached the city wanting to put in an enclosed area 10'X10' to run their new fiber lines to. It would be a 20-year lease. They would pay the city \$1000 per year for this. They want an easement agreement. Mr. Kirby has looked at it and has some questions and things that might need to be changed. Mr. Swackhammer asked the clerk to distribute the information to council and for them to send any questions or concerns they have. Mr. Peters said this is good for economic growth and for the city. He asked that Mr. Kirby bring something to council for the next meeting.
- Insurance is out for bid. It has been posted on our site and will be in the paper. June 2nd is the bid opening. They have updated the property list and values.
- A few years ago, the city had approval to sell parcels of land. One of those didn't sell at the time, but now has an interested buyer. They will be doing sealed bids for this. It is parcel # H140010002300- O Mitchell St. Only selling the parcel on the North side of Mitchell.
- Have a resident wanting to split a lot, and had some questions on buying and selling landlocked properties. Mr. Kirby said he had a call into the county, but hasn't heard back. The city does not have anything in the ordinances or zoning stating whether it can be bought or sold. If we want to change that, it would need to go to the planning commission, but as it stands now, he doesn't see that anything needs to happen to allow the split.

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- Have another case for the Zoning meeting. Jeff Elliott wants to place a fence and is requesting a variance for a setback.
- Mowing and weed control season is here. Will be enforcing the code violation soon for properties over 12" in height.
- Council asked if there was an update on the demo of the properties in Jackson. Mayor Evans said the Landbank awarded the contracts and the schedule is not ours to control. The city has issued 13 demo permits in the last couple of weeks. So, hopeful those structures will be coming down soon. The Bail Bond building is a high priority to everyone. However, there was asbestos and there are stipulations on when and how that can be disposed.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE VARIOUS WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

No Further Action was taken.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-23

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE VARIOUS WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE FUNDS: TRANSFER OUT TO THE TRANSFER IN FUNDS OF WATER UTILITY RESERVE, SEWER UTILITY RESERVE, AND GARBAGE UTILITY RESERVE FUNDS 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.

No Further Action was taken.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-23

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

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

The clerk explained that these are the local changes that need to be adopted. There were no state changes for the first quarter of 2023.

Mr. Peters 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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| Foster | Yes |
| Elliott | Absent |
| 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:

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| Bopp | Yes |

Ordinance 25-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 21-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JACKSON TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SMALL CITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR PAVEMENT REHABILITATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said the deadline on this is June 15th.

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| Bopp | Yes |

Resolution 21-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 22-23

AN RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE GALLIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE HOUSING OF CITY OF JACKSON PRISONERS IN THE GALLIA COUNTY JAIL AS NEEDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said Gallia County is expected to open in the next couple of months. It is \$100 per night. This is \$25 more than most of the contracts that we have. However, this is much closer. With female prisoners, we have to pay two officers to transport long distances and pay overtime to the long distance places that we have now.

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Resolution 22-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 23-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE BID OF MCKEE PAVING & SEALING, LLC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,178,835.75, PLUS AN AMOUNT OF UP TO 30% OF ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES AT THE BID PRICES, FOR THE 2023 CITY OF JACKSON STREET PAVING PROGRAM, AS IT WAS THE LOWEST AND BEST RESPONSIVE BID SUBMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Swackhammer said this went through the formal bidding process. This was the lowest bid. Part of this paving is at the Hillcrest pool where they put in some additional parking. Would like to have that done before the pool opens at the end of the month. Would like to get this approved tonight so they can get their letter to proceed.

CORRESPONDENCE~ Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities sent us a letter stating they will be inspecting the new home on Pearl St to issue eight licenses. We have until May 11th to write to them if we have any concerns.

We have a TREX application for a liquor license transfer. It doesn't need to come to council yet. It is just the application.

OLD BUSINESS~ None

NEW BUSINESS~

- Good Shepherd Wesleyan Church at 10595 Chillicothe Pike is requesting a water and sewer tap. It will be a private line that hooks in at Northview Elementary. Mayor Evans said we allowed this for the Rehab Center out that direction. No reason to not allow it. They will be paying for all cost involved and will be another paying monthly customer.
 - Mr. Peters made a motion, with a second from Mr. Newkirk to grant the request. In a voice vote, all members agreed.
- Brown Property at 0 Putnam is a residence outside of the city. Wants to tie into the new sewer that is going in out that way. There is a water tap already there.

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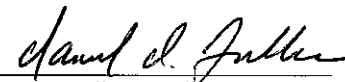
- Mr. Peters made a motion, with a second from Mr. Newkirk to grant the request. In a voice vote, all members agreed.
- More discussion on the Fema properties. Administration would work with Mr. Kirby to identify and set aside the properties for conservation. Mostly in the 2nd ward. The Tree Commission would use their experts to decide what type of tree would work best in the areas. Mr. Kirby will bring something to council for this.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 PM



Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk



Dan Fulks, President

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