

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

November 27, 2023

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 27, 2023. The pledge was led by Mr. Peters and the prayer were given by Mrs. Colby.

President Fulks called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Foster –Present
- Mr. Elliott -- Present
- Mrs. Colby – Present
- Mr. Peters – Present
- Mr. Newkirk - Present
- Mr. Crabtree - Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS~ None

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~ None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ Mr. Bopp made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 13, 2023, 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~ FD voted on the two new members. Stephen Moore was voted as president and Herb Peoples as Secretary. There is a resolution for new equipment.

SERVICE COMMITTEE ~ No Report.

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ Been working with the Service Director. Going to use money this year for projects and reduce the budget for next year.

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF ~ No Report.

MAYOR~

Project Updates

- Still interview for the IT position.
- Posted two jobs. One is at the utility office; the other is a repairman at the water/sewer plant.
- Pre-Construction meeting for the EDA waterline replacement project on South St. from David Ave to Main St.

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- Received another grant for \$2500 for playground equipment at Hillcrest Pool. through the Jackson County Community Foundation.
- Met with Jason Stevens, speaker of the house, about some unique opportunities they could use the capital bill money for.

SERVICE DIRECTOR~

- Need to accept the object line budget and replace the old one with this ordinance tonight.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 68-23

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Second Reading

Revised the budget with a reduction of about \$700,000. Need to replace this budget for the Ordinance. Mr. Peters asked if we had to keep the line items forever that are on the budget that we do not use. Mr. Swackhammer said they are still active whether there is money in them or not. He said he has not received any questions from any council members. Please get them in before final reading if you have any.

Mr. Peters made a motion to suspend the rules that requires the Ordinance to go back to second reading with this amendment of the budget. Next reading will be the final reading. Mr. Newkirk seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

No Further Action was taken on Ordinance 68-23.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-23

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PERMIT AN EXISTING EASEMENT
CROSSING CITY OWNED PROPERTY IN THE JISCO LAKE AREA TO SERVE PROPERTY
NOW OWNED BY ALAN A. AND SUSAN E. STOCKMEISTER THAT IS ADJACENT TO THE
EXISTING EASEMENT, PURSUANT TO R.C. SECTION 723.**

Second Reading

No Further Action was taken on Ordinance 69-23.

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ORDINANCE NO. 70-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2023 PJM POWER POOL PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. ("AMP") AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Courtney and Associates firm has reviewed the documents and concurs with the changes. It will have very little impact on the City of Jackson in the future.

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

Foster	Yes
Elliott	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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 70-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 71-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE HAMMERTOWN LAKE IMPROVEMENTS 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.

Additional Appropriations are going to be associated with this year's budget and allows us to take the entire project out of next year's budget, therefore reduces it.

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Foster	Yes
Elliott	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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 71-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 49-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR VISION, DENTAL AND LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE
WITH THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE CO., ADMINISTERED THROUGH PEOPLES
INSURANCE, JACKSON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Third Reading

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

Foster	Yes
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 49-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 50.1-23

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT
TO TREASURER OF THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$5,161.60 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.

We closed out the PO because we thought the project was completed. Then was billed a final amount.

Mr. Elliott 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
Elliott	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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 50.1-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 51-23

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO
FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO FOR THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

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

Deadline is tomorrow.

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

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Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

Foster	Yes
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 51-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 52-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FORESTRY DIVISION, FOR FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE JACKSON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

We apply for this every year. It is a 50/50 match for the fire department. Been successful for several years and able to buy equipment for the FD.

Mr. Peters 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
Elliott	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
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Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 52-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 53-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERESCO TO WRITE AND SUBMIT
APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR LED STREET LIGHTING
UPGRADES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

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

This firm reached out to the City of Jackson. There is funding available to change over our lighting to LED for a cost savings. This is an engineering company. They do not do the selling or installing. This allows them to work with us to make us most competitive for the grant. Needs to be in an area that is 51% LMI.

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

Foster	Yes
Elliott	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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 53-23 Duly Adopted

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RESOLUTION NO. 54-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO DESIGNATE THE CITY OF JACKSON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AS THE AGENCY FOR THE CITY FOR THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, DISTRIBUTION, AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

The city wants to create a CIC to encourage Civic and Commercial Development. The city previously had a CIC and it was dissolved in 2013. Would like to create that again. Need to do this tonight because of the availability of a grant funds. The mayor is the incorporator.

Mr. Peters 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
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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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 54-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 55-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE MEMORIAL BUILDING TO THE CITY OF JACKSON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

They want to rehabilitate the Memorial Building. Need to do something soon or will not be salvageable. The CIC is better equipped to better manage and fund. This does not transfer property, but does give the authority if and when the time comes. There is a clause stating this can be reversed if it falls through and can't get the grant money to rehabilitate the building.

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

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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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 55-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 56-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FORESTRY DIVISION, FOR THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

The Tree Commission became aware of this grant. They have requested to apply for this grant on behalf of the city.

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

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Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 56-23 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~ None

OLD BUSINESS~ None

NEW BUSINESS~ We had a public hearing tonight regarding the rezoning of Broadway St. The Planning Commission approved the change and there were not any disputes at the public hearing. Mr. Peters made a motion to have the attorney bring an Ordinance for this change based on the Planning Commission's Recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members were in favor.

Our second meeting in December falls on Christmas Day. The regular council meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, December 27th at 7:00PM. This meeting will close out the books for the city if enough members are present. We will tentively schedule the 2nd and 3rd readings for the 28th and 29th at 7:00PM if needed.

Mayor Evans scheduled another Public Hearing before the meeting on the 27th at 6:30PM for the rezoning of property owned by Grandview Builders on McCarty Lane.

The Christmas Parade will be this Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00PM. The Tree Lighting at ManPower Park will be around 7:45 followed by the fireworks.

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:40 PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk


Dan Fullis, President

Date 12-11-23

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