

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes From
March 13, 2023
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2023. The pledge was led by Mr. Newkirk 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 -- Present
- Mrs. Colby – Present
- Mr. Peters – Present
- Mr. Newkirk - Present
- Mr. Crabtree - Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS~ Mayor Evans swore in our newest Council Member Jeff Elliott. He then introduced Jackson High School's wrestling coach, Brandon Oliver and one of his wrestlers Makenna Craft. She is a sophomore at Jackson High School. She finished her year at 33-0 for the 100lb weight class and became the first ever- State Champion for Ohio Girls' Wrestling.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~ None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 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~ No Report

SERVICE COMMITTEE ~ No Report

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF ~ Written Stats in Packets

MAYOR~ Council approved new positions a few meetings back. One of those positions was the Operations Manager.

Two of our long time city employees have been chosen to fill this position.

- Ron Aldrich has been with the city for 24 years. He is the Superintendent of the Water Plant and the acting superintendent of the WWTP.
- Greg Farrar has been with the city for 21 years. He is the Department Head of Water Distribution and Waste Water Collection.

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Today they started as Operations Managers. They will manage multiple city departments from the field.

These new positions will improve services to the city, make city operations more efficient and more cost effective, and improve public perception and staff morale.

Mayor Evans clarified that we are not adding new jobs or more payroll to the city. In 2019 when Mayor Evans was elected there were 70 Full Time employees not counting the PD. Now there are 61. In 2019, ten of these were at the superintendent level and above. At the end of this year, there will be only six. This is a savings of payroll and benefits of over ½ million dollars each year. These 61 employees continue to provide great service to our citizens and local businesses. The mayor thanked council for being a part of the improvements and changes.

SERVICE DIRECTOR~

- ODOT working on traffic signals.
- 93/139 paving punch list will be addressed in April when the asphalt plants open.
- Still waiting on the pile of grindings and other items to be picked up by the High St. Bridge.
- Curb repair on Grandview still ongoing.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-23

AN ORDINANCE FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE HAMMERTOWN LAKE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

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 10-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 11-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PROJECT EXPENSES IN ODNR PADDLING ENHANCEMENTS; ODNR CAPITAL BUDGET; AND CITY FUNDS FOR HAMMERTOWN LAKE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Ordinance 11-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 13-23

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED
ORDINANCE SECTION 131.09 REGARDING RIDING IN POLICE CARS.**

Third Reading

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 13-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 14 -23

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING ORD 08-19 AND AUTHORIZING A WAGE
INCREASE FOR THE POSITIONS OF PART TIME POLICE DISPATCHERS AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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ORDINANCE NO. 17-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE STREET AND ALLEY EQUIPMENT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Council previously approved to apply for the BWC Grant for \$40,000 for Traffic Devices. They received this money into the General Fund. It needs to be moved to the Street and Alley Fund so they can continue with the projects.

Mrs. Colby 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:

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Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
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ORDINANCE NO. 18-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE TOURISM VISITORS CENTER EXPENSE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This money was left over from previous years from Tourism Budget. It needs appropriated. Would like council to approve tonight because there is another Tourism Meeting next month.

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:

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Ordinance 18-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 16-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OR THE DIRECTOR OF THE LILLIAN JONES MUSEUM TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE OHIO ARTS GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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The Lillian Jones Museum would like to apply for this grant. Asking council to go ahead and approve tonight so they can move forward.

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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 16-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO.17-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON OR THE CITY AUDITOR TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH TEVA, ALLERGAN,
CVS, WALGREENS AND WALMART AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

Council approved a resolution in the past to participate in the Opioid Manufacturing lawsuit. We have to approve to participate in this one as well. We will take part in any recovery monies the lawsuit produces.

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Resolution 18-23 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~ Clerk gave a final reminder on the Financial Disclosure Deadline for the paperwork that needs filed by all council members and other elected officials. The deadline is May 15th unless they are a candidate again. If so, the deadline is April 3rd. Mr. Elliott the newly appointed member must file by March 28th.

OLD BUSINESS~

- Mr. Peters asked about the plans for Hammertown Lake. Mr. Swackhammer said there have been straw bales placed for the silt collection and runoff. There is grass growing in the seeded area. They have added these precautionary measures although they didn't feel there was a risk.
- FOP withdrew their application. Do we have plans for stocking the lake with fish other than Trout? Mayor Evans said they met today with the Fire Chief and FOP president. There will not be a Trout Festival. They are planning to have a fishing tournament in May. They hope the JHS Bass Fishing Team will join along with the Oak Hill team and other county departments. They have reached out to ODNR about stocking with something else.

NEW BUSINESS~

- Mr. Bopp asked about incorporating citizens in the clean-up of the cemetery during the city-wide clean-up day. There are limbs down and flowers blown everywhere from the storm. Mr. Swackhammer said two full time employees have been working on the clean up at the cemetery. He said anyone who normally maintains a relative's gravesite up there knows that everything is blown away and there is no way to know which site it goes with. It will end up in the dumpster there.
- They are taking applications for seasonal work up there. He said they usually have enough workers for the summer months, but could use more help in the months before school lets out and when students go back to school. If there is anyone interested in working in the cooler months and not the hot summer to reach out to him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION~

Mr. Peters made a motion to enter executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. He asked for everyone at the table to remain for the session. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken to enter executive session, and the results are as follows:

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Motion Carried
Entered executive Session at 7:38PM

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


Motion Carried.
Resumed Regular Session at 7:48 PM

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:48 PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 3-27-23


Dan Fulks, President

Date 3-27-23