

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes From
June 12, 2023
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2023. The pledge was led by Mr. Peters 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~ None

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~ None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ Mrs. Colby made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 22, 2023, with a second from Mr. Newkirk. 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 ~ No Report

MAYOR~

- AEP Rates have increased. This should not affect the city rates. Rates are figured based on three criteria. The cost of the energy, the transmission, and the cost for the city. The cost of the energy is what is rising. We get our energy from AMP. We are in a long-term contract with them. This is helping us and should be good for the next few years.
- Ohio Department of Development was in town. We are in the top 100 Micropolitan areas in the US. This is an area with 10-50K in population that shows economic development. There were

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three criteria this was based upon. The possible job growth, economic development, and the quality of life improvement.

There are 542 Micropolitan areas and Jackson County was ranked #40.

- We have discussed the Appalachian Community Grant for some time. It is \$500 million coming to Appalachia. It is moving slowly. We are submitting three projects for this. The number one is flood mitigation. Looking for real solutions for this problem. Another project is renovation of the Memorial Building. Meeting with an architect to determine if it would be better to try to save and repair the building or not. Downtown Revitalization is the final project.
- Appointing a new member to the Tree Commission – Anna Siders.
- Have paved at Hillcrest Pool. Parking lots, basketball courts, ect. Looks nice.

SERVICE DIRECTOR~

- House numbering is still an issue. Need homeowners to take responsibility and number their houses for their safety. There is a \$100 fine that will be enforced for houses not in compliance.
- Having issues with many people not getting building/demo permits and contractors not registering in city.
- Selling city vehicles and dumpsters. City is moving to online auctions. It is easier and getting as good of money from the items or better than in person auctions. Looking to bid out the used wire as well.
- Mr. Bopp asked about the yellow signs from Mr. Lewis about unsafe buildings. What are the next steps? Will these be demolished? Mr. Swackhammer said these are just unsafe, no trespassing. They are not necessary needing to be torn down. People need to stay out of them until things are repaired or the police can arrest them.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE VARIOUS WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE FUNDS 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 23-23 Duly Adopted

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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.

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 24-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 26- 23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING ZONING REGULATION TEXT IN CHAPTER VI REGARDING NOTICE TO ADJACENT LANDOWNERS OF APPEAL OF AN ORDER OF THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND REQUEST FOR VARIANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This amendment ordinance is coming from the Planning Commission requiring a public notice for a variance to be the same as the notice for a conditional use. We will be notifying neighbors within 200 feet for both instances. This will change the Zoning Regulations regarding notice given.

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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ORDINANCE NO. 31-23

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED
ORDINANCE SECTION 557.01 GOVERNING WEED CONTROL.**

First Reading

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

The city has several lots that we own that we would like to do something else with besides just mow. Possibly set up some conservation land or wildlife habitat. Some of these are FEMA lots. Would like to have the option to set these aside in this manner.

No further action was taken on the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-23

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE EDUCATION AND
TRAINING FUND FOR POLICE EDUCATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

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

Chief Hinsch said last year he had a couple officers go to a Crisis Intervention Training. They gave an \$1800 credit per officer to be given back for additional training at a later date. This money was received earlier this year and the chief would like to have this appropriated now to use as needed.

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Ordinance 32-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 33-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE BID OF JONES-STEPHENSON INSURANCE AGENCY FOR COMMERCIAL LINE AND LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON AS IT WAS THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BID SUBMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Two bids came in for the insurance. The other bid was a little less than this one. However, it was only for one year. This is guaranteed for three years.

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Ordinance 33-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 34-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE AND TO SELL TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT NOW OWNED BY THE CITY BUT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, PURSUANT TO R.C. SECTION 721.15 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

There is a list on the final page of the ordinance of the items being sold. Mr. Peters confirmed these are out of service city vehicles.

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

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Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
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Ordinance 34-23 Duly Adopted

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ORDINANCE 35-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING ORD. 60-16 AND AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF THE STIPEND PAID FOR THE POSITIONS OF FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF.

First Reading

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

The old rates were \$465 for the chief and \$365 for the Assistant chief. This is a change in amount and it is a stipend not a wage. We feel it should be a stipend since we have a volunteer fire department. Mr. Swackhammer has been working on re-writing the FD handbook for over 2 years now.

No Further Action was taken on this Ordinance.

ORIDINANCE NO. 36-23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 133.01 REGARDING PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

First Reading

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

This clarifies that they are volunteers. It strikes through the number of volunteers. It creates two new levels: Auxiliary and Cadets. The Auxiliary wouldn't be required to do training. They wouldn't go into fires or deal with hazardous material. They would be a support group and would help in other ways. The Cadets would be 15-18 year olds that would get exposure to the FD, learning to run machines and other things at the department. They could do this for community service hours for school. The FD is hoping this will make them want to be involved when they get older.

This was hourly before. It is now a stipend each time they come to the firehouse.

There were several questions asked regarding these changes. Mr. Swackhammer said he would send the list of other cities that have auxiliary members. Last year we had a record number of runs. It was the highest ever by 20% or more. This will allow for more volunteers, but if we have an average number of runs this shouldn't affect our budget. We have been fortunate if 3-4 volunteers showed up in the past to do jobs around the firehouse, so we aren't concerned that we will have too many at the activities needed. The fire chief or assistant will determine when the volunteers can leave the jobs. If they leave at their own discretion, they will not be paid. Sometimes more fire departments are called than needed. The chief will make the decision to send some home at times. The last time the handbook was changed was 1995.

No further action was taken on the Ordinance.

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ORDINANCE 37-23

**AN ORDINANCE FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM LILLIAN JONES MUSEUM TRUST
FUND: TRANSFER OUT TO LILLIAN JONES MUSEUM OPERATING FUND: TRANSFER IN
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.

The funds were set up for the Lillian Jones Museum early in the year, and they are running low.

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:

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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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Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 37-23 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~None

OLD BUSINESS~ Mr. Peters asked about the email they all received from the Soil and Water Conservation from another county. He asked if administration reached out to them. Should we participate? Mr. Swackhammer said Traci is trying to set up a meeting. We would like to support this.

Mr. Elliott asked about the alley running parallel to Main St. off Broadway. It is in bad shape. Mayor Evans said they would discuss it. Hadn't put any alleys on the paving list yet, because they are still trying to get the streets done.

NEW BUSINESS~ Need to cancel the meeting on July 10th. Neither the President or the President Pro Tem can be at the meeting. Will only have one meeting in July.

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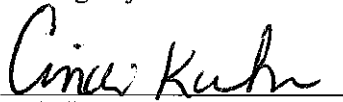
Discussed having bids for the electrical wire and poles. These are hard to sell at the auction because they go by weight. Would like to keep the area cleaned up and organized. Could possibly have a year contract with someone to buy this. Would have to be a bid contract. Will work with Mr. Kirby on the language of this. Contract would need to be tied to the current market value. Discussed taking wire to scrap yard. Truckload can't be worth more than \$1,000.00. Statute says it must go to bid if so. Mr. Reed said it has gone to scrap in the past.

Update on Carr St. – PNC bank has served everyone. There is a default judgment on the property. It will go to auction and must go for 2/3 value. There is a \$70k judgment for Medicaid on there, so the city wasn't able to work out a sale with the owner previously.

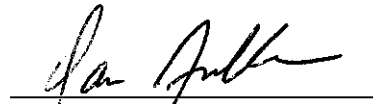
Mr. Bopp wanted to tell every department in the city what a great job they are doing, and their hard work is appreciated. Several members agreed. Mr. Swackhammer thanked the residents for passing the income tax. If they hadn't, none of this would be possible.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:08PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 6-26-23


Dan Fulks, President

Date 6/26/2023

