

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes From
January 23, 2023
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 23, 2023. The pledge was led by Mr. Ondera 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. Ondera --Present
- Mrs. Colby -- Present
- Mr. Peters -- Present
- Mr. Newkirk - Present
- Mr. Crabtree - Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS~ Mayor Evans introduced Andy Harris, the leader of a local Boy Scout Group. Andy said present was the Boy Scout Troop 48, and they were working on their Citizenship in Community Merit Badge. They had come to watch the meeting. Each boy introduced himself.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~ Anna Siders, a teacher at Jackson High School, brought a couple of students from her club YCAT- Youth Climate Action Team. They work on Climate and Eco-Friendly Projects. They compost, recycle, and work on projects. They are wanting to start a community garden. They passed out some information and talked about planting trees and other vegetables. Would like to have raised garden beds and a water source in the city. Administration was in favor of the idea. However, the locations they had chosen as possible sites, would likely not work. They said they would work with Anna to try to find another spot for the community garden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 9, 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 ~Only had one comment regarding the brush pick up Ordinance. He will speak with administration.

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF ~ No Report

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SERVICE DIRECTOR~

- Packets contain a Cemetery Report and summary from the Code Enforcement Officer

MAYOR~ Annual Report – Attached to Minutes

- Reminded the city once again of his three main goals when he campaigned.
 - Manage his hometown more efficiently, more productively, and more professionally.
 - City Utility Rates to be more competitive, while still providing great service.
 - Clean-up and fix-up hometown.
- Went on to elaborate on these areas while discussing, the Income Tax, Projects & Grants, Paving, Parks, IT & GIS, Utility Depts., Auditor's Office, PD, and FD.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 02- 23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 179.01 ESTABLISHING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TREE COMMISSION.

Second Reading

No further action was taken on Ordinance 02-23

ORDINANCE NO. 03-23

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES AS SET FORTH IN THE CITY OF JACKSON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS SECTIONS 921.06 THROUGH 921.10 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.

No further action was taken on Ordinance 03-23

ORDINANCE NO. 04-23

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE INTERCONNECTION OF BEHIND-THE-METER (BTM) GENERATORS AND SCHEDULE "SPP" - SMALL POWER PRODUCTION ELECTRIC RATE APPLICABLE TO ENERGY SUPPLIED BY BTM GENERATORS

First Reading

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

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Mayor Evans said there should have been an attachment to this. The clerk will get a copy for next meeting and will make sure it was emailed to council. If council has any questions they need to get them to administration before the next meeting, so they can contact Mr. Courtney for answers.

No further action was taken on Ordinance 04-23

ORDINANCE NO. 05 -23

AN ORDINANCE CREATING FUND NUMBER 412: MILL STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Reed said this is setting up a fund number for a grant they received. Need to pass tonight so they have this ready to receive the money.

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

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

Ordinance 05-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 06-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE LILLIAN JONES PROJECT EXPENSE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Lillian Jones applied for and received a grant for this. They were awarded it last year, but there wasn't time to put it in the budget, appropriate, and spend it in time. So they have asked to have it for 2023.

Mr. Ondera 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:

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

Ordinance 06-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 07-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 637, THE BARGAINING UNIT FOR THE JACKSON POLICE OFFICERS, AND TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 637 AS REQUIRED 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.

This is a tentative agreement between administration and the Local Union for the PD. It will go into effect in September of 2023. They didn't have to have any outside people involved to come to the agreement. They are trying to be competitive in today's market to recruit and keep the best officers.

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No further action was taken on Ordinance 07-23

ORDINANCE NO. 08-23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 147.13 REGARDING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES 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. Swackhammer said council had decided last year to keep the cemetery work in-house rather than out sourcing it. They have had trouble getting employees in the past and need to raise the hourly raise. The Ordinance had to be adjusted to 200% of minimum wage from the 150% before. This in addition to minimum wage increasing recently should help us get qualified individuals to keep the cemetery mowing going for this year.

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:

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

Ordinance 08-23 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 09-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, THE CHIEF OF THE JACKSON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

In the past, the city has worked with ODNR and helped support them, but this never came before council to use city assets. Mr. Swackhammer wanted to make council aware and get their approval.

No further action was taken on Ordinance 09-23

RESOLUTION NO. 03-23

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE POSITIONS OF OPERATIONS MANAGER AND OF IT/GIS TECHNICIAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

No Further action was taken on Resolution 03-23

RESOLUTION NO 06-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO AN OHIO EPA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JACKSON FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MILL STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT, DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This is a loan with forgiveness so it will be treated like a grant. Would like council to consider passing tonight so they can get the funding.

Mr. Newkirk 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

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

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

Resolution 06-23 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 07-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This is for the Beaver Pike resurfacing project starting right past the last street on State St. out towards Westview Elementary. They have asked for a resolution showing the city can commit to this. Our portion is about \$99,000. It is 25% of the total with the grant covering 75%.

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
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

Foster	Yes
Ondera	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
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Resolution 07-23 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~ The clerk explained the Ohio Ethics Commission Financial Disclosure that the elected officials must fill out each year. She passed out information regarding it with deadlines, and asked council to all sign the form and return it to her showing they have been notified of the disclosure.

OLD BUSINESS~ More discussion on the piece of the road that Franklin Township asked the city to maintain. There was an Ordinance in 2002 in which we already agreed to take care of it. One side of the road is Franklin Township, one side is Lick Township. There is a very small portion for us to maintain.

NEW BUSINESS~ Mr. Bopp spoke in favor of the Community Garden Project. He said he works with Mrs. Siders at the high school and knows the kids are excited in her class and this would benefit the city.

Mr. Peters also approves the project, just wants to find a better spot. Also, need to look at the utilities. The city can't give away utilities. Perhaps someone listening in the community would like to help with that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Peters made a motion to go into executive session To: Consider the appointment, employment, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, and For: Reviewing negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment. He asked everyone at the table to stay. Mr. Ondera seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken to enter into executive session with the following results:

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

Motion Carried.

Entered Executive Session 7:52PM

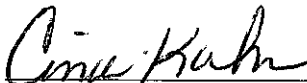
Mr. Bopp made a motion to resume regular session, with a second from Mr. Peters. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Motion Carried.

Resumed Regular Session 8:10PM

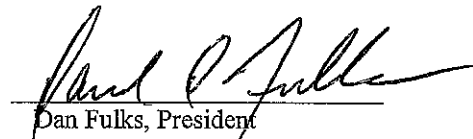
Mr. Crabtree made a motion with a second from Mr. Ondera to adjourn. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 PM



Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 2-13-23



Dan Fulks, President

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