

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

*Minutes From*

July 13, 2020

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. R. Peters and the prayer was given by Mrs. Colby. President Edwards called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Foster – Present
- Mr. Coll – Present
- Mrs. Colby – Present
- Mr. R. Peters - Present
- Mr. J. Peters – Present
- Mrs. Biggs --Present
- Mr. Bopp --Present

**VISITORS** ~ None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to amend the July 6, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes with a second from Mrs. Biggs. On page 3 under Ordinance 34-20, it read that the levy would bring in about 22 million per year. It needed to be 2.2 million. All members agreed.

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 22, 2020 and the special meetings from June 29, 2020 & amended Special Minutes from July 6, 2020 with a second from Mrs. Biggs. In a voice vote all members agreed.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AUDITOR'S REPORTS:** Mr. R Peters made a motion with a second from Mrs. Colby

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY~** Schedule a meeting for Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM .

Topics:

- Property owners & Tenants - Choosing solutions to discussion from last couple of meetings- make decisions. Have a solution recommendation to administration
- Street lights/traffic lights –Would like a master list - # of lights. Less lights usage saves money. Ex. The light by Northview has been green since schools let out in March. That could be turned off when school is out.

Mrs. Colby said she had been contacted by Todd Cardiff. He lives on St Rt. 776 just outside of the city limits. He wanted to know if he could get city electric. The city workers were putting up poles for the house beside his.

Council members agreed that he would need to come in person at the next meeting to request the service. He also could attend the Utility meeting on July 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM

**BUDGET & FINANCE~** No Report – Mrs. Biggs asked the Mayor and Service Director if the Budget Committee could be a part of the next meeting in which they are working on the 2021 budget. Mr. Reed said for Mrs. Biggs to call it, and they will all be there.

Meeting ~ Monday, July 27, 2020 – 6:00 PM –Working on General Budget

**POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~** No Report

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**SERVICE (STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS, & GROUND) ~**

Meeting July 20, 2020 – 7:00 PM

- Need to discuss the Cat problem/Ordinance

Mrs. Biggs asked about the AEP money for the paving of the cemetery streets. Did Mr. Kirby find out if this could be used for other things at the cemetery? Mr. Kirby said he does have someone working on this.

**JAIL COMMITTEE~ No Report**

**CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE ~ Meeting Tuesday, July 21, 2020 6:00 PM**

Needs to meet with the rest of the committee.

- What is the money coming in for? New decorations? Putting them up? Repairs?
- Apple Festival has to get permission from council to use the streets of Jackson. Will the citizens on the decorating committee need to get permission also?

**56-19~ No Report**

**CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report**

**CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report**

**POLICE/FIRE CHIEF~** Wanted to remind people to lock vehicles and not keep valuables in cars. There have been break-ins recently. Chief Potter shared the report this month including 2018. He wanted to thank Mayor Hudson for attending our town hall meeting and supporting us in our income tax levy. He understands the stress and difficulty of trying to police a city that is understaffed.

Mrs. Biggs said that she and her friends and people from her ward have said the police presence has been greatly noticed over the last few months.

OH Collaborative- Take their policies – have certain obligations – follow through, they look at our progress. We were certified in March and will get certified again next March/April. **LISTEN**

<b>OHLEG</b>			<b>Arrests</b>		
<b>Incident Reports</b>					
June 2018	June 2019	June 2020	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020
103	98	98	71	68	66

<b>Call Records</b>			<b>Crashes</b>	
June 2019	June 2020	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020
495	410	14	7	8

**MAYOR ~ No Report**

**SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR~**

Mr. R. Peters had a citizen asked about standing green, mosquito water at ManPower Park at the base of the railroad bridge, along the walking trail. Can someone look into that? Mayor and safety director said they will check it out.

Mr. J. Peters wanted to make sure they received what he sent them from the Ohio Municipal League about a section on grants which talked about cemeteries...

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE 28-20**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2021 JACKSON CITY LIBRARY BUDGET AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Third Reading**

A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

FOSTER	Yes
COLL	Yes
COLBY	Yes
R. PETERS	Yes
J PETERS	Yes
BIGGS	Yes
BOPP	Yes

**Ordinance 28-20 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE 29-20**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND:  
FIRE DEPARTMENT: MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES FUND**

**Third Reading**

A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

FOSTER	Yes
COLL	Yes
COLBY	Yes
R. PETERS	Yes
J PETERS	Yes
BIGGS	Yes
BOPP	Yes

**Ordinance 29-20 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE 31-20**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE DOWNTOWN AND PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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COLL	No
COLBY	Yes
R. PETERS	Yes
J PETERS	Yes
BIGGS	Yes
BOPP	No

**Ordinance 31-20 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE 33-20**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING THE CITY OF JACKSON ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES AS ESTABLISHED BY ORD 58-18 AND AS SET FORTH IN THE CITY OF JACKSON CODIFIED ORDINANCES AS SECTION 921.06 AND 921.07.**

**First Reading**

**Mr. Coll made a motion to adopt the ordinance, but there was not a second.**

**Mr. R. Peters made a motion to refer it to the Utility Committee with a second from Mr. J. Peters. In a voice vote all members agreed.**

**Mr. J. Peters said they will examine this and will pass on emergency during the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting if need be.**

**ORDINANCE 34-20**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCOME TAX AT THE RATE OF 1.5% FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS, AND/OR REPLACEMENT, AND FOR MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION OF OTHER CITY INFRASTRUCTURE THE DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS, AND GENERAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES OF THE CITY INCLUDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021**

**Second Reading**

This Ordinance was amended at the last meeting to include a credit for taxes paid in another municipality. This change caused the reading of the ordinance to go back to a second reading today.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to suspend the rules and Mr. Coll seconded it. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

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COLBY	Yes
R. PETERS	Yes
J PETERS	Yes
BIGGS	Yes
BOPP	Yes

**Ordinance 34-20 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE 35-20**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE PERMISSIVE TAX FUND FROM THE STREETS, HIGHWAYS, & SIDEWALKS LINE ITEM TO THE SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS LINE ITEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading.**

Mr. R. Peters made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second from Mr. Coll. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. Swackhammer said this is just permission to move money from one account to another within a department. It is all capital improvement money.

**RESOLUTION 20-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO IMPLEMENT AN UPDATED PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.**

**Second Reading**

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

FOSTER	Yes
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J PETERS	Yes

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BIGGS Yes

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COLL	Yes
COLBY	Yes
R. PETERS	Yes
J PETERS	Yes
BIGGS	Yes
BOPP	Yes

**Resolution 20-20 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 21-20**

**A RESOLUTION CREATING THE UNCLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE POSITION OF IT SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY.**

**Second Reading**

Mayor Evans asked that the Resolution wording be changed from IT Service Technician to Technology Coordinator.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion with a second from Mr. Foster to amend the Ordinance. In a voice vote all members agreed.

**RESOLUTION 24-20**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A CEMETERY LEVY AND CERTIFYING THE CEMETERY LEVY ISSUE TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Second Reading**

**Mr. Kirby said we have what we need back from the county auditor and we need to pass this today.**

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

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COLBY	Yes
R. PETERS	Yes
J PETERS	Yes
BIGGS	Yes
BOPP	Yes

**Resolution 24-20 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 25**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT OF THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO, THE ISSUE OF ENACTING AN INCOME TAX AT THE RATE OF 1.5% FOR TE PURPOSES OF STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND/OR REPLACEMENT, AND FOR MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION OF OTHER CITY INFRASTRUCTURE, THE DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS, AND GENERAL OPERATIONS AND SERVICES OF THE CITY INCLUDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Third Reading**

A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

FOSTER	Yes
COLL	Yes
COLBY	Yes
R. PETERS	Yes
J PETERS	Yes
BIGGS	Yes
BOPP	Yes

**Resolution 25-20 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 26-20**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MUTUAL RELEASE AND WAIVER WITH JOHN PETERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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COLL	Yes
COLBY	Yes
R. PETERS	Abstain
J PETERS	Abstain
BIGGS	Yes
BOPP	Yes

**Resolution 26-20 Duly Adopted**

**CORRESPONDENCE**~ President Edwards shared correspondence that all members received regarding a class action lawsuit. Mr. Kirby said we can file proof of claim. We can have a meeting to discuss. We have until the 29<sup>th</sup> to file.

The clerk read a reminder from the Ohio Ethics Commission that the deadline to file is July 15<sup>th</sup> for anyone who served in an elected position any time during 2019-2020.

**OLD BUSINESS**~ Mr. John Peters asked about the Nuisance Abatement Board that had been brought up last meeting containing 2 citizens from each ward and the council member from that ward. He wanted to make sure they went through with that. Mrs. Biggs agreed that it was a great idea. She wanted to hear the input on issues from the public.

**SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK**

**NEW BUSINESS**~ Recap for meetings: Utility Meeting 7-20-20 6:00 PM; Service Meeting 7-20-20 7:00 PM; Christmas Decorations Meeting 7-21-20 6:00 PM; Budget Meeting 7-27-20 6:00 PM.

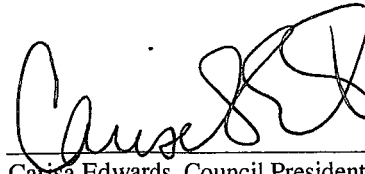
Mr. Bopp asked about the recycling bins. They are creating a big problem by the garage. They are overflowing. People are putting things in that aren't supposed to be there. They are so full; a person can't even get to them to place their recycling in them.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adjourn with a second from Mr. J. Peters. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

  
Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 7-27-20

  
Carisa Edwards, Council President

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