

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

February 10, 2020

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson City Council Chambers. President, Carisa Edwards called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. John Peters, and the prayer was given by Mrs. Biggs. 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

ACCEPTANCE OF AUDITOR'S REPORT

J. Peters
Mrs. Biggs made a motion to accept the December auditor's report with a second from Mrs. Biggs. In a voice vote all members agreed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. John Peters made a motion to amend the January 30, 2020 special meeting minutes to include Resolution 01-20 Duly Adopted. Mr. Ryan Peters seconded the motion. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. Ryan Peters made a motion to amend the January 27, 2020 regular meeting minutes; under Resolution 01-20, to read: In a voice vote to adopt the results were ambiguous. Mr. John Peters seconded the motion. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. Ryan Peters made a motion to approve the amended regular meeting minutes from January 27, 2020, as well as, the special meeting minutes from January 29, 2020, and the amended minutes from January 30, 2020, with a second from Mr. John Peters. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. John Peters made a motion with a second from Mrs. Biggs for council to use Ordinance 64-17 as the council rules of order until such time as the committee (John Peters, Debbie Biggs, Marva Colby) can make amendments and submit the rules of order to council for approval. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mrs. Biggs made a motion asking President Edwards to declare an emergency committee meeting to be held following the regular council meeting tonight (2-10-20). The purpose to be: discuss any amendments and effects council only.

Mr. John Peters seconded this motion. In a voice vote all members agreed.

President Edwards called this emergency meeting for the ad hoc council rules committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY~ Mr. John Peters said there will be a meeting this Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 with the primary focus being electricity. The Service Director will be there, as well as, the electric department superintendent, and billing supervisor.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ Mrs. Biggs said there will be 2nd meeting scheduled soon.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ No Report

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SERVICE (STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS, & GROUND) ~ meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, February 12th at 7:15. Mr. Ryan Peters said they will discuss Ord. 83-89 on alarm systems; 54-95 historical buildings; and cemetery fees. He would like for the public to attend.

JAIL COMMITTEE~ No Report

CITY AUDITOR- Administration has been looking at the budget. There are several accounts that haven't been used in 20 years. There are several ordinances to be read tonight that will zero out these line items so the money will be appropriated back to the correct fund and then can be used where needed.

CITY ATTORNEY~ n/a

POLICE CHIEF~ Call records are down for January. Incident reports and crashes are pretty close to the same as last year. Chief Potter says there is a lot going on right now and he respectfully asks the citizens and public to stay patient as they try to stay up on things.

MAYOR~ Mayor Evans said the Board of Control will continue to meet at 9:00 A.M. each morning as needed.

He would like to congratulate the Jackson Downtown Association on last Thursday's Chocolate Walk. He was made aware by some merchants that overgrown trees have caused sidewalks and bricks to raise and cause trip hazards. A tree trimming group has been contacted about getting rid of these trees.

They have several bids in now on the Parkview to Main St. sewer project. He hopes to have that determined and bring it to the next meeting.

He is meeting this Friday with John Carey, from the Governor's Office of Appalachia, also the director of OVRDC (Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission) about future grants.

He is currently working on the budget. This has been Mr. Swackhammer's main priority. He has been working with Tom Woltz and Brett and his office. The budget should be ready in the next week or so.

He will be meeting with the city's rec ball team coordinator. It will be baseball/softball season soon.

There is a seat on council to be filled. There is an interested individual, a republican, here tonight representing the 4th ward. His name is Tony Castina.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR~ We completed our department reviews of the electric and fire departments. We met with Jones-Stephenson about our insurance policy as it is coming up for a policy renewal mid-year. Budget planning has been the big focus for the last 2 weeks. He thanks the auditor and the superintendents. They had to provide a new budget and have done a great job. He said they currently have a great plan-trial balance. And plan to present this to Mrs. Biggs on Thursday morning.

He has provided a page with the surcharges from Rumpke that should answer our questions from the last meeting.

Mr. Swackhammer also included Section 4.23 Chain of Command. He asks that council direct their questions/assignments to him as the service director rather than to the individual department. He will then

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contact the supervisor of that department as needed. This is in the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manuel.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 02-20

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN VARIOUS FUNDS AS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THESE FUNDS TO CLOSE OUT EACH FUND.

First Reading

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

Mr. John Peters asked about the line items for the McCarty Lane for the sanitary sewer funds. This also paid for pavement because it was in the roadway. The road is already deteriorating. He is concerned if we removed this money, where will we get the money to fix this road. Mayor Evans said he is aware of this problem and feels this is a warranty issue and plans to address that particular situation. Mrs. Biggs said this is a significant amount of money. Where are we going to get money for paving? For example: Broadway St. Can we use this money for Broadway? Mr. Reed said we are just moving money to the account where it should go and then council can pull it at a later date as they feel it is needed.

ORDINANCE 03-20

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SURETY BOND AMOUNTS FOR THE CITY AUDITOR, CITY TREASURER AND DIRECTOR OF THE LILLIAN JONES MUSEUM AS REQUIRED BY OHIO LAW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Reading

Mr. John Peters made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second from Mr. Ryan Peters. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mrs. Biggs asked shouldn't other ordinances be repealed before adopting another one? Ordinance 6-95 hasn't been repealed. Mr. Reed said that he was asked to come up with numbers for this meeting. His insurance amount is up to one million because of his ability to transfer money. The treasurer does deposits so he is covered up to \$125,000 and the Lillian Jones Museum Director is \$5,000. The rest of the city workers are covered by the city policy.

Mr. Ryan Peters said they should talk to Mr. Kirby about replacing and repealing at the same time since this is only the first reading. Mr. Ryan Peters made a motion with a second by Mrs. Biggs, to amend Ordinance 03-20 for the next meeting by changing the verbiage to cover any city employee by the city policy and to repeal Ordinance 06-95. In a voice vote all members agreed.

ORDINANCE 04-20

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OR REIMBURSING THE GENERAL FUND AND CLOSING ACCOUNTS FOR COMPLETED PROJECTS.

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Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second from Mr. Ryan Peters. In a voice vote all members agreed.

ORDINANCE 05-20

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM VARIOUS WATER DEPARTMENT PROJECT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE WATER FUND AND CLOSING ACCOUNTS FOR COMPLETED PROJECTS

First Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote all members agreed.

ORDINANCE 06-20

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM VARIOUS SEWER DEPARTMENT PROJECT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE SEWER FUND AND CLOSING ACCOUNTS FOR COMPLETED PROJECTS.

First Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote all members agreed.

ORDINANCE 07-20

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 AN AUTOMATIC MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second from Mr. John Peters. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. John Peters said we have an existing codified mutual aid agreement. Codified Ord. 129.02 reflects Ord. 10-72. Do we need to repeal it or is this a 2nd type mutual aid? Mr. Swackhammer said the State Fire Marshall recommends 11. We have trouble getting 11. This would automatically dispatch on structure fires only. The way it is now, the local fire department would get there and assess before calling mutual aid. Usually by the time this is done and the aid gets there the structure is lost. With this agreement in place, when the alarm sounds for the local FD, it would also sound for the mutual aid as well.

Mrs. Biggs said some homeowner's insurance policies ~~will~~ ^{may} give you a discount because of mutual aid.

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RESOLUTION 02-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO JOHN T. COURTNEY dba COURTNEY & ASSOCIATES PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Second Reading

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

BIGGS	yes
COLBY	yes
COLL	yes
FOSTER	yes
J PETERS	yes
R PETERS	yes

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution, and the results are below:

BIGGS	yes
COLBY	yes
COLL	yes
FOSTER	yes
J PETERS	yes
R PETERS	yes

Resolution 02-20 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION 05-20

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL FOR A GRANT OF \$15,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL FIRE GEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Reading

Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second by Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote all members agreed.

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BIGGS	yes
COLBY	yes
COLL	yes
FOSTER	yes
J PETERS	yes
R PETERS	yes

Resolution 05-20 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDANCE~ n/a

OLD BUSINESS~ Mr. John Peters asked where we are on our search for a law director. There was discussion amongst the members on the need for a full time elected law director.

Mr. John Peters said we are down to 10 months with the Goodyear lawsuit.

Mr. Coll said that Mr. Kirby said they are willing and able to take on that lawsuit. He said that he and the mayor had met with the insurance company and we have a liability insurance policy that should cover this. Mr. Coll started to speak about contractual information; President Edwards said that material would need to be discussed in an executive session.

Mrs. Biggs asked the mayor to contact the insurance and see if they would represent us rather than Mr. Kirby.

Mrs. Biggs also asked about going to the class for new council members. Mayor Evans said the clerk or president needed to organize it for all members to go.

Mr. Ryan Peters asked again about meters and solar. Mr. Swackhammer said he did look into it and would get the information to him.

Mr. John Peters asked for clarification again about the insurance amount from the board of control meeting.

Mr. Coll asked again about people not being able to hear us and if the microphone situation had been worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. John Peters said he would like to read the rules about emergency meetings and special meetings.

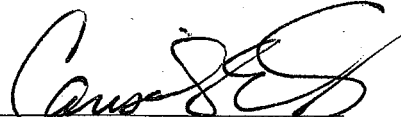
Mrs. Biggs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM.


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date

2-24-20


Carisa Edwards, Council President

Date

2-24-2020