

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

February 28, 2022

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2022. The pledge was led by Mr. Bopp, and the prayer was given by Mr. Ondera. 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

President Fulks thanked Mr. Peters for filling in for him at the last meeting.

VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS ~ None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Mr. Bopp made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 14, 2022 with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ No Report

- Mr. Foster said some of the residents have commented that the water pressure has been low on Redondo Drive. Mr. Swackhammer said they are aware of it. It has been identified as one of the project items. They are looking for an alternative. It is going to require easements to get the water where it needs to go. It is on the priority list.

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC

- Businesses commented on the Bridge St./Main St. corner. The sign that directs cars to stop back farther could use the white stripe there as well. When the cars do not stop back at the sign, it causes the semi-trucks to have to go up on the curb to make the turn and it is taking out the concrete.
- Civil Service meeting, Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:30PM. Still working on filling the Fire Chief Assistant and the Police Chief positions.
- Today, two trucks were out in the alleys doing cold patch and gravel.
- Fire Dept. still looking for recruits.

SERVICE COMMITTEE ~ Mr. Peters asked if administration had met with Rumpke. Mr. Swackhammer said they have a meeting set with Nick Rupert for this week.

POLICE CHIEF ~ Received an email from Mr. Matchett that the rest of council received regarding the traffic speeds on SR 776 in town. He had his officers go during three different time periods throughout the day to gauge the speeds of cars. They clocked 185 cars, and the top speed was 37 at two time periods and 42 at one time period during the day. Chief Hinsch said there haven't been any accidents there in the last five years. He said they can add signs if people really want them. He does not know if it will make a difference.

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CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ No Report

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report.

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

MAYOR

- Mayor Evans elaborated on the Redondo Drive water issue. He said the water pressure has always been low in that area. However, it seems to have become worse, recently. They are working on a short-term solution to get it back to where it was before. They are also working on a long-term solution.
- Civil Service Committee consists of three relatively new members that he appointed. They are going through the process to appoint the new Police Chief and the new Assistant Fire Chief. These positions are filled currently with interim chiefs. There are several rules they are trying to work through. ORC Rules, City Ordinances, and the Civil Service Commission Rules. They are going to fill these permanently, but want to do it the correct way.
- Visitors & Conventions Meeting, Monday, March 7th at 5:00PM.
- Big Red Diamond Club still has three sign ups left for spring baseball/softball. Tues/Thurs this week 6:00-8:00PM; Saturday 10:00AM-12:00PM. They have 200 kids signed up already. Mayor Evans said Travis Ruckel and Tony Castina work hard and do a great job for the kids and the community.

SERVICE/SAFETY DIRECTOR

- Mr. Swackhammer said the Big Red Diamond Club put in new dugouts at one of the fields since last season. The materials for these were purchased. However, the labor was donated by Mayor Evans. He thanked the mayor personally for this.
- Mr. Swackhammer asked that the residents of the city use proper protocol when hauling in dirt, trees, etc., or removing anything from their properties. A lot of the city is in a flood plain, and need to have proper flood plain permits for these.
- Mr. Peters asked about the water that appears to be coming through the pavement between Harris St. and Gay St. and by Rowdy's. The water is running down the new concrete there. He asked if we have investigated where that water is coming from. Mayor Evans said the city water crew has looked into this. It is ground water. They put in a French drain to try to help the water issue near Rowdy's. It has helped some, but there are no storm drains there to tie into.
- Mr. Crabtree said he had some members of the community ask him about the Hyper Reach Alert System. The warnings and calls have been excessive during the recent weather. Can this be adjusted or is it an "all" or "none" type of program. Chief Hinsch said we are part of the system and access it as needed if we need to send out a message. It is controlled by EMA. He said he will look into it, and see if he can find out more information about this. Mr. Peters said that he was able to turn off the text alerts and only get emails. This has helped. Mr. Crabtree thought the people he was referring to were getting these calls to their landline all throughout the night.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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ORDINANCE NO. 04 – 22

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 305.03, 305.04 AND 305.05 GOVERNING TRAFFIC CONTROL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

Mr. Peters said he felt there should be a list created a posted somewhere for anyone interested in wanting access to the list of one ways, stop signs, etc.

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 04-22 Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 05-22

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 945.07 AND 945.072 GOVERNING FRANCHISE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORT OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH OR OTHER WASTE MATERIAL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

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 05-22 Duly Adopted

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ORDINANCE NO 07-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING REGULATION TEXT IN CHAPTER II ADDING A NEW "O" DISTRICT FOR OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, AND MUSEUMS.

Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 08- 22

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING ZONING REGULATION TEXT IN CHAPTER II REGARDING ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, CHAPTER IV REGARDING RESIDENTIAL CONVERSIONS AND CHAPTER IX REGARDING DEFINITION OF THE MOBILE HOME.

Second Reading

Mr. Peters said this does not have an emergency clause. We are moving into spring where these type of structures are in season. Our next meeting is mid-March. If passed then, it would still be 30 days before it took effect putting it into mid-April. He felt we needed to suspend the rules to implement as soon as possible.

Mr. Peters made a motion with a second from Mrs. Colby to suspend the rules. 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 08-22 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 06-22

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO

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FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR FUNDING OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mayor Evans said this is just to apply for the grant. Traci is working on this to get roadwork implemented. Looking at either Pearl St. or Portsmouth St. This would be free additional money for paving. The deadline is March 25th. Would like to suspend and pass tonight.

Mr. Bopp made a motion with a second from Mr. Foster to suspend the rules. 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
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 6-22 Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 07-22

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT BOARD 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.

Mayor Evans said that council approves his appointees. These three will be joined by six others that are appointed by the County Commissioners. This group forms the Community Improvement Board that meets and decides how to spend the 1/2 % sales tax passed back in 1987 that is to be used on infrastructure repairs in townships, villages, & municipalities.

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Mr. Ondera made a motion with a second from Mr. Bopp to suspend the rules. 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
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 7-22 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE ~ None

OLD BUSINESS ~ None

SIGNED IN TO SPEAK ~ None

NEW BUSINESS~

- Mr. Swackhammer said the city is trying to move forward with getting everything electronic. Still have a huge portion of old legislation that is only on paper copy. Need Council's support to have either the clerk or GeoPro to work on collecting, scanning, and placing this on the city's website. They currently go back to 2006 on the website. Will also look into which ones have been codified and which have not.
- Mr. Peters expressed concern for the cost, since Council's budget is not very large to begin with. Mr. Reed said the cost would be allocated through some other funds besides council.
- Mr. Peters made a motion to explore how best to handle getting the documents electronic. Mr. Newkirk seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.
- Mr. Peters said he talked to the city's IT person, Tom Thacker about decreasing the amount of paper used at council meetings. He has mentioned before to council about having Chromebooks or some type of electronic devices to view the information for council meetings, to decrease on paper, toner, time, etc. Might have some other funding – Covid funds possibly.
 - Mr. Swackhammer asked if he meant there would be one location that everyone would have access too, to view the information for the meetings.
 - Mr. Peters said yes. Just streamline the process.
 - President Fulks said he has spoken to Mr. Peters about this, and feels we will likely have a work meeting to move forward on this in the near future.

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Mr. Peters made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of: Reviewing Contract Negotiations and to also: Conference with an Attorney for Personnel Matters. He asked everyone to stay that was at the table. Mr. Bopp seconded the motion. 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

Motion Carried.

Council entered executive session at 7:47PM

Mr. Peters made a motion to resume regular session, with a second from Mr. Newkirk. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Council resumed regular session at 8:15PM.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM


Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk


Dan Fulks, President

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