

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

*Minutes From*

October 24, 2022

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

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Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 24, 2022. The pledge and prayer were 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

**VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS**~ Mayor Evans gave a shout out to the local Chamber of Commerce for the rebuilding they are doing in the City of Jackson. They recently had a huge Trunk-or-Treat event that was wildly successful and a ribbon cutting for a new business on Huron St.

**SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK**~ None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**~ Mr. Newkirk made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 4, 2022 with a second from Mrs. Colby. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY** ~ No Report

**BUDGET & FINANCE**~ No Report

**SERVICE COMMITTEE** ~No Report

**CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER**~ Coming to the end of the audit. First one since passing of the Deputy Auditor. Lots of Ordinances in the packet tonight. Administration has been taking a different approach to payroll.

**CITY ATTORNEY**~ No Report

**FIRE CHIEF**~ No Report

**POLICE CHIEF** ~ Written Stat sheet for August in packets. Have been very busy. Been able to cover it all. Have hired a lot of new officers, lot of growth. The Chief feels they are doing a fine job. The stats sheets might be appearing to be higher than normal, but they are actually back to the levels in 2017-2019 before Covid.

**MAYOR**~

- Mitchell to Wood St. Project is underway.
- Recently taken bids on the Water and Sewer Project. We had favorable bids to a contractor that we have used before. Those are with the attorney for review currently.

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- E. Broadway resurfacing project has started. They are cutting out parts of the road and replacing them down deep.
- High St. Bridge project is on a hold. One of the main beams was damaged when bringing it in to Jackson. It clipped a pole on Main/Bridge St. damaging the pole and the beam. They have to remake the beam. Do not have a date yet on when that will be completed.
- Main St. & 139 paving is almost done. Still doing a few curb and sidewalk repairs.
- Signal project is almost done. However, some of the sidewalks and curbs cannot be finished until the new poles come in. We do not have a date on when they are coming in.
- Trick or Treat 5:30-7:00PM on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> in Wellston, Jackson, Coalton, and Oak Hill.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR~**

- Will be doing hydrant flushing. Water will be discolored. Starting this Wednesday for 4 weeks. From South St. to the north part of the city.
- Mayor's Orchard – planted 13 Apple Trees. Planted these during the Apple Festival.
- Fairmount Cemetery mowing. Bids range from 188k to 328k.
- Lots of ordinances tonight on payroll. Didn't carry an excess in these line items because of contract negotiations this year. We knew we would need to come back with increase requests.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 50-22**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, FUEL AND CHEMICAL EXPENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Second Reading**

Mr. Ondera asked about the money for Professional Services. Mr. Swackhammer said this is for Landfill cost with Rumpke, trucking firm that takes to Rumpke, and Alloway the lab service. A Rumpke bill is coming due that needs paid.

No further action was taken on this ordinance at the time.

**ORDINANCE NO. 52-22**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE WATER UTILITY: SALARIES AND WAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

Mr. Reed said Ordinances 52-56 need passed tonight. These are all payroll including OPERS, wages, insurance, ect.

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Mr. Ondera made a motion to suspend the rules, with a second from Mr. Newkirk. 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 52-22 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE 50-22**

Mr. Newkirk made a motion to suspend the rules and bring Ordinance 50-22 back to the table. Mr. Ondera 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

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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 50-22 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE NO. 53-22**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE CEMETERY:  
SALARIES AND WAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

We had an ordinance to move \$20,000 for contract help with the cemetery. We let this Ordinance die because the contract did not work out. We not need to move this money into wages to finish paying cemetery workers for the remainder of the season.

Mr. Ondera made a motion to suspend the rules, with a second from Mr. Newkirk. 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

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Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
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**Ordinance 53-22 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE NO. 54-22**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ELECTRIC FUND:  
SALARIES AND WAGES 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.

IT Contract for Tom Thacker to finish out the year for his wages. Utility –Cash in and other increases.

Mr. Newkirk made a motion to suspend the rules, with a second from Mr. Crabtree. 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 54-22 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE NO. 55-22**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE SEWER FUND:  
SALARIES AND WAGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Settlement amount for the person who previously ran the sewer. Additional person was hired for sewer. IT Contract for Tom Thacker.

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 Ordinance, and the results are as follows:

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

**Ordinance 55-22 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE NO. 56-22**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE WATER FUND:  
SALARIES AND WAGES 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.

IT Contract for Tom Thacker.

Mr. Crabtree 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

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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 56-22 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE NO. 57-22**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PURCHASED  
POWER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

The amount of electric that we have bought and sold is more than we budgeted for this year. Need to purchase more to sell for the remainder of the year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 44-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND  
SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE FROM BRIDGEPORT  
EQUIPMENT & TOOL OF A JOHN DEERE 5125M POWRQUAD THROUGH THE STATE OF  
OHIO PURCHASE CONTRACT PROGRAM FOR A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$88,749.60 AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

Mr. Swackhammer explained that we did a lot more mowing this year at Hammertown Lake. In the past people have offered to mow for the hay. This year the city did it. The 2-wheel drive tractor that we have is unsafe and too small for this area. We have leased a larger one on many occasions. It has gotten expensive and we will have spent as much as purchasing a new one in a couple of years. We can buy one that will last us 10-20 years. We are getting it at the state price. The 2-wheel drive will be kept and used for flat areas such as the bike path.

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The quote that we have has expired. Mr. Swackhammer will contact them tomorrow about getting this same price extended.

**RESOLUTION NO. 45-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO FILE A LETTER OF INTEREST AND, IF ELIGIBLE, AN APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

This TAP Grant is for connecting school, park, and community areas. For non-motor type vehicles, bikes, or walking. Would like to put sidewalks on Huron St. where there are none and near the YMCA, and improve the ones by the library. October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Mr. Crabtree 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 Resolution, and the results are as follows:

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

**Resolution 45-22 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION NO. 46-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**



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

The BRIC Grant from Fema is for applying for excess money in the event there was leftover money from a state emergency.

Mr. Ondera made a motion to suspend the rules, with a second from Mr. Crabtree. 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 46-22 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JACKSON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP.**

**First Reading**

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

The city has supported the JCEDP in the past. This is a renewal. Needs to be approved because the old agreement is expiring.

Mr. Peters made a motion to amend the resolution to add the verbiage for the emergency clause. Mr. Ondera seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

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Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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

**Resolution 47-22 Duly Adopted**

**CORRESPONDENCE~ None**

**OLD BUSINESS~ None**

**NEW BUSINESS~** Mr. Swackhammer said we need a determination about what Council wants to do with the mowing at the cemetery for 2023. Do we want to contract to outside agency? The cemetery tax levy brings in about \$188,000 and the annual sales are around \$120,000.

If we subcontract it outside of the city. We would need to issue layoff notices. Those workers would have bumping rights. Some clerical work would have to be figured out. There is a supervisor, two skilled workers, and 8-10 seasonal workers.

The mayor said we have not subbed out our garbage in the city because we feel other companies would not do as well as our city workers. He feels subbing this out will give the citizens better service.

Mr. Ondera said getting enough seasonal workers has been a problem for the city for several years, and this looks to continue.

The mayor said hiring more full time employees to operate the cemetery is a problem. The levy does not bring in enough money. The only down side to contracting it out, is doing away with jobs.

Council asked for the specifics on the bids. Mr. Swackhammer said there were three bids. He will email this information to council members and will discuss at our next meeting.

Mr. Crabtree asked about getting a stop sign or the words STOP painted on the road at Jackson Square. He said the white bar that goes across means stop, but he has seen several near collisions there because people aren't stopping. The mayor and service director said this is private property and the city can't do anything with that.

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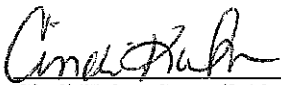
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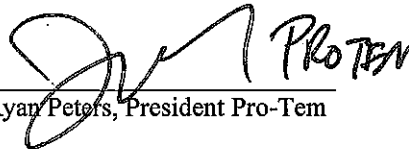
The 4-way signs are up along with red flashing lights at Huron and Burlington. David and South Streets are coming next.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 PM



Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk



Ryan Peters, President Pro-Tem

Date 11-14-22

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