

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

April 10, 2023

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2023. The pledge was led by Mr. Bopp 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. Elliott -- Present
- Mrs. Colby -- Present
- Mr. Peters -- Present
- Mr. Newkirk - Present
- Mr. Crabtree - Present
- Mr. Bopp -- Present

VISITORS/RECOGNITIONS~ Mayor Evans recognized the new Apple Festival Queen and her court. Abby Plants is the new queen. First Attendant is Kylie Duncan, and second attendant is Deonna Huston.

The Mayor also introduced the city's newest employee, Chance Dearth. He was hired to fill the IT/GIS position that council approved.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~ None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 27, 2023 with a second from Mr. Newkirk. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY ~ No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE~ No Report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC~ No Report

SERVICE COMMITTEE ~ No Report

CITY AUDITOR/ TREASURER~ Mr. Reed said there is one ordinance tonight. This will greatly simplify the accounting process by having only one account for utility deposits. Rates are not changing. This just helps with accounting.

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

POLICE CHIEF ~ No Report

MAYOR~

- Council was given a tentative list of paving for 2023. If bids are favorable, the entire list will be completed. If not, some will have to be removed. The bids are due by the end of the month. Mayor Evans had a map if anyone wanted to look at it.

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The mayor's executive assistant, Traci Plants, was present for the Apple Festival Queen introductions, so she gave the update on the projects. She is the project coordinator and grant writer for the city.

- Mitchell to Wood Sewer Project wrapped up last week. They worked on the punch list items last week. Still have some site restoration left.
- The new sewer camera is being used to perform the inspections of the lines.
- Mill St. Sewer Project – Progress meeting on site this week with the engineer and contractor.
- Identified seven miles of streets to pave.
- Hillcrest Park – improving the basketball courts and the parking lots, and adding additional parking.
- Community Grant Program - Received State Planners to help develop projects so they are ready for applications in the fall.
- Pearl St. – Next Wednesday, ODOT will be doing core sampling for the paving they will be doing via a grant. They have asked the city to control traffic from 9:00AM-3:00PM.

SERVICE DIRECTOR~

- April 28th Arbor Day Festivities at the Mayor's Orchard at noon. Tree commission will also be passing out trees and be visiting the elementary schools.
- Still need seasonal help. Have revised the posting to allow for weekend work if people are interested in working but cant during the week.
- Mr. Peters asked what the process was for people on Mill St. wanting sewer hookup. Mr. Swackhammer said it is the normal tap process. Five have already hooked up. It is \$1,000 for the tap plus the cost for the contractor to hook up from the main to the house.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 21-23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 919.03 REGARDING THE METHOD OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE UNIFIED UTILITY DEPOSIT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

This will establish one account for the deposits paid for the utilities by customers. Customers pay a deposit for water, sewer, trash, and electric. When those are refunded to customers, they have to write four checks. This will simplify the accounting process.

Mr. Peters 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:

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Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes

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Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

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Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 21-23 Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~ None

OLD BUSINESS~ None

NEW BUSINESS~


- The Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance to Mr. Kidd for his fence project on the corner of Burlington and Huron Streets.
- Mr. Newkirk said he has complaints from residents from Morton St. He said there are many that are disabled or blind and the sidewalks are in bad shape there. Mr. Swackhammer said the sidewalks on both sides are bad and they don't go all the way to the apartments on the one side. We have discussed this before, but the ordinance needs changed if we are going to use city funds for this. The ordinance says the homeowner must be responsible for their sidewalk and has certain stipulations on the sidewalk. Mr. Peters asked if this was ORC or local. Mr. Kirby said this was our local ordinance. Mr. Peters said he would take on this for the service committee. We have discussed this for a long time with no resolution to it. He said he would meet with administration and then bring it back to council. The mayor said we have been very focused on fixing the streets, but want to also fix the sidewalks. He feels as long as we have the income tax the city should repair the sidewalks and make them look uniform.
- Mr. Newkirk said there is a big hole collecting water on High St/Wood Ave.

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 PM


 Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 4/24/23


 Dan Fulks, President

Date 4/24/2023

