

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

August 28, 2023

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 2023. The pledge was led by Mr. Crabtree 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 introduced a new full-time city employee, Caleb Storms. He worked as a seasonal worker this summer in the street and alley department, and will now be a full-time skilled laborer.

He also announced the retirement of a long time employee, Tom Woltz. Tom has been with the city for 19 years. The administration has relied heavily on him, and he will be greatly missed.

Mayor Evans also, announced the return of Tonia Hatten to our Board of Zoning Appeals Committee. She used to be a city employee, and was previously on this board. He is glad to have her back.

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK~ None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES~ There was a correction to the minutes. On page 3, the Ordinance heading was that of Ordinance 40-23 instead of Ordinance 43-23. The clerk made the corrections. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the amended minutes, with a second from Mr. Peters. 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~ No Report

CITY ATTORNEY~ No Report

FIRE CHIEF~ No Report

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POLICE CHIEF ~ No Report

MAYOR~

- Have applied for a couple more grants. Hoping to be awarded a grant to do a sewer-lining project on Main St. where they will be replacing some manholes.

SERVICE DIRECTOR~

- Will be working on the Trago St. Project. That neighborhood will be torn up, and the middle school drop off and pick up lines may be changed. Parents will need to stay tuned for closed streets through that area.
- Monday, September 4th is a City Holiday. Trash pick-up will be on Tuesday.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 39-23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 49-22 THAT PREVIOUSLY VACATED A PORTION OF WEST CIRCLE DRIVE.

Third Reading

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the Ordinance, and the results are as follows:

Foster	Yes
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 39-23 – Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 43-23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 721 REGARDING TAXICABS.

Second Reading

No Further Action was taken on this Ordinance.

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ORDINANCE NO. 48-23

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

The clerk informed council these were the state and local changes that needed adopted for the 2nd quarter of 2023. Mr. Swackhammer said there were a lot of changes that would affect the police department, so they should probably take a look at them.

Mr. Peters 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
Elliott	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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 48-23 – Duly Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 49-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE ANNUALLY FOR SALE AND TO SELL TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER THE RECYCLABLE SCRAP METAL OWNED BY THE CITY BUT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, PURSUANT TO R.C. SECTION 721.15 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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Mr. Swackhammer said this is the process that AEP uses. Would like to put this up for a bid for a one-year contract. That way the city doesn't have to have individual auctions each time they get a set amount.

No Further Action was taken on this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-23

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE AND SAFETY DIRECTOR
TO EXCHANGE AN ATV USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A NEW ATV
BETTER SUITED FOR USE BY THE CITY, PURSUANT TO R.C. SECTION
721.15 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

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

The Jackson Firefighters Association purchased an ATV on a golf cart frame and donated it to the city for our fire department use. It isn't what we need. They want to purchase a better one and donate it to the city with the understanding that when they do, we will give back the previous one they donated so they can sell it, and recoup some of their money.

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

Foster	Yes
Elliott	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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 50-23 – Duly Adopted

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ORDINANCE NO. 51-23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 311.02 REGARDING STREET USE, PARADES, AND ASSEMBLAGES.

First Reading

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

There has been an issue with streets being blocked off for remodels etc. Mr. Swackhammer wanted to make this ordinance clearer to residents.

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:

Foster	Yes
Elliott	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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Ordinance 51-23 – Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 35-23

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC., FOR LANDFILL SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

No Further Action was taken on Resolution 35-23

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RESOLUTION NO. 38-23

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE
CONTRACTS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION WHICH ARE
NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE COUNTY ROAD 76 RESURFACING**

PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

First Reading

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

We received this grant. Need council approval to accept it. This will pave from Westview Elementary School to the city limits.

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

Foster	Yes
Elliott	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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 38-23 – Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 39-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO
TO ACCEPT THE BID OF SOUTHERN OHIO TRENCHING AND EXCAVATING, INC., IN
AN AMOUNT OF \$1,233,345.00 FOR THE MILL STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT
PROJECT PHASE 3 AS IT WAS THE LOWEST AND BEST RESPONSIVE BID
SUBMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

This is the third final phase. It encompasses remaining homes with old sewer lines to replace them. SOTE's bid was below the engineering estimate.

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

Foster	Yes
Elliott	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
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 39-23 – Duly Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 40-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE BID OF STOCKMEISTER ENTERPRISES, INC., IN AN AMOUNT OF \$186,617.00 FOR THE HAMMERTOWN LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS IT WAS THE LOWEST AND BEST RESPONSIVE BID SUBMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

There were two bidders. This one came in below the engineering estimates.

Mr. Peters 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:

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A roll call vote was taken to adopt the Resolution, and the results are as follows:

Foster	Yes
Elliott	Yes
Colby	Yes
Peters	Yes
Newkirk	Yes
Crabtree	Yes
Bopp	Yes

Resolution 40-23 – Duly Adopted

CORRESPONDENCE~None

OLD BUSINESS~ The Ordinance from Wellston regarding deer hunting within the city is in the packets. This had been brought up at the last meeting. This is for everyone to review and discuss in the future if desired.

Mr. Peters asked if anything had been determined about the railroad crossing on 788. Mr. Swackhammer said ODOT didn't get a variance for this crossing. There are buildings and a fence there causing line of sight issues. He has asked them to take a 2nd look.

Mr. Bopp asked if Columbia Gas is responsible for paving where they have torn up the streets so badly. Mr. Swackhammer said they are only responsible for strip repairs. However, the city has tried to coordinate their paving so they will follow the areas that Columbia Gas has been in, so they can pave them the following paving season.

NEW BUSINESS~ There is a large water leak currently on High St by the baseball diamonds. There are crews in route to work on this.

Mr. Crabtree brought up an issue he is concerned with regarding the advertising of Kratom at the vape shops in town. There have been lawsuits filed and won in wrongful deaths of people who have used this. We have businesses advertising this, and wondered if the city could restrict their advertising of it. It is similar to an opioid and there are rehab centers for this now. Mr. Kirby said we could enforce our ordinances regarding the size of the signs or where they are located on city property.

Mr. Peters asked if in the future gas lines could be placed in the right of way instead of in the middle of the street so not to tear up paving and disrupt traffic flow. Mr. Swackhammer said there are rules on how far apart the different lines need to be water from sewer and from the gas lines. Therefore, this causes them to have to be placed out under the street in many circumstances.

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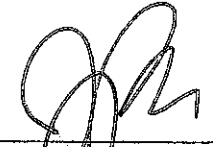
Mr. Peters made a motion, with a second from Mr. Elliott to adjourn. In a voice vote, all members agreed.
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned 7:52PM



Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 9-11-23



Ryan Peters, President Pro-Tem

Date 9/11/23

