

Village of Jacksonville Council Meeting
July 28, 2022
6:30 PM

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding and the meeting called to order at 6:30 PM. Council members present were Jay Chapman, Angela Strock, Butch Chapman, Clinton Augustine, Rachel Gratz and Gary Simons. Also present were Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell, Solicitor Andrew Grillo, Administrator Ron Rockwell, Water Operator Ron Riley and Lieutenant Floyd Conkey for the Fire Department.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to approve the June 30, 2022 Regular Council Minutes as read. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Lieutenant Floyd Conkey reported that the fire department has responded to 10 fire runs for the month of July. Conkey stated that unit 1771 has fuel and electrical issues and a coolant leak. A requisition will be submitted when he knows how much the repairs will cost. There may be one new firefighter and one junior firefighter for Council's approval at the next meeting. The department conducted driver training for the firefighters on 7/24/22. Four firefighters attended. Another driver training will be held on 7/31/22. All certified firefighters will need to complete the training. The mirror on the new truck was replaced by the Jacksonville Firefighters Association at a cost of \$1,200. Councilperson Jay Chapman asked if we could find a cheaper replacement mirror in the future. Conkey stated they are looking for a more economical solution.

Administrator Rockwell reported that he has been working on mowing and trimming throughout the Village and repaired the A/C unit for the Municipal Building saving the Village money. Rockwell has also been working on the Breathing Air System room for the Fire Department. Rockwell assisted Riley on a water leak repair.

Water Operator Riley reported that he has also been working on mowing and trimming throughout the Village and a water leak repair. The annual TTHM reports will be complete by 7/29/22. All annual samples are now complete. Riley cleared a debris from the state route from a fallen tree as well.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell presented Council with the June 2022 Monthly Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the May Financial Statements presented at the June 30, 2022 meeting. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to approve the May 2022 financial statements as presented. Seconded by Councilperson Strock. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell presented legislation to submit a grant funding application to Ohio Public Works Commission, Supplemental Appropriations to reallocate water funding between the billing department and the maintenance department and legislation prepared by Solicitor Grillo requested by Council pertaining to trash, litter, high grass and weeds. Rockwell informed Council that she is working to fulfill a public records request for a police personnel file from 2006. Rockwell reminded Council of the requirement to complete Sunshine Law training. The results of a Public Entities Pool risk assessment were provided to Council. Rockwell stated that Public Entities Pool requests a response from the Village of action that will be taken to correct the issues and ensure insurance coverage will remain effective. Rockwell reported that the Village can submit a request to the Athens County Commissioners for American Rescue Plan Act funding. This request should be submitted no later than Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Council discussed items to submit for funding including replacement spouting for the Municipal Building, awnings over the entrance doors to reduce damage to the door locks, concrete for a sidewalk extension and park equipment installation, a handicap swing at the park, vendor hookups at the park, replacement flags for the state route, replacement speed bumps, a truck to replace the small Village truck, a runabout vehicle, a gazebo and landscaping on the vacant Village lot, a bronze plaque showing the history of Jacksonville, and a brush truck for the Fire Department.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion authorizing the Mayor to submit a request for American Rescue Plan Act funding to the Athens County Commissioners. Seconded by Councilperson Gratz. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Solicitor Andy Grillo reported that he is currently working on an OVI case for the Village of Jacksonville. Grillo reported on an old Mayor's Court registration hold. The individual may or may not have paid all of the fines for the case from 2011. The Village was advised in the past that due to poor practices payments for Mayor's Court cases should no longer

be accepted. Grillo agrees and does not advise accepting money for Mayor's Court fines. Grillo stated there is a process to release the hold that may involve filing through Athens County Court. The cost for this may be up to \$250. Grillo recommended that Council motion to waive the fines for the 2011 case and he will begin the process of releasing the hold.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to waive any existing fines owed to Jacksonville and release the registration block for Mayor's Court case 11TRD103 for David Locke. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Smathers excused himself from the meeting. Council President Chapman conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Councilperson Strock reported on the July 8 Park Committee meeting. Strock stated that the Committee did not state that they were going to start charging people to use the park. The Committee discussed adding vendor hookups for electric and water and charging a fee for the use of the hookups. The electric in the shelter houses would still be available for use for free.

Councilperson Jay Chapman reported on the July 25 Fire Committee meeting. Chapman stated the Committee recommends appointing Henry and Downs as the Chief and Assistant Chief of the Fire Department.

Councilperson Butch Chapman stated the Street Committee recommends retiring the old Village truck. Fiscal Officer Rockwell asked why the truck can't be used until it breaks down. Councilperson Simons stated he is concerned for the safety of the employees using the truck. Council discussed using the truck until it breaks down and then retiring it, having the truck inspected and having the truck checked by a mechanic. Administrator Rockwell stated the truck is only used for travel inside Jacksonville corporation limits and he does not have a problem using in town. Council recommends having an ASE certified mechanic check the brakes, steering and frame of the truck to ensure it is safe to operate.

Councilperson Simons reported that a resident requested "No Engine Brake" signs be posted at both corporation limits and on State Route 13 at Ninth Street. Council discussed if an ordinance should be passed before posting the signs. Solicitor Grillo stated the signs could be placed without an ordinance.

Councilperson Butch Chapman stated there are issues with ATVs at the Grove park and it is damaging the lawn. Signs will need to be posted that ATVs are not permitted on the grass at the park. Chapman also stated that a neighboring property owner may be encroaching on the Grove park. Fiscal Officer Rockwell will request a map of the Grove property lines. Chapman would like the property lines to be marked. Conkey recommended marking them with tape and spikes. Solicitor Grillo can then send a letter to the property owner if there is an encroachment. Council would also like to install a chain link fence along the Grove park property line.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2022-23 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution 2022-23: A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the Village of Jacksonville to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required and Declaring an Emergency. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-23 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2022-24 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance 2022-24: 2022 Supplemental Permanent Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-24 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

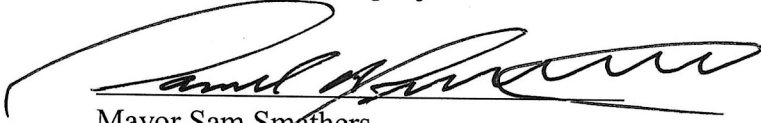
Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2022-25 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Strock. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance 2022-25: An Ordinance Regarding Disposal of Litter, Trash, Rubbish, and Waste, External Property Maintenance and the Manner in Which Notice Shall be Provided in the Village of Jacksonville, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Council and Solicitor Grillo made corrections to wording in the ordinance. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-25 with corrections. Seconded by Councilperson Strock. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2022-26 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Strock. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance 2022-26: An

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 09232015B and Setting Policy and Rules for Cutting Weeds and Declaring an Emergency. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-26 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Butch Chapman entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Strock made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49P.



Mayor Sam Smathers



Acting Mayor Butch Chapman



Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell