

Village of Jacksonville Special Council Meeting
May 13, 2022
1:00 PM

The Village of Jacksonville met in special session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding and the meeting called to order at 1:05 PM. Council members in attendance were Butch Chapman, Jay Chapman, Gary Simons, Angela Strock and Clinton Augustine. Also present were Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell, and Administrator Ron Rockwell. Water Operator Ron Riley attended the meeting virtually.

Councilperson Strock made a motion to excuse Rachel Gratz from the Special meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell requested parameters for the replacement Village truck. Water Operator Riley stated dump gate salt spreaders range from \$3,200 to \$6,000. This will be necessary for the new truck to continue using bulk salt. The existing spreader jams using bulk salt. Council agreed the truck will need to be four-wheel drive to run the snow plow. A diesel truck is preferred, but not a necessity. Council does not have a preference if the truck is new or used as long as it is a dump body truck in the range of an F350 and F550 with a dump bed and the price is within the amount agreed upon. Fiscal Officer Rockwell stated that in the current market, the Village cannot be brand loyal. Council agreed. Rockwell added that the price approved by Council should be based on the monthly payment commitment as there are many financing options available with a wide range of payment terms and interest rates. Rockwell stated that she forecasted a monthly payment of \$900 and the amount was feasible. If a truck can be purchased with a lower payment it will be done, but this is the maximum amount the Village can handle and still keep funds available for other emergencies that arise. Councilperson Strock stated she is getting question from the public of how the Village has money to do this. Rockwell explained that the Village has made cost-cutting measures over the years to recover the deficit and has built up funds and restructured expenses to work more efficiently.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to authorize the Mayor and/or Fiscal Officer to enter into a loan agreement for a replacement Village truck meeting the parameters set by Council with a maximum monthly payment of \$900. Seconded by Councilperson Augustine. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

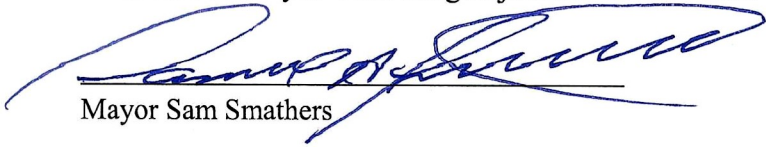
Councilperson Jay Chapman excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell reported that a grant up to \$1,000 is available through Athens County Together for community improvements with no matching funds. One member of Council will need to serve on the committee along with five community members. Councilperson Strock made a motion to approve participation in the Athens County Together grant and establish a committee for the grant. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell reported that the Tomcat Bridgebuilders grant application was submitted and the Village is awaiting a decision. Another grant opportunity is available for safety equipment up to \$1,000 with no matching funds. Councilperson Augustine made a motion to apply for the PEP+ grant. Seconded by Councilperson Strock. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Smathers entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Strock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.


Mayor Sam Smathers


Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell