

## **Village of Jacksonville Council Meeting**

**March 21, 2017**

**6:30 PM**

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Mayor McNickle presiding. Council members present were Eric Clift, Butch Chapman, Sam Smathers, Emily Swart, DJ Henry and Tom Rodgers. Also present were Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell, Fire Chief Jamie Irwin, Water Operator Kenny Shank and Water Clerk Amie Dixon.

Councilperson Smathers made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2017 regular Council meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Athens County Sheriff Rodney Smith appeared before Council to report on the results of the meeting held Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Smith stated that twenty abandoned homes in Jacksonville were vacated and secured with crime scene tape. Notices were left at the properties and they will need to be further secured by boarding up windows and doors, etc. Smith reported that since his meeting with the Mayor there have been fifteen calls for service in the Village of Jacksonville. The Athens County Sheriff's office maintains a Facebook page with information. Smith stated the Facebook page is the fastest media outlet used by the department and is updated the quickest. Council thanked Smith for the cooperation of himself and the Athens County Sheriff's Department with law enforcement coverage for the Village.

Representatives of the Old Settlers Reunion appeared before Council to inquire about the Hall Rental Fees passed at the February Council meeting. Council discussed the matter with them and an amended fee schedule was presented. Rockwell stated that a group of six individuals worked together to come up with the Hall Rental Fees schedule and the Old Settlers Reunion was simply overlooked in the process of development. The Old Settlers Reunion reported they are in need of a cheaper solution for security during the five day festival. They have contracted with law enforcement in the past to keep an eye on the booths left set up overnight.

Mayor McNickle reported that the owner of the property on Eighth Street was notified of the situation with squatters on the property. The issue has been taken care of. McNickle also reported that the vacant lot owned by the Village has been cleared of items being stored by other individuals. The lot can now be sold if the Village wishes to do so. The Mayor reported that \$600 was received by the Village as a result of the damages at the park by ATVs. McNickle reported that the Jacksonville VFW donated flags for the Village. He also reported that the CDBG grant was denied and won't be available again for two years. A Critical Infrastructure grant may be available through CDBG in the amount of \$99,000 to fix water lines in need of repair. The Village would need to match ten percent of the grant. Grant writing services would be free. The Mayor and Council discussed holding movie nights for the local kids in April and June. They also discussed holding a costumed block party in October with a DJ and other entertainment for the kids. Dates and details will be released at a later meeting. McNickle discussed the need for repairs to a section of the sidewalk that will cost approximately \$3,500. A boot drive will be performed and donations will be collected to repair the sidewalk.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to allow the Mayor to apply for Critical Infrastructure grant through the Community Development Block Grant program in the amount of \$99,000 with the Village providing \$9,900 in matching funds to repair/replace water lines in the Village. Seconded by Councilperson Chapman. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell presented Council with Permanent Appropriations Ordinance and the February Work Log.

Fire Chief Irwin reported that the CDBG grant for the fire department was not awarded this year. The MARCS radio grant was also denied. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is going to loan the fire department MARCS radios so that coverage can be provided to Burr Oak Lodge. The Capital Improvement Safety Grant awards will be announced on March 23, 2017. The FEMA grant is on hold pending the presidential budget. Irwin stated that the cleaning supplies for the Hall will be relocated to an area where everyone can access them for cleaning the Hall. Bids have been received for the surplus items. The Jacksonville Fire Department will be hosting a free Easter Bunny Breakfast on April 15, 2017 at 8AM. Irwin also reported some of the abandoned homes in the Village were marked as unsafe by the fire department. The truck that was on loan and going to be returned to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is going to be scrapped with the money being donated to the Jacksonville Fire Department.

Water Operator Kenny Shank stated that the website and Facebook page can be used to announce the completion and availability of the annual Consumer Confidence Report required by the EPA. Shank stated it would be cheaper for the Village to mail postcards with the web URL to residents rather than mail copies of the entire report. The Consumer Confidence Report should be complete by mid-June which will meet the EPA deadline of July. Shank provided a list of items that need to be amended in the water ordinance for the Village.

Councilperson Smathers reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 3, 2017. Smathers stated that the committee discussed appropriation codes changes, the procedure for approving purchase orders, establishing a tax exempt account with a new supplier, and amendments to the Hall Rental Fees. A Resolution was presented to make amendments to the Hall Rental Fees adding a clause for the Old Settlers Reunion.

Councilperson Henry reported on the Water Committee meeting held on March 16, 2017. Henry stated that the committee approved a requisition for \$1,000 to purchase water meters with money donated by the Jacksonville Eagles Club.

Councilperson Clift reported that he would like to prepare the ball field for use. Rockwell agreed to donate a bed spring to drag the field. Councilperson Henry stated they would need to look into repair or replacement of benches at the park.

Councilperson Chapman inquired about the status of the police cruiser that was sold, but never picked up by the buyer. The cruiser can be stickered by the Sheriff's Office for removal. After four hours the vehicle can be towed and the Village can remove it from the insurance policy.

Councilperson Clift asked Council to consider changes recently made to concealed carry laws allowing governments to permit concealed weapons if passed by Ordinance.

Councilperson Chapman stated that a culvert near his property was in need of replacement. He stated that during heavy rains water that should be diverted by the culvert is spilling over and running into his basement and through the living area of a home next to him. Mayor McNickle stated he would inform the Administrator of the issue and see what can be done to replace the culvert.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2017-03 and declare an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2017-03: **AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Councilperson Clift made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-03 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Smathers. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

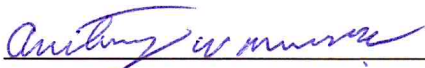
Councilperson Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2017-04 and declare an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Smathers. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2017-04: **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES OF COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Chapman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-04 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

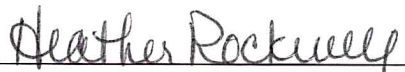
Councilperson Smathers made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2017-05 and declare an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Resolution No. 2017-05: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED HALL AND KITCHEN RENTAL FEES AS AMENDED BY VILLAGE COUNCIL AT THE MARCH 21, 2017 MEETING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Smathers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-05 retroactively effective February 22, 2017. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor McNickle entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

  
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Mayor Anthony McNickle

  
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Council Clerk Heather Rockwell