

Village of Jacksonville Council Meeting
October 11, 2018
6:30 PM

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding and the meeting being called to order at 6:30 PM. Council members present were Emily Swart, Rachel Clift and Jay Chapman. Also present were Solicitor John Haseley, Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell, and Fire Chief Jamie Irwin.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Butch Chapman and Dave Moleski from the October 11, 2018 Council meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2018 Special Council meeting and the August 23, 2018 Regular Council meeting as read. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mike Betts of Stantec appeared before Council to provide an update on the Jacksonville Water Project. One bid was received from TAM Construction. Betts recommended accepting the bid. An ARC Grant was awarded for \$250,000 for the project. Betts presented a Resolution for Council to apply for a loan through the EPA.

Frances Sayre appeared before Council to request a credit be granted on a water account that experienced a leak. Sayre stated she looked at the water ordinance and it states Council can grant a credit for hardship. Sayre stated the Village profits from the water. There were multiple leaks at the same address and the tenant, who is elderly, could not hear the leaks. The first leak was under the trailer and the second leak was at the meter and was repaired by the Village. A third leak was discovered when the meter reader was reading the meter and advised of the leak. The third leak was where the line connects to the faucet. Sayre stated she disagrees with the rule that Council only approves one leak credit per year per account. The issue was forwarded to the Water Committee for review.

Amy Simons appeared before Council to discuss the status of hiring a police officer. Councilperson Clift stated a Committee was created to discuss the matter. Clift stated that Gloucester did not appear interested in formalizing an agreement for police services. The other option would be to pass a levy. Simons was invited to be a member of the Committee. Sheriff Rodney Smith will be invited to the November meeting to discuss the matter more. Simons also stated she is having issues with ATVs, specifically, the number of riders on them, lack of proper tags and noise. Councilperson Clift stated the Council would need to review the ordinance making the Village ATV friendly. Council will also discuss local ordinance vs. State law enforcement with the Sheriff.

Paul Barrett stated the Village needs to work closely with the Sheriff. Mayor and Council should not be enforcing local laws. Barrett also discussed the great expense to provide law enforcement to residents. Village and Townships are at the bottom of the barrel for these services. Council discussed partnering with the township to provide law enforcement to residents.

Chuck Shafer stated he would like to serve on the Police Department Committee. Shafer stated that surrounding communities must ban together. Shafer stated when he spoke to the Gloucester Mayor, he was interested in meeting with Jacksonville to discuss pooling resources and adding

another officer to patrol all the communities. Shafer provided Council with photos of litter at various properties. Councilperson Swart stated the matter has been reported to the County Health Department. Shafer asked if the Mayor can enforce ordinances. Solicitor Haseley stated “no”. Haseley has already sent notices to the littered property regarding cleaning it up. Barrett stated this is a problem everywhere. Haseley recommended working closely with Mike Hooper at the Athens County Health Department.

Tony McNickle appeared before Council. He congratulated Council on the grant for the water project. McNickle asked if there would be an increase in water rates. Council stated there would not. McNickle issued complaints to Council regarding other properties that need cleaned up. McNickle stated Council should be setting an example for the town. He stated one Council member needs to mow their grass. McNickle asked if restitution was ever made for the fire hydrant that was hit. Councilperson Clift stated the individual has been in jail so no restitution has been paid. McNickle stated the fire hydrant at Sixth and State Route 13 needs replaced. McNickle stated the flags that were put up look nice but he is unhappy with the funding used to purchase them.

Sandy Bickley reported to Council that there is a telephone pole that is leaning and will fall on a house if not replaced or repaired soon. Steve Andrews stated that there are bushes and trees that need trimmed in town. They are hitting vehicles and blocking the view.

Mayor Smathers reported that Trick or Treat will be held on October 31, 2018 from 6P to 7P. A Halloween Party will be held at the firehouse immediately following trick or treat. Smathers requested an executive session to review the applications for the vacant Council seat. Smathers requested a motion to execute an agreement for construction services.

Councilperson Jay Chapman made a motion authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for construction services. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Jamie Irwin stated the grant management contract has been signed and notarized. Haseley is preparing bid specs to advertise for the SBCA grant. A resolution will be needed to sell the 1988 fire truck. Fiscal Officer Rockwell will need the VIN number of the truck to find the title before it is advertised. The fire department will need a new air compressor when the SCBAs are received. They will apply at the next grant cycle. The department is working on a grant through Workers Compensation for safety apparel and a washer and dryer for fire gear. There will be no match if the grant is awarded. Driver training is being done for the new tanker truck. As of September 30, the department took 52 runs in 2016, 67 runs in 2017 and 65 runs in 2018. No changes have been made to the fire roster.

Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell presented the August and September bank reconciliations for Council to sign. Rockwell presented the August and September financial statements and the August and September Work Logs. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the July Financial Statements presented at the August 23 meeting. Rockwell presented Council with a water adjustment for consideration and the most recent Public Defender contract with Athens County.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to approve the July Financial Statements as presented. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to execute the Public Defender Contract. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to approve a water adjustment for account 1-0856-02 for \$25.00. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Clift reported for the Parks Committee that Kal Electric will be setting poles in the park this week. Kal Electric will contact AEP to set the service.

A Village Safety Committee meeting to discuss police services was scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6:00PM.

Mayor Smathers requested that Council approve purchasing a pair of boots for Village worker Douglas Dixon. Councilperson Swart made a motion to approve \$98.95 for boots for Douglas Dixon. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to enter executive session per ORC Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment of personnel with the Mayor, Solicitor and Fiscal Officer present. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at executive session at 8:37PM.

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

Meeting resumed at 8:56PM.

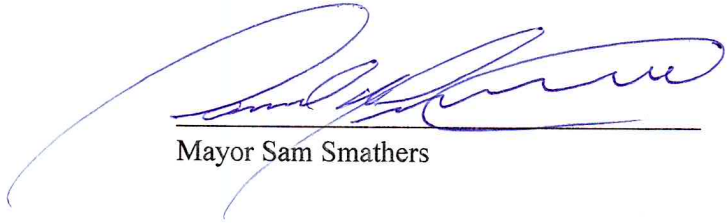
Mayor Smathers stated no decisions were made in executive session.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2018-15 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 2018-15: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF JACKSONVILLE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Swart made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-15 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.


Councilperson Clift made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2018-09 as a third reading. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. **ORDINANCE 2018-09: ORDINANCE TO VACATE ALLEY AT THE END OF TENTH STREET.** Councilperson Swart made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-09 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Smathers entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.



Mayor Sam Smathers



Council Clerk Heather Rockwell