

## **Village of Jacksonville Council Meeting**

**August 22, 2019**

**6:30 PM**

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding and the meeting called to order at 6:35 PM. Council members present were Butch Chapman, Emily Swart, Rachel Clift, Dave Moleski, and Jay Chapman. Also present were Fire Chief Brad Lowry, Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell, Administrator Todd Smith and Solicitor John Haseley.

Mayor Smathers announced that Butch Chapman was re-appointed to one of the vacant Council seats.

Councilperson Jay Chapman made a motion to appoint Butch Chapman as President of Council. Seconded by Councilperson Rachel Clift. All Council voted "yes", except Butch Chapman who abstained. Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Don Gossel, Director of the Athens County Emergency Management Agency, presented information regarding the update of the Athens County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Gossel stated the agency is working to obtain funding for eleven disaster sirens for Athens County. Gossel provided Mayor Smathers an application for a grant.

Aaron Dages of the U.S. Census Bureau appeared before Council to discuss the 2020 Census and the importance of an accurate counting of residents for funding. Dages provided a history of the U.S. Census and areas where undercounting occurred during the last Census. The population of Jacksonville according to the 2017 ACS estimate was 490. Dages encouraged the Village to form a Complete Count Committee. Dages stated that door-to-door enumerators are only sent after residents have been mailed, called and contacted online. Dages stated that information obtained through the Census is not shared with the FBI, ICE, etc. Only statistical data is shared.

Fire Chief Brad Lowry reported that the Jacksonville Fire Department applied for a FEMA grant for a compressor. If awarded, the Village's match will be \$2,454. The Jacksonville Firefighter's Association will provide \$1,500 toward the match. \$1,500 of the grant writing fees will be reimbursed if awarded. Two sets of turn out gear were ordered. The Eagles is buying a set of gear for the department also. The department is applying for a Firehouse Subs grant for \$28,000 with no match to purchase pagers and additional turn out gear. The Firefighter I training will begin August 25. The department will need to use the hall for the training every Sunday through December 15. The surplus air packs were donated to Tri-County Joint Vocational School. A Release of Liability will be provided to the department by the school. Lowry stated the new fire hydrants work great and have excellent pressure. Thirty hydrants in the Village still use the old type of connection. Lowry would like to explore upgrading the remaining hydrants. A fireman was injured during a call in Millfield involving a generator under a mobile home. The issue will be mentioned to Columbia Gas when they are working in the area. Lowry stated he will be working in New York until October, but the Village can still contact him for anything. A hydrant at the school needs to be rebuilt and a 12 inch riser needs installed.

Administrator Todd Smith reported that he will be submitting a purchase order for hot mix. He is currently working on water at the park that was cut off while the new water lines were being bored under the roadway. Councilperson Clift stated the broken picnic table at the park needs thrown away, and the slide and monkey bars need to be stored somewhere else until they are sold. Councilperson Moleski expressed concerns about the poles for the horseshoe pits. This was not an issue when the PEP risk assessor toured the park. Smith will paint the poles orange to make them more visible.



Solicitor Haseley stated that Wondell Richmond has been notified of water assessments and abandonments four times. After September 4 the amounts due will be assessed to taxes as a lien and the meters will be removed. Haseley prepared a temporary easement through November 1, 2019 for the work at the Auflick property. Haseley stated the easement included language about the work going against the contractor's recommendation to prevent future liability. Haseley will file the easement with the County Recorder. The Jeep discussed previously has been towed. Haseley drafted a letter to a resident who fell. Haseley recommended involving the Athens County Health Department to resolve issues with dumping trash and disposal of human waste on Palmer Street.

Fiscal Officer Rockwell presented Council with the June and July Bank Reconciliation for signatures, June and July Financial Statements, and July Work Log. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the May Financial Reports presented at the July 25, 2019 meeting.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to approve the May 2019 Financial Reports as presented. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Rockwell presented Council with a supplemental appropriation ordinance to reallocate funding for turn out gear, approve the lease of a postage meter and to increase funding for storm water drains. Rockwell also presented a resolution approving the 2020 amounts and rates as determined by the County Auditor. Rockwell stated that two Village phone lines will be disconnected and Orkin service will be cancelled. The Village is now able to order items from Amazon.

Councilperson Butch Chapman reported that annual lead and copper water testing is complete.

Mayor Smathers provided an update on the Phase I Water Project. Phase two of the Water Project will be starting September 16. The title for the cruiser donated by the Athens County Sheriff was received. Payment for the Trimble fire contract was received.

The Finance Committee reported on the contract for cleaning of the municipal building. The contract cannot be altered without changing the rate of pay. The Fire Department would like the allocation to be reviewed to relieve them of some of the financial burden of cleaning the building.

Councilperson Clift stated she and Councilperson Swart will pick up the donated cruiser. Rockwell will notify Clift when the cruiser is added to insurance. Council discussed allowing Smith to use the car for running errands until a police department is established.

Council discussed hours and availability of the worker to help Administrator Smith. He is available Saturday, Sunday and evenings and can work up to 29 hours per week.

Mayor Smathers requested an executive session.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to enter executive session per Ohio Revised Code section 121.22(G)(1) to discuss discipline/dismissal of a public employee with the Mayor and Solicitor present. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for executive session at 8:54P.

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

Meeting resumed at 8:59P.

No decisions were made as a result of executive session.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2019-10 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion

carried. **ORDINANCE 2019-10: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2019-3 TO REALLOCATE FUNDING IN THE FIRE FUND AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO THE WATER FUND WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL OPERATIONS OF THE VILLAGE.** Councilperson Swart made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-10 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2019-11 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 2019-11: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Moleski made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-11 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2019-12 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 2019-12: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ATHENS COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Swart made a motion to a adopt Resolution 2019-12 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Mayor Smathers entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Jay Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03PM.

  
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Mayor Sam Smathers

  
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Council Clerk Heather Rockwell