

**Village of Jacksonville Council Meeting**  
**February 14, 2019**  
**6:30 PM**

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding and the meeting called to order at 6:36 PM. Council members present were Emily Swart, Christina Ewing, Butch Chapman and Jay Chapman. Also present were Fire Chief Brad Lowry, Administrator Todd Smith, Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell and Solicitor John Haseley.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to excuse Councilpersons Dave Moleski and Rachel Clift from the February 14, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 Regular Council meeting and the January 28, 2019 Special Council meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mike Betts of Stantec Engineering appeared before Council to provide an update on the Phase I Water Project. Betts stated that Fiscal Officer Rockwell will serve as the prevailing wage coordinator for the Village during construction and regular monthly construction meetings will be held. Buckeye Hills will be available to assist during the process. Betts stated that the Phase II Water Project was ranked fourth in the region for funding and he will know in May if the project has been approved. If approved, funding would be available to begin in July. Betts also discussed the staging of the Phase I Water Project materials with Administrator Smith.

Eddie Smith of SOPEC presented legislation for electric aggregation to Council. Smith informed Council that the issue was placed on the ballot for Jacksonville residents years ago and passed. In order to join SOPEC, the Village of Jacksonville will need to hold two public hearings. SOPEC will handle preparing all public notices of the hearings and handout materials. A second piece of legislation will need to be approved once the two hearings are held. Smith explained electric aggregation to Council. All residents and small business are eligible to participate and anyone can opt-out of the program within the first 21 days of the notice that will be sent. Customers can opt-out by phone or mail. Customers can also still opt-out of the program at any time. Net metered customers can also participate.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2019-1 declaring an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. **ORDINANCE 2019-1: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO THE SOUTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL ("SOPEC") AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING SOPEC AND APPROVING THE BYLAWS OF SOPEC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Solicitor Haseley performed the Oath of Office for Fire Chief Lowry and Assistant Fire Chief Henry.

Fire Chief Lowry reported that the air packs should be received in mid-March. The Fire Department has applied for a grant for a new compressor and should know by the end of

February if it has been awarded. The total of the grant is \$49,048. The Village match is \$2,452 with a \$1,500 reimbursement for grant writing. The air pack grant has a Village match of \$4,400.

Fire Chief Lowry reported that Lisa Welsh and Butch Chapman have been added as members of the Fire Department. Assistant Chief Henry reported that the department applied for a grant through ODNR to purchase an iPad. The grant is for \$404 with \$202 reimbursed. Lowry reported that thirteen of the Fire Department members need additional training; nine members do not. A Firefighter I training is being scheduled in July. Lowry stated that the new Council meeting date conflicts with the Fire Association meetings.

Council agreed to change the regular meetings. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to hold regular Council meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30P. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

A special Council meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2019 at 6:30P to approved supplemental temporary appropriations for the upcoming grants for the Fire Department.

Council asked Lowry if he wanted to change the "one department rule". Lowry stated it is fine as is for the time being. Lowry stated the department previously advertised to sell the Suburban and received no bids. He requested Council's approval to sell the Suburban and the pumper truck.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to sell the Suburban for \$800 and the pumper truck for \$5,000 to be paid in three installments. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Administrator Smith provided two options for getting heat in the Village garage. One option is to repair the existing furnace for \$468 and the other is installing a new furnace for \$2,486. Councilperson Butch Chapman asked if money was available to replace the furnace. Rockwell stated she does not know until year end is complete. Rockwell recommended a second quote for replacing the furnace.

Administrator Smith stated the radio at the water tower is no longer working. Burr Oak is helping get quotes to repair the radio. It may cost as much as \$2,000, but should not need programmed. Councilperson Swart stated the snow removal looked good throughout town, but requested that the handicap accessible sidewalks near the stage should be cleared. Administrator Smith asked if there is a box for the Christmas Tree at the stage. The tree has also been damaged by the wind. Council stated there is no box for the tree.

Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell provided a status update on year end financial statements. Rockwell expects to have the year closed out in the next couple of weeks. Rockwell also discussed the annual Workers Compensation reporting with Council.

Council discussed a drain issue on Tenth Street. Solicitor Haseley and Council President Butch Chapman will meet on 2/15/19 to review the issue.

Solicitor Haseley reported that the issue with a resident installing a fence seems to be resolved. Councilperson Butch Chapman will verify that the water meter is still accessible. Council discussed an issue with dogs at a residence. Chapman will contact the dog warden regarding checking on the well-being of the dogs.

Mayor Smathers thanked everyone who attended the Buckeye Hills Regional Council meeting for their support of the Phase II Water Project.

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 8:02PM.



Acting Mayor Butch Chapman



Council Clerk Heather Rockwell