

Village of Jacksonville Council Meeting
January 15, 2019
6:30 PM

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Council President Butch Chapman presiding and the meeting called to order at 6:31 PM. Council members present were Emily Swart, Rachel Clift, Christina Ewing, Butch Chapman, Dave Moleski and Jay Chapman. Also present were Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell and Solicitor John Haseley.

Councilperson Moleski made a motion to nominate Butch Chapman for Council President for 2019. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes" except Councilperson Butch Chapman who abstained.

Councilperson Moleski made a motion for Butch Chapman to serve as Council President for 2019. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Council President Butch Chapman accepted the role of Council President and thanked Council.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2018 Regular Council meeting with a correction. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Council President Chapman reported on behalf of Mayor Smathers that a representative from Public Entities Pool visited to perform a risk assessment. The representative suggested that some of the playground equipment at the park be removed. The representative also suggested "No wading or swimming" signs be posted near the creek at the park and that mulch be placed around the playground equipment. Mayor Smathers is looking into grant funding for the mulch. The representative also indicated that some Village fire extinguishers are expired and need replaced.

Chapman reported that the Sixth Street is 41 feet wide and the speed bumps requested by Council come in 6 foot sections. Mayor Smathers is obtaining quotes for the speed bumps and street signs requested by Council.

Chapman requested, on behalf of Mayor Smathers, that future regular Council meetings be held on the second Thursday of each month. Council agreed to change the regular Council meetings to the second Thursday of each month at 6:30P.

Chapman reported that Mayor Smathers requested Village Administrator Todd Smith take down the Christmas decorations, tree and flags in the Village.

Chapman reported that he and Solicitor Haseley are working on resolving property tax issues regarding the trailer donated to the Village by Barbara Withem. Councilperson Moleski made a motion to dispose of the trailer, which is a hazard to Village residents and has no monetary value. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Chapman reported on behalf of Mayor Smathers that former Village worker Douglas Dixon was laid off from his new job and indicated he would be available if the Village needed him for any work.

Councilperson Swart asked why so many Village workers are performing the water meter readings. Council also asked why Village Administrator Todd Smith is not attending Council

meetings. Rockwell stated the Mayor Smathers spoke with Smith prior to the meeting and advised Smith not to attend due to winter storms and potential overtime.

Chapman stated the ditch along Palmer Street cannot be cleaned out with Village equipment in the current weather conditions. Chapman requested Council consider contracting to have the ditch cleaned out. Council discussed the location of the ditch and opted not to pursue the matter further due to it being private property.

Chapman and Rockwell explained new EPA requirements to Council. Chapman stated Water Operator Ron Riley requested an increase of \$200 per month to his salary due to the new requirements and additional time he will have to spend to keep the Village compliant. Councilperson Jay Chapman made a motion to increase Ron Riley's salary \$200 per month. Seconded by Councilperson Moleski. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Swart made a motion for Solicitor Haseley to amend the contract for Ron Riley increasing his salary \$200 per month due to changes in EPA Regulations. Seconded by Councilperson Moleski. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Solicitor Haseley informed Council he spoke to Attorney David Mott regarding the alley leading to Athens Metropolitan Housing. Mott advised that statute prevents Athens Metropolitan Housing from helping with the upkeep of the roadway. Athens Metropolitan Housing would be willing to provide a letter of support to the Village to assist with funding applications for repairing the roadway. Mott also invited Mayor Smathers and Solicitor Haseley to attend a future Board meeting. Council entertained options for the alley including abandonment and closure. Solicitor Haseley recommends scheduling a walk-through with Athens Metropolitan Housing to review the issue.

Councilperson Clift asked if anyone followed up with the original complainant about the alley. Chapman stated Village Administrator Smith was present to repair the alley. There are still issues with another property regarding water drainage onto the roadway.

Haseley stated there was a bench trial in Municipal Court pertaining to Jacksonville which involved Angela McGrath for charges of disorderly conduct. Ms. McGrath did not appear at the trial. It is likely that Ms. McGrath will be indicted.

Solicitor Haseley reported he has still not received a response from Wondell Richmond regarding the abandonment of water taps. Haseley would like to visit Mr. Richmond in person to discuss the matter and requested Mr. Richmond's home address. Haseley also sent letters to home owners regarding water drainage issues. All drainage issues except one have been resolved. Councilperson Swart made a motion for Solicitor Haseley to notify the Dupler residence of a water drainage issue. Seconded by Councilperson Ewing. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Haseley presented a contract for Village worker Delbert Congrove, a letter of support for Ohio Rural Water and an amended contract for Water Operator Ron Riley. Haseley stated that the information on file with the Board of Elections has been updated.

Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell requested a motion to approve the October and November financial statements presented at the December regular Council meeting. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to approve the October and November financial statements as presented. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Rockwell discussed an issue with the mailing of the January water bills and requested guidance from Council on how to proceed. Councilperson Ewing made a motion to waive the penalties on the January water bills. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman reported on behalf of Mayor Smathers that he would like to appoint Jamie Irwin as Fire Chief through June 30, 2019. Councilperson Swart made a motion to appoint Jamie Irwin as Fire Chief from January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Seconded by Councilperson Moleski. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Rockwell informed Council that Fire Chief Irwin discussed disposal of old SCBAs at the previous Council meeting and suggested that Council approve this with a motion so that it is documented. Council stated they would make a motion when the equipment is ready be disposed.

Rockwell asked if Council had an opportunity to review the memo regarding proper purchasing procedures. Councilperson Moleski made a motion to approve and distribute the memo regarding proper purchasing procedures to all departments with wording added that there is zero tolerance for non-compliance with the procedure. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Clift reported that an invoice was received for 50% of the balance due to Kal Electric. Council requested a review of the original contract, if one exists, before issuing payment.

Councilperson Moleski responded to a letter received from a resident regarding the need to lock all meter pit lids. Moleski stated that a deadline should be set to have this completed. Councilperson Swart made a motion to approve the purchase of meter pit locks for all meter pits in the Village, and ordered immediate installation. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Moleski informed Council that a bracket is broken on the light pole supplying electric to the stage and the wire is sagging. Moleski also expressed concerns about a fence being constructed at a local residence that will prevent access to the water meter pit.

Councilperson Clift reported that the Community Crime Watch will be delivering surveys to all residents soon.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to read by title only Ordinance 2019-1 as a first reading. Councilperson Butch Chapman rescinded his motion. Ordinance 2019-1 was referred to the Street Committee for further review and discussion.

Acting Mayor Butch Chapman 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 8:10PM.



Acting Mayor Butch Chapman

Council Clerk Heather Rockwell