

Village of Jacksonville Council Meeting
February 27, 2020
6:30PM

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding and the meeting called to order at 6:34 PM. Council members present were Butch Chapman, Emily Swart, Jennifer Slack and Jay Chapman. Also present were Fire Chief Brad Lowry, Solicitor John Haseley and Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to nominate Councilperson Butch Chapman for Council President. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Swart made a motion to close nominations for Council President. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. Councilperson Swart made a motion to appoint Councilperson Butch Chapman as Council President. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to approve the 2020 Committees. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

There were no Minutes for the January meeting for approval, as the January meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 21, 2019 regular Council meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried

Fiscal Officer Rockwell presented Council with the December 2019 and January 2020 Bank Reconciliations for signatures, December 2019 and January 2020 Financial Statements, and December 2019 and January 2020 Work Logs. Rockwell requested a motion to approve the November 2019 Financial Reports presented at the December 21, 2019 meeting. Rockwell provided a status update of the 2017/2018 audit. Rockwell presented Council with the unaudited 2019 Annual Financial Statements for the Village.

Councilperson Swart made a motion to approve the November 2019 bank reconciliation and financial statements. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes" except Councilperson Slack who abstained due to not being on Council in 2019. Motion carried.

Solicitor Haseley reported that he spoke to the Athens County Health Department regarding the condition of the property at 64 E. Palmer Street. The Health Department is working on a solution and the Athens County Sheriff's Office is involved. Haseley stated that if any squatters are seen at the property it should be reported to the Sheriff's Office. Haseley stated there is a section in Ohio Revised Code granting authority for the Village to board and clean up the property. Haseley presented an ordinance for the property at 64 E. Palmer Street. Council agreed this would be a good solution.

Fire Chief Brad Lowry reported that American Electric Power will be setting a pole for the new siren within the next two weeks. Once the pole is set, the Athens County EMA will check the pole and install the siren. The Village will own the siren and the Dispatching Center will activate it. Lowry reported the house fire at 62 E. Palmer Street was a total loss. The compressor received with a grant for \$51,500 was delivered on February 26, 2020. Once the compressor is installed, Breathing Air Systems will come and set it up for use. Lowry and Council discussed building a wall in the Hall to house the compressor. Lowry stated the compressor has a carbon monoxide detector built in and the compressor will only be on when in use. Lowry is getting a quote from Kal Electric to perform the electrical work to install the compressor. Lowry stated there will be a Jacksonville Fire Association business meeting on March 8, 2020. Lowry will see if the association will purchase the lumber and drywall to build the wall for the compressor. The department already has paint for the project.

Councilperson Swart reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 20, 2020. The committee recommends contacting Bob Heavener to work on the road to the water tower before the tower project begins. The estimate to repair the tower road is \$16,144. An estimate was provided for ditching, culverts and pothole repairs to Tenth Street/Eleventh Street for \$14,756.80.

Councilperson Butch Chapman reported on the Water Committee meeting held on February 20, 2020. Water bills will be printed and mailed next week. The meter reading collector has been up and working since Tuesday. Water agreements are still needed from 2/3 of the Village residents. Two new batteries are needed for the automatic valve at the water tower. There is a resident that wants a new meter installed. They will need to reapply for a tap because it was abandoned. They owe a lien for water on property taxes currently. The committee recommends that the old medic used for water repairs be hauled in for scrap. Chapman reported that Bob Heavener offers plans to Villages to assist with water breaks 24/7. Heavener also offers a service to residents for water and sewer repairs for \$250 per year. Chapman asked Council to consider the plan offered for Villages because they are already calling for outside help for water, street and sewer issues and recently paid \$14,000 to have twelve meter pits installed.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to haul in the surplus medic for scrap. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman reported on the Street Committee meeting held on February 20, 2020. A drain pipe on North Seventh Street causes drainage issues that wash out a sidewalk. Bob Heavener recommended blocking off the drain and installing a ditch and larger culverts for an estimated cost of \$4,850. Chapman questioned why the Village is paying someone for work that is not being done as asked and recommended Council re-evaluate this. Chapman stated the curb and apron on E. Palmer Street needs repaired. Potholes need to be repaired all over the Village. Council asked if the HAPCAP grant could help with this. Mayor Smathers stated we are always denied the funding, but Stantec Engineering is looking into funding options for the Village for streets.

Chief Lowry reported that the fire department would like to purchase ethanol free fuel for some of the equipment. The fuel containing ethanol ruined the motor on the department rescue boat. Lowry stated that fire contracts need to be reviewed. Lowry requested a \$500 blanket purchase order for Auto Plus. Swart asked for an explanation of the difference in fuels. Lowry explained that fuel containing ethanol is hard on carbureted vehicles and equipment. Lowry anticipated the cost will be \$0.20 more per gallon of fuel.

The Parks Committee reported that volunteers will be cleaning the park. They are currently working on a plan for 2020 improvements.

Councilperson Swart requested an update on the quotes to repair the air conditioning. Mayor Smathers provided an update for the air conditioning and the water project. Smathers stated that a resident made a complaint about TAM Construction who was working on the water project. Solicitor Haseley spoke to the resident and they are working on a solution.

Councilperson Jay Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2020-1 as an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried. **RESOLUTION 2020-1: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE, ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO A "SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY VILLAGE" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-1 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

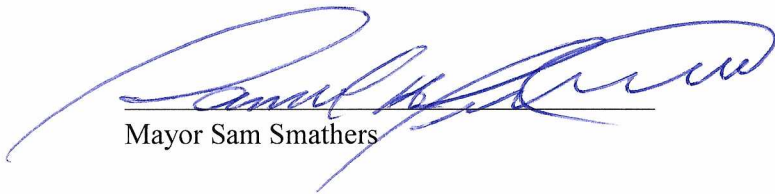
Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Resolution 2020-2 as an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion

carried. **RESOLUTION 2020-2: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE, ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-2 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Swart. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only Ordinance 2020-3 as an emergency. Seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried. **ORDINANCE 2020-3: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC TO SECURE THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 64 EAST PALMER STREET IN JACKSONVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Councilperson Swart made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-3 as read. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. 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 7:48 PM.



Mayor Sam Smathers



Council Clerk Heather Rockwell