Village of Jacksonville Special Council Meeting July 7, 2025 at 6:00pm

The Village of Jacksonville met in special session with Acting Mayor Angela Strock presiding and the meeting called to order at 6:05pm. Council members present were Butch Chapman, Jay Chapman, Eric Clift, Angela Strock, and Rachel Gratz. Also present was Solicitor Andy Grillo.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to excuse Cameron Lowery from the July 7, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman expressed concern that the Old Settlers Committee has not yet paid their deposit and that their insurance reportedly does not include the Village of Jacksonville as an additional insured. Councilperson Gratz updated Council that the Old Settlers Committee paid their deposit today and their insurance does already list the Village of Jacksonville as an additional insured as it has in the past. Councilperson Gratz stated that she will make sure that the Fiscal Officer has the correct copy of the insurance.

Councilperson Gratz provided an update on the attractions and activities planned by the Old Settlers Committee for this year's Old Settlers Reunion. She discussed the planned street closures as written in the drafted contract and the reasons for the timing of those closures, including the schedule of health and safety inspections for the trailers and attractions. Councilperson Gratz updated Council on the helicopter attraction that will be operating during the festival and Council agreed that the Village will need an official copy of the helicopter company's insurance prior to the helicopter being allowed to operate within the Village or utilize the Village Park as planned.

Several Council Members stated that they do not want any vendors placed in front of the Corner Pizza and Deli as that is Jacksonville's only restaurant and they want that business to be visible and accessible. Councilperson Gratz stated that she spoke with the owner of Corner Pizza and Deli earlier this year to make sure that the arrangements made in the contract would meet her needs as a business operating in our community during the festival. Council members agreed that they would like Corner Pizza and Deli to have the option to not have any vendor placed directly in front of their building and Councilperson Gratz agreed to check with the owner on whether or not she would permit food vendors to be placed in front of her building during the festival.

Council agreed that any vendors or trailers need to make sure that they do not block the Fire Department driveway when they are waiting to load, unload, or set up for the festival or at the conclusion of the festival.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to approve the Event Contract pending the requested documents are provided to the Village. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Councilperson Clift made a motion to allow the Fiscal Officer to enter into the Event Contract with Old Settlers Committee pending the requested documents are provided to the Village. Seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Acting Mayor Angela Strock entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilperson Butch Chapman made a motion to adjourn and motion was seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All council members voted "yes." Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Acting Mayor Angela Strock

Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell