

**Village of Jacksonville**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 29, 2026 6:30 PM**

The Village of Jacksonville met in regular session with Mayor Sam Smathers presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Council members present were Kenneth “Jay” Chapman, Leonard “Butch” Chapman, Angela Strock, Dave Moleski, and Eric Clift. Also present was Don Rodgers for Fire Chief DJ Henry.

Councilperson Eric Clift motioned to excuse Councilperson Rachel Gratz from the April 29, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Butch Chapman. All Council members voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Renee Phillips presented information to Council regarding feral cat legislation. Council decided not to move forward with this legislation as it would be difficult to enforce.

Councilperson Rachel Gratz arrived at the meeting at 6:40 PM.

Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned the approval of the March 25, 2026 Regular Council Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Moleski. All Council members voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Don Rodgers reported on behalf of Fire Chief Henry that the training fire site was inspected by the fire department. The owner will pay for the asbestos testing and clean up around the house. They will resubmit the request to the department once this is complete. The training could be scheduled in June or July. The department has responded to 15 runs since March consisting of 3 controlled burns, 1 structure fire, 7 EMS assistance calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 2 service calls. New member Mike Walls completed his background check and driver’s abstract.

Councilperson Jay Chapman motioned to add Mike Walls to the Jacksonville Fire Department roster pending completion of his new hire packet. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Moleski. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Rodgers reported on behalf of Chief Henry that all items for the grant have been ordered and most items have been received. An issue with the battery for truck 1773 was resolved with an emergency purchase order.

Mayor Smathers, on behalf of Fiscal Officer Rockwell, requested approval of the February 2026 financial statements and bank reconciliation. Councilperson Gratz motioned to approve the February 2026 bank reconciliation and financial statements as presented at the March 25, 2026 meeting. All Council members voted “yes”, except Council members Angela Strock, Dave Moleski and Eric Clift, who abstained. Motion tied. Mayor Smathers voted “yes” to break the tie. Motion carried.

Mayor Smathers, on behalf of Fiscal Officer Rockwell, presented Council with the March 2026 bank reconciliation and financial statements. A statewide coalition was formed to combat misinformation regarding the abolishment of property taxes on the State ballot this fall. A handout regarding the coalition was provided in Council’s packets and emailed to all Council members. The employee medical insurance renewal was negotiated from a 24% increase down to an 8% increase and is complete.

Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned to appoint Councilperson Gratz as liaison between the Village of Jacksonville and the Old Settlers Reunion Committee for the 2026 festival season. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Strock. All Council members voted “yes”, except Councilperson Clift who voted “no”. Motion carried.

Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned to enter executive session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) regarding the employment of a Village employee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jay Chapman. All Council voted “yes”. Motion carried.

Meeting suspended for executive session at 7:13P.

Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned to exit executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Clift. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.


Meeting resumed at 7:58P.

Councilperson Butch Chapman motioned to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Administrator Ron Rockwell. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Moleski. All Council voted "yes". Motion carried.

Mayor Smathers entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilperson Butch Chapman and seconded by Councilperson Clift to adjourn. All Council members voted "yes". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.



Mayor Samuel Smathers



Fiscal Officer Heather Rockwell