

**CITY OF JACKSON
333 BROADWAY ST.
JACKSON, KENTUCKY 41339
LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR**

MINUTES
Of the Regular Council Meeting
Held Thursday, January 16, 2020
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

Council Present: Mildred Roberts, Joy Shelton, Peggy Shepherd, Harold Deaton and Rich Buntin

Council Absent: Jason Hall

Others Present: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, Treasurer Beth Miller, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Clerk Angie Combs, Police Chief Ken Spicer and Fire Chief Chase Deaton

Guests: Steve Thomas

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

Mayor Thomas called the regular council meeting to order, welcomed all with everyone standing for the pledge of allegiance and she opened with prayer at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Roberts seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER/ UPDATES-

The Mayor is working on prioritizing the water and sewer projects for a records list for the future. Chief Spicer gave an annual report for the police department which stated they average approximately 500 calls per month.

Chief Deaton gave an annual report for the fire department which stated they had approximately 300 fire runs for the year, which included a wide variety of issues.

CITY UPDATES-MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor told all that the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual is almost complete, she has been working with KLC for this update, a first draft should be ready for review soon.

The Zoning board met and is applying for a Flex-e grant to help pay a portion of the funds needed for an updated Comprehensive Plan, in which the city is required to have on file.

Mayor told Council that she met with Perry Co. Judge Executive Scott Alexander, since the city and Perry County will be involved in some projects together.

The Mayor has received 3 quotes to tear down the old building on Broadway, which was the site proposed for a new police station, this building has been condemned and is unsafe. The county owns the building adjacent to this building and Mayor wants to approach them concerning this matter, she hopes they will be open to working together.

Mayor thanked the Woman's Club and city employees who made the Downtown Christmas a success this year.

She reminded all that the budget needs to be reviewed since half of the fiscal year has been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Roberts- She asked Fire Chief Deaton if the city still has Mutual Aid Agreements to go outside the city and assist other departments when needed with fires and wrecks, he replied "yes". She stated that she is hearing good things and everything looks good in town.

Shepherd – Had no comments at this time.

Buntin – He asked that when there is a vehicle accident, to have the towing company clean up the glass and mess made by the vehicle. Chief Deaton stated that Chief Spicer is good about getting this done, he threatens to take them off the wrecker list if they don't comply.

Deaton- Had no comments at this time.

Shelton – Had no comments at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Beth Miller thanked Chief Deaton and the fire department for helping with the Health Department's Safety Day by showing mothers how to safely install infant car seats. She also told all that she has been working with the Mayor toward Direct Deposit for all city employees, which will take place in the coming months.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shepherd seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 5:52 P.M.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs

Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas

Laura Thomas, Mayor

**CITY OF JACKSON
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LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR**

MINUTES

**Of the Regular Council Meeting
Held Thursday, February 20, 2020
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.**

Council Present: Mildred Roberts, Jason Hall, Peggy Shepherd, Harold Deaton and Rich Buntin

Council Absent: Joy Shelton

Others Present: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, Treasurer Beth Miller, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Clerk Angie Combs, Police Captain Elvis Noble and Fire Chief Chase Deaton

Guests: Steve Thomas, Steve McIntosh, Paul Nesbitt; Nesbitt Engineering, Jennifer McIntosh; KRADD and Virginia Meagher

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Shepherd to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Roberts seconded by Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER/ UPDATES-PAUL NESBITT

Mr. Nesbitt told all the Lakeside Project is almost completed with enough funding left to upgrade the computer system at the water plant.

Mayor announced that Governor Beshear will be at City Hall on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 2:45 p.m. to make a presentation, and everyone was invited.

CITY UPDATES-MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor told all that customers want more on-line payment and account options. She is working with water department to find a system with more options. She would also like to have a system like one-call that would notify customers of city announcements.

She recognized Chief Deaton who told all that the city has received the grant for the extraction equipment. Mayor thanked Jennifer McIntosh for her assistance in receiving this grant. Mayor mentioned that the city is implementing a direct deposit program, this will be beneficial to all concerned. A new Safety Committee has been established with Chief Deaton chairing the group, and this committee will meet quarterly.

The Jackson Police Department has applied for grants which would provide School Resource Officers. There was a selection committee and upon reviewing the request for proposals, DLZ Architects was selected to be used for the New Police Department Project.

A used truck has been purchased for the Park, and this truck was previously budgeted and very much needed. It was purchased locally from Chaney's Auto Sales.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Municipal Road Aid Resolution # 022020 for FY 20/21 – Motion was made by Hall seconded by Buntin to approve the Resolution as read. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Resolution passed.
- B. Approval of Ethics Board Members – Mayor presented the following names to be on the board: (With the conditions they live in the city for past year, could not be a city employee and not an Elected Official): J C Sewell, Amy Hayes, Cory Smoot, Gary Drake and Kim Howard
Motion was made by Buntin seconded by Shepherd to approve the names submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Roberts- Reminded all that the census is very important, and all should take it seriously and be counted. She commended the street department for their rapid response to ice on Hurst Lane (Tommy's Place children got home safely because of this quick response).

She commended Brittany Combs, Parks Director and the hospital staff for their Heart Healthy Cooking Demonstration which included exercises to do also.

She asked that the drains by Hardee's be checked, when heavy rains appear this causes flooding for highway 15 vehicles. Mayor stated that the city has been cleaning drains around town but haven't gotten to all.

She asked that something be done about political signs that are still hanging and obstruct views.

There was discussion on this matter, areas will be checked for old signs to be removed.

Shepherd –She received an invitation for the grand opening of the new Intergenerational Center on March 5,2020 at 1:00 p.m. on Lees College Campus. She stated it looks horrible at this present time and needs cleaned up. Mayor will drive up there after the meeting and look at the situation.

She also stated there is trash behind Jett's Shopping Center that needs picked up.

Mayor told her that the Litter Abatement Grant of \$1400 will help the city off set costs of clean up along City streets.

Buntin –Congratulated Council Member Roberts on being voted President of the Chamber of Commerce. He expressed concerns about the Panbowl Spillway as to who is responsible for working on it when needed. It was discussed and possibly the Corp of Engineers is responsible, the issue will be further researched.

He asked that an open manhole cover by the new highway by Kentucky Fried Chicken be covered. Chief Deaton will go after the meeting and see that it is fixed.

He asked that a letter be sent to Walgreens welcoming them to the City of Jackson after they recently purchased Rite Aid. Mayor will take care of welcoming them.

Mayor commended Council Member Buntin for his diligent efforts to keep the city clean with his trash pickups even after the annual cleanup efforts were completed.

Hall- Stated he was sorry to have missed the last Council Meeting, his daughters' cat was injured and had to be taken to the vet, the cat is doing well now. He commended city departments who always are willing to help with his and any animals when needed.

Deaton- Expressed concerns about a light on the end of Sycamore Street that needs called in for repairs.

Mayor stated there will be a Community Forum on March 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. sponsored by Jackson Parks and Recreation concerning park activities and public views and ideas on what can be done to make our park better.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Former Council Member Steve McIntosh stated where the school cleaned up by Sebastian Elementary School, the area looks much better, all agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Roberts seconded by Deaton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs
Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas
Laura Thomas, Mayor

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LAURA W. THOMAS, MAYOR

MINUTES
Of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Held Thursday, March 19, 2020
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

Council Present: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Joy Shelton, Peggy Shepherd, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton and Rich Buntin

Council Absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Treasurer Beth Miller, and City Clerk Angie Combs

Participants were limited to 10 by recommendation of CDC and Governor Andy Beshear. Everyone was spread out in the room at least six feet apart. The public was asked to join the meeting via FaceBook Live.

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order, welcomed all with everyone standing for the pledge of allegiance and she opened with prayer at 5:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Roberts seconded by Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

Waterline Replacement Project -Downtown Area- (1 Million CDBG and 1 Million ARC) – This should be starting soon. The Lakeside Water and Sewer Line Project – 90% complete and going well.

CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor told all that the city's audit has been received. The Auditor commented that last year's was good, and this year's is better.

The Zoning Board met this week and there is a need to establish a Board of Adjustments.

Mayor told all that the city is practicing social distancing, the side door and middle doors have been locked, the front door is still accessible to pay a water bill and the drop box is available. City employees are constantly disinfecting to help prevent the spread of the virus and flatten the curve.

Mayor asked all to notice the various department reports in their packets.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Approval for Matching Funds for Grants-Extrication Equipment through Rural Development** the city's portion to be paid will be \$9,157.00 of \$27,468.00.
SCBA & RIT Project through Rural Development the city's portion to be paid will be \$24,300.00 Of \$50,000.00.
SCBA & RIT Project through Assistance to firefighters grant the city's portion to be paid will be \$3609.52 of \$72,190.48.
Rescue Truck through Assistance to firefighters grant the city's portion to be paid will be \$8,452.38 of \$169,047.62.
Motion to approve the matching funds for the above-mentioned grants was made by Shelton seconded by Roberts. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared motion passed.
- B. **Approval of Resolution #031920-Re: Sign for Irene Moore**-Mayor explained that concerned citizens had come to her wanting to purchase a sign for Irene Moore to be placed at the entrance to Breathitt High School. This sign would be in recognition for her being inducted into the Kentucky Basketball Hall of Fame and Miss Kentucky Basketball 1978. Motion to approve this Resolution authorizing the placing of this sign at Breathitt High Entrance was made by Shepherd seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Resolution passed.
- C. **Approval of Appointments-Board of Adjustment Members**-Mayor recommended the following residents to be on the Board of Adjustments: **Doug Fraley, Estill McIntosh, and Lyndze Smoot** Motion to approve the members as submitted was made by Hall seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Rogers-Roberts praised the Parks system, they work diligently and do a fantastic job, the City has a wonderful park. She also praised the Police and Fire Departments who are first responders that risk their lives every day for all, they are respected, and businesses respect them. We should all pray, and we will get through this crisis together.

Joy Shelton stated she is thankful for the Police and Fire Departments during this time and thankful for our Governor Beshear, she respects him for what he has done.

Peggy Shepherd told all she is impressed with the cleanliness of the town. She is glad for the new direct deposit. She is irritated that people are hoarding household supplies during this crisis, businesses need to limit what can be purchased.

Harold Deaton agreed with Ms. Shepherd concerning the hoarding of supplies.

Rich Buntin asked about next month's meeting. Mayor said they are updating guidelines such as video conferencing for open meetings, she will keep all informed. He asked about having the Honey Festival in which the Mayor told him that decision will be made closer to the planning of events.

Jason Hall told all that the children are pleased to do their homework at home during this social distancing and as Governor Beshear says behave like you already have the virus and not give it to anyone else.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were comments from the public via Facebook Live. Virginia Meagher told all they were doing a good job. A local restaurant owner said that because people that work in town are still parking on Main Street, people have nowhere to park for curbside delivery. Also, a community member expressed concern for the Senior Citizens and whether they were being fed, and she wished we had a soup kitchen.

Mayor thanked the Council and all City employees. We have essential workers and they will be working as usual taking recommended precautions. She stated that the businesses appreciate the good job the workers do as well. Everyone will be working together to get through this crisis.

Mayor also told all that as per the Governor's recommendations, all water and sewer account disconnections will be suspended at this time due to the coronavirus crisis. The customers will still be responsible for their total bills when the crisis is over.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Roberts seconded Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:



Laura Thomas, Mayor

CITY OF JACKSON

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Laura W. Thomas, Mayor

MINUTES

of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
Meeting was video conferenced due to COVID-19

Council Present: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Joy Shelton, Peggy Shepherd, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton, and Rich Buntin

Council Absent: None

Others Participating: Mayor Laura Thomas, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Treasurer Beth Miller, Police Chief Ken Spicer, Fire Chief Chase Deaton, Jennifer McIntosh (KRADD) and John Jones (KRADD)

OPENING MEETING

John Jones facilitated the ZOOM meeting and shared the meeting with the public via Facebook Live. The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. due to some technical difficulties getting everyone on-line.

Mayor Thomas welcomed all and asked for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

There was a motion by Roberts to amend the agenda to include 5 resolutions relating to the Downtown Waterline Replacement Project. Shelton seconded the motion and motion passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Roberts made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting as presented. Shepherd seconded the motion and motion passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Shelton made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Roberts seconded and motion passed with all in favor.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

Jennifer McIntosh gave an update on water and sewer projects. The Lakeside water and sewer expansion project is about 95% complete, and she is working on the paperwork to get the Waterline Replacement Project underway. Jennifer is also working to get paperwork completed to get started on the Douthitt Park concession stand project.

CITY UPDATES

Fire Chief Deaton reported on progress with grants, and Police Chief Spicer reported that things have been slow because of COVID-19 and new restrictions. Mayor Thomas thanked the policemen and firemen for their service and said to stay safe.

The Mayor asked the Council to notice the other reports in their packet and noted that all park activities are closed. The staff is working to maintain the park and the walking track is open with signs to enforce social distancing.

Under other City updates, Mayor Thomas thanked all City employees for working hard during these uncertain times recognizing that our City services are essential to the health and well-being of our citizens.

Mayor Thomas reported that all departments continue to look for grants to support our services, and she noted that we will need to plan a budget workshop soon to get ready for our next fiscal year. The Mayor reminded folks to fill out the 2020 Census and to follow the CDC and Governor Beshear's orders.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to vote on, and the Mayor reported that she has not been able to work on the P&P or Comprehensive Plan projects due to KLC being busy with COVID-19 implications and other issues. She has spoken with Hinkle regarding paving and hopes Hinkle will be able to do the paving soon.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Resolution 041620: Resolution amending the Budget Ordinance 051619 for 2020 to reflect the \$2,000,000 ARC/CDBG funds for Waterline Replacement Project. Shelton made a motion to approve this resolution with Roberts seconding. Motion passed with all in favor.
- B. Approval of Resolution 041620A: Resolution authorizing commitment of coverage of cost overruns on the ARC/CDBG Waterline Replacement Project. Buntin made the motion to pass this resolution. Mildred seconded and motion passed with all in favor.
- C. Approval of Resolution 041620B: Resolution adopting the procurement code meeting the requirements for the Waterline Replacement Project. Shepherd made a motion to pass this resolution. Rich seconded and motion passed with all in favor.
- D. Approval of Resolution 041620C: Resolution abiding by the provisions of the Title VIII Federal Fair Housing Law. Buntin made a motion to pass this resolution with Roberts seconding. All voted in favor and motion passed.
- E. Approval of Resolution 041620D: Resolution authorizing the signing of a contract for administrative services with KRADD. Roberts made the motion to approve this resolution. Shelton seconded and motion passed with all in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Roberts thanked all departments for their hard work and thanked our businesses and encouraged people to shop at home. Joy Shelton said she was good, and Peggy Shepherd said all is well. Harold Deaton encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Jason Hall thanked all our city employees and asked for God to be with them while they are doing their jobs. He also asked about non-payments, and the Mayor reported that the Water Department is not doing disconnects at this time. Jason asked about Zoning issues that had come up, and the Mayor reported that one issue was resolved and that the other issue cannot be advertised for a public hearing at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions. If the restriction on public gatherings is not lifted soon, then the Board of Adjustment may have to use videoconferencing to address the issue. Mr. Hall reminded everyone to put green lights up to honor COVID victims.

Rich Buntin said that he was glad to see the boat dock back in the water at Panbowl and hoped to see other repairs to the dock soon. He is concerned regarding how the pandemic will affect our payroll taxes, and he also reminded folks to lower their flags at half staff to honor those who have lost their lives during the pandemic. The Mayor asked Rich if he thought our senior citizens were getting food and the services they needed, and Rich reported that he checks on all their members and that anyone can call him to report needs. Mildred reminded everyone to check the Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for links to Senator McConnell's office and other resources. Mildred expressed condolences to dispatcher JJ Haddix for the loss of his father. Harold Deaton said to ring a bell at 10 a.m. each day for the people having to work to show community support.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments submitted from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Mildred made a motion to adjourn. Peggy seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs

Angie Combs, City Clerk, (Minutes taken by Beth Miller, Treasurer)

Approved By:

Laura Thomas

Laura Thomas, Mayor

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LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR

MINUTES

Of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Held Thursday, May 21, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.
Meeting was video conferenced due to COVID-19

Council Present: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Joy Shelton, Peggy Shepherd, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton and Rich Buntin

Council Absent: None

Others Participating: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Treasurer Beth Miller, City Clerk Angie Combs, Fire Chief Chase Deaton, Jennifer McIntosh (KRADD), John Jones, (KRADD) and Paul Nesbitt (Nesbitt Engineering)

OPENING MEETING

John Jones facilitated the Zoom meeting and shared the meeting with the public via Facebook Live on KRADD Public Meetings. The meeting was called to order around 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Thomas welcomed all and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Shepherd seconded by Hall to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Deaton seconded by Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES-PAUL NESBITT

Mr. Nesbitt updated everyone on the Waterline Replacement Project -Downtown Area-Jennifer stated that the project is approximately 30 days until the release of funding.

He also stated that the Inflow Sewer Rehab Project has not yet been funded through KIA.

Mayor thanked him for the updates.

CITY UPDATES

Jennifer told all that the Jackson Police Department grant for a new police station is ready to be signed. She also mentioned that the grant for a new concession stand at Douthitt Park has been sent to the National Park Service for approval. There are other small grants being wrapped up as well. Mayor thanked Jennifer for her updates.

Mayor thanked Fire Chief Deaton and all fire departments responding to the recent fire at Breathitt High Coliseum. Fire Chief Deaton told all he is continuing to work on grants.

Mayor announced there will be no scheduled Memorial Day Program due to COVID-19, but crosses will be put out honoring all those Breathitt Countians who lost their lives serving our Country.

The Jackson Police Department has received donations of hand sanitizer and masks and will put those to good use.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor mentioned that the final phase of the SCBA Breathing Apparatus grant is being completed.

The first option estimates for the new Jackson Police Station came in at \$1.8 million. Mayor Thomas would like for the City to consider other options such as renovating the Fire Station on Broadway that is underutilized.

The new Policy and Procedures Manual is almost completed, and copies were emailed to Council members for review and comment.

Mayor reminded Council there is a need for a Comprehensive Plan (Zoning) which will be approximately \$20,000. She had hoped to get a Flex E grant for a portion of the costs, but those funds are not available at this time. She is looking for other funding options and has included extra reserve funds in the upcoming budget.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. FY 20/21 Budget Ordinance # 052120 – First Reading- Upon discussion and motion by Shepherd seconded by Buntin. Upon call for vote, all voted “Aye”. Mayor declared motion passed. (Total overall Budget for FY 20/21- \$ 3,378,408. This is approximately 5% less than last year’s budget due to expected loss of revenue from COVID-19). Mayor stated she also hopes to work towards lowering the Occupational Tax from the present 2% back to 1% in the future.
- B. Adopt KRADD’s Title VI Plan – This plan assures compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and other Federal guidelines against discrimination. The Mayor confirmed that everyone had received the PowerPoint training about the Title VI Plan and reminded Council members to go over the training. Motion to adopt this plan was made by Roberts seconded by Deaton. Upon call for vote, all voted “Aye”. Mayor declared the motion passed.
- C. Resolution # 052120 A-FY 20/21 Municipal Road Aid Funding decrease from \$ 44,734.63 to \$ 40,553.52 – Motion to adopt this Resolution was made by Roberts seconded by Buntin. Upon call for vote, all voted “Aye”. Mayor declared the Resolution passed.
- D. Appoint Member to Industrial Authority Board – Motion to appoint Herbie Barnett to this board was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted “Aye”. Mayor declared motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Rogers-Roberts stated she hopes to have the Chamber of Commerce up and running again the third Tuesday in June contingent upon the Governors orders and availability of Kelsey’s restaurant. She thanked the city crew for cutting the tree by Highland Avenue.

She reminded all about the Give a Book-Take a Book box at the Park.

She told all that she had several complaints of the sanitation workers leaving garbage in cans, leaving the lids off, in other people's yards, etc. Mildred reported an eyesore on Hawk and Broadway Street with grass overgrown etc. Mayor will send a nuisance notice to the owners. There is a sewer problem at Red Bird Hollow at Barbara McIntosh's. Dillard Wilder was notified and is working to schedule repairs. She had an unwelcome visitor at her residence on Highway 1812 West, the Police Department came and took care of the situation.

Joy Shelton asked who maintains the Jackson Cemetery and was told Rick Turner. She has had several complaints about maintaining the road there.

Peggy Shepherd asked if the city could do anything with ground hogs? Was told maybe a live trap, but she said they were too smart and would not go in them. Mayor to see if she can find ideas for help.

Harold Deaton also had received complaints of sanitation workers leaving garbage in cans and not picking it up. Mayor stated that people do not realize that it must be in bags in cans according to the ordinance. Harold also mentioned the overgrown areas around Hawk and Sycamore Street that need attention.

Rich Buntin asked about the mowing of Highway 15 area on this Memorial Day weekend. The State usually mows this area, and the Mayor will contact them. Rich also suggested playing "Taps" at dusk on Memorial Day evening if it can be arranged. He also told everyone that wearing masks reduces the spread of COVID-19 virus by 75% and it is hard to spread to humans from surfaces.

Jason Hall told all that he appreciates the efforts of the firemen who were called to the fire at the Breathitt Coliseum. He commended Chief Deaton on his interview with the media, he explained the situation very well. He asked about the Fireworks for the fourth of July and was in favor since it would give everyone something to look forward to. All agreed if social distancing rules could be followed and it is allowed by the Governor. The Honey Festival was also mentioned, all agreed it was too soon to decide on this issue.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Viewers online mentioned they liked the virtual meetings.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shelton seconded Roberts. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:



Laura Thomas, Mayor

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LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR

MINUTES
Of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Held Thursday, June 18, 2020
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.
Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing was observed

Council Present: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Joy Shelton, Peggy Shepherd, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton and Rich Buntin

Council Absent: None

Others Participating: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Treasurer Beth Miller, City Clerk Angie Combs, and Fire Chief Chase Deaton.

OPENING MEETING

Mayor Thomas welcomed all and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Shelton seconded by Roberts, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

All paperwork will be turned in on the downtown waterline project by July 2nd, bids then will be advertised.

There have been issues with the water pressure in the Oakwood Estates Area, pumps are being checked. Council Member Roberts asked the status of the sewer problem at Red Bird Hollow where Barbara McIntosh lives. She was told the men were working there today.

OTHER CITY UPDATES

Mayor told all that the Splash Pad will open on July 1st and Fireworks will begin at dusk on July 4th. These events have been given the go ahead by the Breathitt County Health Department.

The fire department has applied for grants from USDA for Extraction Equipment (Jaws of Life), an ATV vehicle and a Rescue Boat. The street department have been working on drainage problems and trimming brush. Mayor stated she appreciated the city workers and the job they do for the city. Paving has been completed for needed areas in the city. This was done with State discretionary funds and Municipal Road Aid. The Mayor hopes to do some additional paving in the fall. Mayor told all that the City will be applying for grant funds to renovate the fire station located on Broadway to house the Police Department. The estimate for a new building on Broadway was close to \$2 million, and the Mayor feels that isn't the best use of tax payers' money at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2nd Reading and Adoption of 20/21 Budget # 052120 (which includes use of Municipal Road Aid/LGEA funds) – Motion to approve the second reading and adoption of Budget # 052120 was made by Hall seconded by Roberts, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the 20/21 Budget passed. Mayor also told all that the annual Revenue Anticipation Note for \$300,000 would not be needed this year, but to remember that there are large insurance bills (property, liability and workers comp) due in July.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution # 061820 – Authorizing application for COVID Relief Funds – Motion made by Deaton seconded by Roberts approving Resolution # 061820 as read, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the Resolution passed.
- B. 1st Reading- Budget Amendment Ordinance # 061820A – Amending 19/20 Budget – Motion made by Hall seconded by Roberts to approve the first reading of 19/20 amendments, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the First Reading passed.
- C. Resolution # 061820B – Authorizing application for Body Armor Grant – Motion made by Roberts seconded by Shelton approving Resolution # 061820B as read, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the Resolution passed.
- D. Resolution # 061820C – Refinance Bond Series 2010 for Jackson Waterworks (with savings of at least \$ 63,740 over a 20 year period -pays out 2040) through the Kentucky Bond Corporation – Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton approving Resolution # 061820C as read, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the Resolution passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Rogers-Roberts requested a hydrant be placed at lower Main by Debra Millers residence, one was there previously and currently does not work. She is concerned about this situation, Chief Deaton will check on this and assured Council Member Roberts that if a fire occurred at that residence, water would be pulled from another hydrant to take care of the situation.

She asked everyone to check out the new tree stand that her husband designed for the Woman's Club outside of the Courthouse, he and Martin Douthitt had it placed there. She said she is very proud of her husband for his efforts in this design.

She praised the police department for coming to her aid when an unwanted visitor was looking into her mobile home, she appreciated their quick response.

Council Member Roberts stated there would be a Chamber of Commerce meeting in August.

There was discussion of properties that had overgrown brush and grass, Mayor sent nuisance letters to owners of these properties at Hawk/Sycamore St and Jett Subdivision, they have since been cleaned up. If you know of an area that needs a letter sent out, let Mayor Thomas know.

Joy Shelton asked if there were plans for service of sewer lines to her area at Panbowl Road. She was told that funding is not lined up as of now but may be added at a future date.

Peggy Shepherd had no comments at this time

Harold Deaton told all that he had complaints from Sharon Allen that the paving did not include her area at 231 Sycamore and she was upset the water company had dug up a water line on her property without permission years ago. Mayor told him the paving was designated for the worst areas in the city, and the city does have a right to get on residential property to fix the water line if they currently have city water. The Mayor said if she had further issues Sharon should call her at city hall.

Rich Buntin asked the status of Chief Spicer and was told he has a medical excuse until July 6, 2020.

Jason Hall asked Chief Deaton if there is currently a burn ban and was told there is no ban from now until October 1st. He also expressed his concern about having the annual Honey Festival. He is not for having it this year due to COVID-19 and how people could be affected, especially the elderly. Council Member Roberts agreed.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE/ON LINE COMMENTS

Treasurer Miller said that several people commented that all were doing a good job, and they liked the Facebook meeting better than Zoom. Mayor told all that she always welcomes comments, that it is your tax dollars and anyone can call or email any department anytime.

Mayor told Council that second reading and adoption of the 19/20 Budget Amendment Ordinance #061820A will be held on Thursday, June 25th 2020, and the time will be confirmed. This will be a Zoom meeting hosted by Treasurer Miller, and the link will be sent to all.

ADJOURNMENT

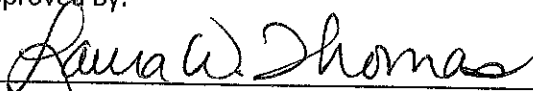
Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Buntin, seconded by Roberts. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:



Laura Thomas, Mayor

CITY OF JACKSON
333 BROADWAY STREET
JACKSON, KY 41339
Laura W. Thomas, Mayor

MINUTES
Of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Held Thursday, July 16, 2020
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.
Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing was observed

Council Present: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Joy Shelton, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton and Rich Buntin

Council Absent: Peggy Shepherd

Others Participating: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Treasurer Beth Miller, City Clerk Angie Combs, Fire Chief Chase Deaton and Police Captain Elvis Noble

Guests: Fannie Hall, Lillian Watts; Jackson Residents and Paul Nesbitt; Nesbitt Engineering

OPENING MEETING

Mayor Thomas welcomed all and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Buntin prayed at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Buntin to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

Mayor informed all that the refinancing of the Water Dept 2010 Bond will save approximately \$141,000. It was originally thought that \$63,000 would be saved. All agreed this was cost effective.

Paul Nesbitt told all that the Lakeside Project will be completely finished in approximately 30 days, computers and pumps were bought with extra funds allocated for the project.

CITY UPDATES

Fire Chief Deaton told all that the fire department has received a grant in the amount of \$4,400.

JFD also received 22 smoke detectors on a grant and will be installing those in city residents with a need. JFD will try to help residents outside the city limits to find a source for detectors.

Mayor read a letter from Police Chief Spicer resigning his position as Police Chief effective July 31, 2020. She and Council agreed he had served the community well in his 25 years of service.

She told all that the city departments are now going through items for surplus, they will be advertised in the next two weeks papers. The city can take bids on surplus items or give them to another governmental agency for their use.

The Breathitt County Water District is renting the Spec Building on Lakeside, the city has some surplus items there that will be advertised and other large items that can remain in storage until further arrangements can be made.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Pay Requisition # 1 on Waterline Replacement Project – Motion to approve this request was made by Roberts seconded by Hall, all voted in favor. Mayor declared motion passed.
- b. Approval for KLC to proof Personnel Policy Draft submitted – Council Member Hall had several questions, he particularly had concern about the “at will” employment for employees, he believes that justification should be needed in order to terminate employment. He was told this is not new that it had always been this way. Also he was concerned about how long the policy would last. Mayor reported that if approved, the policy would stand until replaced. Mayor called for a motion, and motion was made by Buntin and seconded by Roberts. All voted in favor except for Hall who stated he had more questions on the matter. Mayor declared the motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Rogers-Roberts stated she had witnessed someone illegally dumping trash in the dumpster on lower main street, she asked them to not do so and they left. Citations were discussed for anyone illegally dumping garbage in town.

She stated she had bought a Nandino and planted it in one vase and plans to plant more flowers in the flower bed at the Senior Citizens Center in order to beautify the area.

There has been speeding on the lower end of Main Street, policemen will patrol and run radar there. She has had several compliments on the 4th of July Fireworks, in which Council Member Shelton and all agreed.

She initiated a meeting between KRADD and other leaders to help with situations and make plans, such as medical emergencies, the homeless etc... during this COVID-19 pandemic.

She also complimented Fire Chief Deaton for a job well done.

Joy Shelton had no comments at this time.

Harold Deaton asked the Mayor to check into the possibility of a speed bump on the corner down on lower Broadway. He also had complaints from residents about a vacant lot at the corner of Hawk and

Sycamore Streets with high weeds. Mayor is in the process of sending them a Nuisance letter. Council Member Roberts also mentioned the problem on Lower Main, Mayor is in the process of sending them a Nuisance letter as well.

Rich Buntin asked if Police Chief Spicer has resigned and Mayor told him "yes" as July 31st, all wished him well. A plaque will be given for his time of service.

The sign for Panbowl Road needs replaced, it is broken. Mayor will have this one as well as others replaced.

There was discussion of COVID-19 testing in Breathitt High Parking Lot on Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment with the Breathitt County Health Department. Testing is free to the public.

Jason Hall stated the Fireworks were really nice this year. He commended the Honey Festival Committee on choosing not to have the Festival this year due to COVID-19, he feels that was the right decision. He stated he would miss Police Chief Spicer and the work he does interacting with young people, the community, and with the Shop with a Cop project.

He commended the Mayor on researching and saving money on the waterworks bond.

He asked that the red light at Washington and Main Streets be checked out, some vehicles do not trigger the light to change. Mayor will get with the state highway office concerning this issue.

He wanted to clarify why he voted "no" on the Personnel Policy Book, he has several questions to be answered before he feels he could vote "yes" on the matter.

He stated that all members appointed to the new Ethics Board are good people.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Lillian Watts had a lengthy discussion concerning unwanted cats at her residence on Lakeside Estates. She stated her 5-year-old granddaughter cannot play in her yard for the cats and their feces. She stated she can not have plants or flowers because of them, and the smell of urine is unbearable because of so many unwanted cats in the area. She had done research and cats can cause a danger of parasites also. There was discussion that the city has an animal control ordinance that does not specifically mention cats, and that the animal shelters will only take so many cats since their population is to the max. All agreed this is a bad situation, with no clear answer at this time, Mayor will work with County Animal Control Officer, Billy Landrum to see what may be done.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Buntin seconded Roberts. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:



Laura Thomas, Mayor

CITY OF JACKSON, KENTUCKY

MINUTES

Of the Regular Called Council Meeting Held Thursday, August 20, 2020
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M., Social Distancing was observed

Council Present: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Joy Shelton, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton, Peggy Shepherd and Rich Buntin

Others Participating: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Treasurer Beth Miller, City Clerk Angie Combs, Fire Chief Chase Deaton, Parks Director Brittany Little and Police Captain Elvis Noble

Guests: Fannie Hall, and Stephen L. Shepherd

OPENING MEETING

Mayor Thomas welcomed all, asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and said a prayer at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Buntin seconded by Roberts to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Roberts seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

The Downtown Waterline Replacement Project should be ready to bid in approximately 6 weeks. Mayor stated she appreciates the work the employees do, and they are currently busy with preventative measures and fixing leaks.

CITY UPDATES

Parks Director Little told Council that she has obtained a grant for \$22,000 from the Major League Baseball Association for Scholarships, Field Equipment, etc. for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. She also received an award from UK Cares and CRH for Environmental Improvement, which entails planting trees, recycling water from the Splash Pad, etc. A banquet was scheduled in Lexington on April 30th but was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Brittany stated there is a collage of things going on, the Back to School Bash, the Blessing Box etc.. The Mayor and all congratulated her on these accomplishments and appreciates the job she and her staff do.

Fire Chief Deaton told Council that he also had been awarded grants from USDA for new Extrication Equipment & SCBA, and \$12,000 from the Kentucky Fire Commission, and \$10,000 from the Division of Forestry for miscellaneous equipment. He also stated that the Fire Department has been working on installing signage for 9-1-1 addresses in the city. The Mayor and all congratulated the Chief and JFD on doing a great job.

Mayor told Council that the paperwork has been completed from two funding sources to renovate fire station 2 on Broadway into an emergency services building that would house the police department along with JFD.

Mayor stated that Combs Construction has been contracted to tear down the old Western Auto building (\$22,900). This is the safest way to get the building down. There is also a grant pending from USDA for 2 new police cruisers.

Mayor announced the Honey Festival Committee had made the decision to cancel the annual Honey Festival due to COVID-19. The Relay for Life will have a drive through Survivor's Parade on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The City did receive COVID-19 funds in the amount of just over \$142,000, which is good news.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Policy and Procedures – Motion to approve Ordinance #082020 as read was made by Buntin seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the Ordinance passed. (The job description and pay scale part of the original ordinance will be remain and be updated later).
- B. Comprehensive Plan Update-Mayor met with the Zoning Commission and there will be a contract with KLC for \$20,000 to get this plan updated. This is a very reasonable price for that type of work.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor stated the current Ordinance Book is very outdated and was voted to update previously but was never done. There was a grant from the Kentucky Archives that was given to the city is the 1990's to update ordinances, but cities are only allowed to access that funding once. The cost will be somewhere between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Mayor asked for authority to pursue updating the City Ordinance Book. Motion to give Mayor authority to do so was made by Buntin seconded by Roberts. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor and motion passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Roberts – stated there is a new business in town and encouraged all to visit Puckett Eye Wear. She wished Fire Chief Deaton a belated happy birthday. She encouraged all to please protect themselves and others to wash their hands and wear a mask. There is a bad odor on Highway 52 by the Trailer Court, she asked that the sewer department follow up on this. There is a bad pothole on Railroad Street around the old B & G Motel that needs repaired. Mayor stated she plans on doing more patching and paving of city streets soon. She asked that all old Political Signs be removed in the city. She asked the police to patrol on North Main Street as they are speeding, Captain Noble will schedule extra patrols in that area. Mayor told all that the state has put gravels along the road on lower Main. Mildred told all she wanted to thank Ken Spicer for all he has done for the city. She asked everyone to bow and join in prayer for County Judge Noble who is ill in ARH Hospital.

Joy Shelton – asked about cleaning and mowing Panbowl Road. Mayor told her that one side of the road is in the city and the other is the county. The street maintenance workers have been trying to keep up with the mowing, weed eating, weed killing, as well as picking up garbage in the area at least once a week. They have worked around the boat dock area as well. Mayor will try to arrange more coverage in

the area as the budget allows. Joy thanked Mildred, Mayor and Rich for the flowers that look good in front of City Hall and Senior Citizens.

Peggy Shepherd – Had no comments. Mayor stated she understands Peggy is moving to Berea and wants to wish her well and Thank her for her services to the City. Peggy stated it has been her pleasure.

Harold Deaton – asked about the process of a mobile home being moved in the city limits. Mayor said it would need to meet zoning guidelines and go through a conditional use permit process unless located in an approved mobile home park. The city just approved 2 mobile home permits for conditional use on Bays Street and Picnic Hill.

Rich Buntin- asked about an age limit on trailers that are placed in your area. Mayor stated she's not sure, but they shouldn't devalue the surrounding property. He also asked if Cripple Creek Road is it a City street? Mayor said according to KYTC maps it is listed as a private road. There was discussion about the property owned by Richard and Sharon Bush and that the road had been maintained by the City in previous years. Rich commended Chief Spicer for his 25 years of service. He asked about a party for Ken and was told he chose no party. He asked that a sign be placed on Panbowl Road for no left hand turn on Highway 1812 as you are coming up from the lake, and no right hand turn as you are coming around the curve. Mayor will check into getting these signs.

Jason Hall – stated that he felt there had been excessive fire works this year, people celebrating the holiday several days in a row, which frightens some animals and maybe Veterans as well. He wants the City to consider what to do about fireworks before the New Year's holiday. He wanted to thank the Five Mile Community Church for their uplifting words of encouragement in the card they had sent him as Council Member, and Mildred and the Mayor agreed. He commended the Sebastian family for tearing down and cleaning up the old Cornett Building on Main Street and working on the property on Cherry Street. Jason suggested hiring part time high school or college students to help get things done in summer months. He had some questions on some items in the Personnel Policy:1. The item of getting approval for a second job, In which Mayor told him that as long as it is legal and does not interfere with their job it is usually approved. 2. The item of Co-workers not being allowed to have a relationship, he and his wife met on the job and he is concerned about this, they would have been guilty of breaking the rules. Mayor stated that this verbiage is standard in human resource policy around the state and is something KLC attorneys recommend. Jason told all that he would miss Ken Spicer and he appreciated and commended him for his 25 years of service. He said the city has the best employees in the state, he commended parks and fire departments for their grants and hard work they do.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Ron Hamblin – Cripple Creek Road- Mr. Hamblin requested to speak but did not attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Roberts seconded Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:



Laura Thomas, Mayor

**City of Jackson
333 Broadway Street
Jackson, Kentucky 41339
606-666-7069**

**MINUTES
Of the Special Called Zoom Meeting
Held on August 26, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.**

Participating: Mayor Laura Thomas, Clerk Angie Combs, Treasurer Beth Miller and John (KRADD)
Council Members Participating: Peggy Shepherd, Mildred Roberts, Jason Hall, Joy Shepherd, Harold Deaton, and Rich Buntin (with some technical difficulties)

Mayor called the Zoom meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. The meeting started a bit late due to difficulties getting everything online. The purpose of the meeting is for the second reading and adoption of Ordinance # 082020 (Employee Handbook) to repeal the section of the original Ordinance #21892 not related to the classification or compensation plans pertaining to the Policies and Procedures Handbook which will be replaced by Municipal Order. Motion to approve the second reading and adoption of this Ordinance was made by Roberts seconded by Shepherd. All voted in favor. Mayor declared Ordinance # 082020 passed.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Deaton seconded by Roberts, Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, Clerk

Approved By:



Laura W. Thomas, Mayor

MINUTES
Of the Regular Council Meeting
Held Thursday, September 17, 2020
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.
Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing was observed

Council Present: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton and Rich Buntin
Peggy Shepherd (on Facebook Live)

Council Absent: Joy Shelton

Others Participating: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Treasurer Beth Miller, City Clerk Angie Combs, Fire Chief Chase Deaton, Police Captain Elvis Noble, Lieutenant Brian Haddix, and Patrolman Calvin Welch

Guests: Fannie Hall, Sheretta Haddix, Chris Hollon, Steve Thomas; John Hollan, Breathitt Co. Sheriff, Gwin Haddix, and a host of friends and relatives of Brian Haddix; and Paul Nesbitt; Nesbitt Engineering

OPENING MEETING

Mayor Thomas welcomed all and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, and Council Member Roberts prayed at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Hall to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Roberts seconded by Buntin. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

Mr. Nesbitt report that the plans have been submitted on the downtown water line replacement project, and they are just waiting on permission to bid; the project has been delayed due to COVID-19. A KIA grant/loan forgiveness project is in the works, and this will be for repairs to sewer lines. Other projects are in the works to make needed repairs and address drainage problems.

Upon discussion, motion was made by Roberts to approve Request # 2 for the Downtown Water Line Project in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Nesbitt Engineering. Motion seconded by Deaton. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

OTHER CITY UPDATES

Mayor told all that t-ball has started back at the park and they are staying busy. She stated that the building next door started falling last Tuesday and Combs Construction had to expedite safely tearing it down. She thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance in keeping everyone safe. The process has been started for the Comprehensive Plan (Land Use and Strategic), and their will be community meetings on October 6th, 7th, and 8th.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of Police Chief – The position was posted internally, and Brian Haddix was the only applicant.
Upon discussion, Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Buntin for approval for Mayor Thomas to appoint Brian Haddix as the Police Chief for the Jackson Police Department effective immediately. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Chief Haddix will be sworn in upon completion of the agenda.
- B. Amendment to ABC Ordinance #2016-0721A – First Reading of Ordinance # 091720.
This Ordinance Amendment No. 091720 will change Article III (Alcohol Beverage Control Administrator):
(2) The Mayor of the City appoints [~~the Chief of Police,~~] an employee or non-elected officer of the City of Jackson to serve as the City Alcohol Beverage Administrator, pursuant to KRS 241.170.
Larry Noble has been Assistant ABC Administrator and has been doing these duties for some time. Changing the ordinance will give flexibility in filling the position. Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Deaton to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 091720 Amending the original ABC Ordinance. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the first reading passed. The second reading will be held via Zoom next Wednesday, September 23rd at 8:30 a.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Roberts – Congratulated Brian Haddix as Police Chief. She is thankful for the No Left Turn sign placed at Panbowl Road (coming up from the Lake onto Highway 1812). She noticed a dip in the road as you go down into Douthitt Park. Mayor asked Council to make a list of areas needing patched and blacktop as this will be done soon. While walking in the park, she got a compliment on our parks system. A resident of the Lexington/Nicholasville area stated the city's park looks great and is comparable or exceeds what they have in their area, in which she agreed. Mildred commented that there is still a drainage problem on the hill in near Harry Whitaker's. The Mayor reminded folks that when they eat at restaurants in Jackson, this helps increase the tourism tax that funds our parks system.

Peggy Shepherd- Congratulations to Mr. Haddix as Police Chief (via comments on Facebook)

Harold Deaton – Asked about Trick or Treat on Halloween. Mayor told him this would be determined by the Governor's and Department of Health recommendations, and she hopes the Park and Library can collaborate to plan something such as Trunk or Treat for the children to socially distance this year.

Rich Buntin – Congratulated Mr. Haddix on this promotion to Chief of Police.

Jason Hall – Stated he would like to commend the park for having the Movie in the Park and inviting the candidates to come and greet everyone and bring snacks for the public; that was a very good idea. The Adams Family Cartoon movie is a fitting movie for this time of year. He is thankful Mr. Haddix is now the Police Chief and is glad the hire was inside the department.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

Mayor called Lieutenant Brian Haddix up to the podium and he was sworn in as Chief of Police of the Jackson Police Department. His wife, Sheretta Haddix pinned the Chief's badge on him. Mayor congratulated Chief Haddix and thanked him and all the officers from various organizations for their service to the community.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Roberts seconded Buntin. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:



Laura Thomas, Mayor

City of Jackson

Minutes
Of the Special Called Zoom/Facebook Live Meeting
Held Wednesday, September 23, 2020
At 8:30 A.M.

Participating: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, Clerk Angie Combs, Shanna (KRADD Host), Council Members: Mildred Roberts, Peggy Shepherd, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton, Rich Buntin

Absent: Joy Shelton


Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. for the second reading and adoption of Amendment # 091720 to the Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance.

Buntin asked if there were any qualifications to be the ABC Administrator and was told they can not have any interest in any business selling alcohol, could be any city employee with the passing of this Ordinance and they must be bonded and follow any state mandated rules as well.


Motion was made by Shepherd seconded by Roberts to approve this Amendment Ordinance. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the Amendment Ordinance passed.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Roberts seconded by Deaton. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 A.M.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, Clerk



Laura W. Thomas, Mayor

City of Jackson

MINUTES

Of the Regular Council Meeting
Held Thursday, October 15, 2020
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.
Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing was observed

Council Present: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Joy Shelton, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton and Peggy Shepherd (on Facebook Live)

Council Absent: Rich Buntin (on Vacation)

Others Participating: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Treasurer Beth Miller, City Clerk Angie Combs, Fire Chief Chase Deaton, Police Captain Elvis Noble, Lieutenant Brian Haddix

Guests: Fannie Hall: Jackson Resident,

OPENING MEETING

Mayor Thomas welcomed all and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, and Council Member Roberts prayed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hall seconded by Roberts to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Hall seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

Nesbitt Engineering is waiting on permits for the Downtown Waterline Replacement project, and a bid date is set for November 12. The city is also working on obtaining a grant for updating the sewer plant, and we have received several calls about bad sewer smells. The Mayor was told that the smell is usually worse this time of the year, and the guys will check all manholes to look for problems. The Lakeside Water Extension Project should be closed out soon. Nesbitt also reported they are working with KYDOT on utility issues that will need to be addressed with the widening of HWY 15.

Mayor mentioned a few projects that are being worked on: AML funding for water service to the Barge Area, upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant, Downtown Revitalization Grant to improve drains and sidewalks, Phase II Waterline Replacement in the Quicksand Area, and up to date computer system for the Waterworks Office.

Mayor told Council that Nesbitt Engineering has submitted Request #3 for payment for engineering services on the Downtown Waterline Project Grant which KRADD is managing. Motion to approve this request as submitted was made by Roberts and seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

OTHER CITY UPDATES

Chief Deaton told all that bids had been received on the SCBA grant and that equipment will be ordered. The extraction tools (jaws of life) have been ordered thanks to another grant from USDA. The Mayor thanked him for his efforts obtaining grants.

Chief Haddix stated all is going well in the Police Department, and they have submitted several grants. Mayor reported that the application for funding for the Emergency Services Building was eligible for funding through USDA. The Auditor's will be here next week to start the FY 2019/2020 audit. She announced that Trick or Treat will be on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and to please be thoughtful, and abide by the Public Health recommendations and help kids stay safe.

Paving Projects have started this week, and most have been completed.

Mayor announced that for a time period of 20 minutes in the morning and in the afternoon when Jackson City School begins and lets out that Patton Avenue will be a one way street for better traffic flow in the area.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor told Council that the full extent of COVID 19 impact is not known, and with the city suffering loss of jobs, we have noticed a decrease of approximately \$37,000 this quarter in Occupational Taxes, and this is only half of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Roberts- asked Chief Deaton if the Fire Department was compensated when they went to a Mutual Aid Fire and was told "No" they respond and help each other when needed. She stated the Water and Sewer Departments are doing a great job, they responded quickly to a problem at the hospital. She congratulated Larry Noble as the new ABC Administrator. She commended the Parks Department for the Movie in the Park and allowing the candidates to campaign. She extended her condolences to the family of Alexis Combs, one of our own that worked here several years. She asked everyone to please wear their masks, gloves, use sanitizer and be careful, the Covid 19 Virus is very real.

Joy Shelton – Congratulated Brian Haddix as the new Chief of Police.

Peggy Shepherd – on Facebook Live stated that she misses all and good luck in the election to everyone.

Harold Deaton – stated that he had a lot of calls concerning stray cats and two little brown dogs were bothering the neighborhood.

Jason Hall – stated that the Movie in the Park was a nice program with approximately 150 people, he had a great time campaigning. He told everyone the election will be here in 19 days and encouraged everyone to get out and vote. He stated that he was sorry to lose Pizza Hut as a business here, his and his wife's first date was there, and his first job was there. He hates to lose businesses and jobs for the people that worked there. He also extended his condolences to the family of Alexis Combs, a sad situation.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE-VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

Sandy asked about putting the parking meters back in and was told they were taken out to encourage everyone to shop local. It was mentioned about installing electronic meters, and Mayor told everyone we need to work on getting enough businesses in town to warrant it.

There was also a question about picking up your animal's deposits, and Mayor stated there is a leash law that states you must keep your animal on a leash and pickup after them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shelton seconded Roberts. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs
Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas
Laura Thomas, Mayor

CITY OF JACKSON

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2020 PROPOSED TAX RATE
HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020
AT CITY HALL, 5:15 P.M.

Present: Mayor Laura Thomas and City Clerk Angie Combs

The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 5:15 p.m. She stated the purpose of the meeting was to set the property tax rates for the 2020 tax year. The actual tax rate stayed the same as last year at .2800 for Real Property and .2800 for Personal Property. There being no public in attendance and no comments, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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MINUTES

Of the Regular Council Meeting

Held Thursday, November 19, 2020

At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

Due to COVID-19 the Meeting was held via Facebook Live and Zoom

Council Participating: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Rich Buntin, Joy Shelton, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton and Peggy Shepherd

Others Participating: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, City Attorney Bruce Herald, City Treasurer Beth Miller, City Clerk Angie Combs, Police Captain Elvis Noble, Police Chief Brian Haddix, Jennifer McIntosh (KRADD), Paul Nesbitt (Nesbitt Engineering) Megan (KRADD-Zoom Host), Kelsey Sebastian (Council-Elect) and Steve McIntosh (Council-Elect)

OPENING MEETING

Mayor Thomas welcomed all and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and prayed at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

Paul Nesbitt told Council that the apparent low bidder on the Waterline Replacement Project Phase I was Clay Pipeline Inc. in the amount of \$ 1,533,086.00 which includes the base bid and additive alternate number 1. Motion to accept this bid and issue the Notice of Award for this contract to Clay Pipeline, Inc. was made by Roberts seconded by Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

He mentioned that the state widening of the highway will relocate water and sewer lines that will be paid for in their project which is a plus for the city. The Lakeside project is almost closed out.

He explained to all that the Barge area of Clayhole is eligible for AML funding because mining impacted the water in that region. He and the Mayor have been working on this project.

There will be a meeting tomorrow with the Division of Water to discuss how excess water is getting into the sewer, this involves the KIA Sewer Rehab Project.

OTHER CITY UPDATES

Captain Noble told everyone that the Jackson Police Department has received a grant from Wal Mart in which needed camera's and SD cards were purchased. Mayor asked Council to thank the Manager at Wal Mart for these funds. Also, with Asset Forfeiture funds a digital storage system was purchased that makes managing evidence easier.

Mayor stated that community survey's have been received for input on the comprehensive plan.

The city has applied for several grants – ARC to upgrade water treatment plant (pumps, switches etc. KIA – upgrades to the sewer system USDA – renovation of fire station on Broadway, 2 new police cruisers and new equipment for the fire department.

Revenues are down in Occupational and Tourism Taxes, we won't know the full extent until the year ends.

She seriously encouraged everyone to wear their masks and be safe especially during this Thanksgiving Season. Mayor thanked the sponsors of the local clean up- Chamber, Jackson Woman's Club, Kiwanis Club and City workers for making the clean up a success and waste connections for their collaboration.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2020 Property Tax Rate Ordinance # 112020 First Reading – Mayor explained that the rate stays the same as last year at .2800 for both Real Property and Personal Property, this will generate a little more revenue in real property since the assessment went up and will generate a little less in personal property since the assessment went down. The city works off of the county tax roll and can't get our taxes out until the information is given to us from the PVA office. Upon discussion, motion was made by Roberts seconded by Buntin to approve the first reading of this Ordinance. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the first reading passed. The second reading and adoption will be Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via video conferencing

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Roberts asked about the lift assists on the fire department report and was told it was when someone had fallen and had to be helped back to bed. She told all she would miss Peggy being on the Council, she also wanted to thank everyone for electing her and she would work to make our city a better place. She stated the clean up is going very well, and asked everyone to please support the local restaurants which are struggling. She reminded all of the Downtown Christmas event. Mayor added the Jackson Woman's Club sponsors this event which will be a reverse parade on December 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., vehicles will go around the block to see the floats and displays put up, and treat bags will be given to the kids at the end of the parade. Roberts thanked Rich for his salute on the Veteran's radio show, and told everyone to have a good Thanksgiving Holiday. She added that there is an area in south Jackson that is close to Buford Williams house that water runs off into the road and freezes when it is cold and is very dangerous, she asked that this be checked into. Mayor mentioned that water does run off the hill and when there are heavy rains, the ditch line fills up and does run across the road.

Joy Shelton stated that she has enjoyed being on the Council, she has learned a lot, she appreciates that Mayor and Council members are all Christians and the power of prayer works.

The city of Florence paints a thin blue line and thin red line between their double yellow lines in the city to thank first responders, police and fire departments, for their service to their community. She asked that this be looked into for our city. Mayor and other Council members thanked her for her service as well.

Peggy Shepherd said it was a pleasure to work with all and she congratulated Roberts, McIntosh and Sebastian on winning their Council seats. Mayor and other Council members thanked her for her service to the community.

Harold Deaton told all that he had some complaints of fighting chickens on Railroad Street, Mayor stated she had checked on this, and did not see any roosters in the cages and she will work to get cages removed from side of road.

Rich Buntin welcomed the new Council-Elect members and thanked everyone who voted for him, he said it is an honor to serve the city and wished Shepherd and Shelton the best, said it is an honor to serve with McIntosh again, and wished everyone the best with prayers and prosperity.

Jason Hall stated it has bee a pleasure serving with Shelton and Shepherd he would miss them, they were respectful and brought dignity to the Council. He welcomed McIntosh and Sebastian to the Council and stated with Sebastian, he would no longer be the youngest member of the Council. He asked the possibility of speed bumps on Highland Avenue, and asked if funds were available to do so. He asked Chief Haddix who lives in the area if he agreed, in which he did agree that it may help speeding in front of the school also.

Mayor wished all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

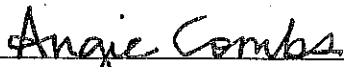
COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deaton seconded Roberts. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:



Laura Thomas, Mayor

CITY OF JACKSON

Minutes
Of the Special Called Meeting
Held Friday, November 20, 2020
At City Hall @ 9:00 a.m. via Facebook Live and Zoom

Council Present: Hall, Roberts, Shepherd, and Deaton

Others Present: Mayor Thomas, Clerk Combs, Treasurer Miller, and Megan (KRADD Zoom Host)

Mayor called the special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and stated the purpose of the meeting is for the second reading and adoption of the 2020 Property Tax Rate Ordinance # 112020. This Ordinance keeps the rate the same as last year at .2800 for Real Property and .2800 for Personal Property. Upon discussion, motion to approve the second reading and adoption of this Ordinance was made by Hall seconded by Deaton. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared Ordinance # 112020 passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hall seconded by Deaton. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Submitted by:

Angie Combs
Angie Combs, Clerk

Approved by:

Laura Thomas
Laura Thomas, Mayor

City of Jackson, Kentucky

MINUTES

Of the Regular Council Meeting

Held Thursday, December 17, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.

Due to COVID-19 the Meeting was held via Facebook Live and Zoom

Council Participating: Mildred Rogers-Roberts, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton and Peggy Shepherd

Council Absent: Joy Shelton and Rich Buntin (Absent due to Family Member being ill)

Others Participating: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, City Treasurer Beth Miller, Megan (KRADD) (Facebook Live Host); City Clerk Angie Combs, Police Captain Elvis Noble, Police Chief Brian Haddix, Fire Chief Chase Deaton, Paul Nesbitt (Nesbitt Engineering) and Steve McIntosh (Council-Elect)

OPENING MEETING

Mayor Thomas welcomed all and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and prayed at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hall seconded by Roberts to accept the Minutes as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

Mayor asked all to review the new Engineering Report that was provided from Nesbitt Engineering in their monthly packet, all agreed this report is very helpful in keeping up with all current projects. Attention was called to the Downtown Waterline Project in which a construction company has been selected and city is waiting for final approval for the project.

OTHER CITY UPDATES

Chief Haddix stated the Shop with a Cop Program was a success this year serving 125 children in need and spending approximately \$16,000.00. Mayor thanked him and everyone who helped in any way and stated the children really enjoyed themselves. He added that 2 new cruisers have been approved through a USDA grant and his department is waiting on approval for several other grants (gun belts, bullet proof vests, new PD). Mayor and all thanked Chief Haddix.

Chief Deaton reported that there were grant funds awarded to the fire department in the amount of \$139,000.00 for this year. He has also applied for more grant funds that have not responded yet. He invited all to stop by and see the new equipment they are very proud to have received. He stated there were a total of 285 runs this year up from 264 last year. Mayor and all thanked Chief Deaton.

Mayor mentioned that the street crew is getting the snow plow and salter ready for the winter.

The sanitation department has had multiple issues, among them sick leave and break downs. The city has cheaper rates and more runs per week than the county offers. The city has applied for a grant for a new sanitation truck which Mayor hopes to be 75% grant funded with the city matching with 25%.

Mayor stated she appreciates all departments and the work they perform.

The property taxes have been prepared and mailed. The pay discount period may be extended up to a week to ensure everyone gets a full thirty days to pay their bills.

The second round of COVID relief funding has been released and the city is eligible to receive an additional \$43,655.00.

Mayor thanked the Woman's Club for their hard work and efforts for the Downtown Christmas Reverse Parade. She has received wonderful comments about this event and appreciates the efforts of the city departments who helped with the Christmas decorations and parade preparation.

The community clean-up sponsored by the Chamber, Woman's Club, Kiwanis, and City was very well received by the community. Mayor thanked the street department for their hard work to help make this event possible.

Mayor told all that the Community Action Program has received funding to help qualified recipients for Utility bill relief and gave the phone number to call (666-7278) and noted the information was posted several places.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor told Council that she wanted them to think about lowering the Occupational Tax to 1%. When it was raised to 2%, it was an increase due to an emergency situation to pay off indebtedness and was not supposed to remain forever or be used for new debt. The 2009 bond has been paid off, and the Mayor thinks the city can tighten its belt.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mildred Roberts told all that there were two new businesses in Jackson, a Liquor Store and a Tattoo Shop, and she asked everyone to welcome them. She stated she was saddened by several residents who have been laid to rest with the virus and expressed condolences to the family of Bill Ken Noble. Mayor added to keep Walter Begley in your prayers as he is not doing well.

She has been approached by several people asking to bring back the Street Dance that the city once had and asked everyone to be thinking about this possibility.

She asked the Mayor if she had found a way to paint the thin blue line for police officers between the yellow lines. Mayor told her that the way our streets are mostly one way, this would be difficult, but she would continue to think of a way this could be done.

Mildred Roberts stated that Bobby Clark (entrepreneur project) wants to bring money and education to the area and meet with city and county to help make this happen. Cameron Adams wants to start a Food Bank if he can locate a building where the temperature is regulated and a place to store food.

She said there is a big need for food right now and for everyone to be thinking about a location for this to happen. She also commended the park for having the food box down there for people in need. She had taken cookies and cakes, and the book box is a blessing as well. She wanted to thank all departments for the good things done this year and wished all a Merry Christmas and God Bless All.

Peggy Shepherd had no comments at this time.

Harold Deaton mentioned roosters and trash complaints on Railroad Street. Mayor noted that the owners were notified of the no-rooster rule and nuisance ordinance and told to clean up their property.

Jason Hall asked about the possibility of speed bumps or rumble strips placed on Highland Avenue. It would help everyone who lives there and especially the school as traffic goes way too fast in this area. Mayor explained this is a state road and she can check on the possibility with them. Also, Captain Elvis Noble will follow up with running radar in this area to slow down traffic. Jason commended the Woman's Club and city employees for the Reverse Downtown Christmas Parade, he stated everyone really enjoyed it. He also commended the civic groups involved in the Clean Up. He added that the new Engineering Report from Nesbitt is helpful in keeping the projects straight. He commended the Police Department and their Shop with a Cop program which is such a positive thing in our community. He commended the Fire Chief and the added photos in his report of all the grant funds received and said the city needs to pursue all grant funding available. He is also glad that the Mayor is getting the word out about Community Action helping to fund utility bills for needy families. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

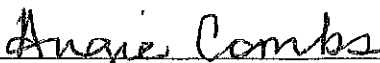
A resident asked about getting rid of the tax on food. Mayor explained this Tourism tax supports our parks and recreation department and their programs and she considers it fair because everyone who consumes pays in equally. She invited the citizen to contact her at city hall at 666-7069 for a more information on the subject.

Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday and asked for all to remember those who have lost loved ones in your thoughts and prayers during this holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Hall seconded Roberts. Upon call for vote, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:



Laura Thomas, Mayor