

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

**MINUTES**

Of the Special Called Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, January 24, 2019  
(Changed from the Regular date of January 17, 2019)  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

Council Present: Mildred Lee-Rogers, 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 Clerk Angie Combs, Police Chief Ken Spicer, Acting Fire Chief Charles Noble, and Volunteer Fireman Dylan Baker

Guests: Jennifer McIntosh, KRADD; Paul Nesbitt, Nesbitt Engineering, Inc.; Stephen Bowling, Jennifer Bowling, Joseph Bowling, Steve McIntosh, Rose Wolfe, Shawn Thatcher, Crystal Thatcher, Joy Neace, Renee Haddix, Dan McIntyre, Arch Sebastian, Gerald Anderson, Cathleen Abner and Tim Miller

WELCOME/PRAYER

Mayor Thomas called the special called council meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting is to conduct the regular business of the city. The Agenda will be followed and no new business will be discussed. She welcomed everyone, especially former Mayor and Council Members in attendance, with Buntin opening with prayer at 5:30 P.M.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Shawn Thatcher his wife, Crystal and Renee Haddix all stated that Mildred Rogers had invited them and they were glad to be in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon discussion, Rogers stated that the Minutes of December 13, need to be amended" Doran Lewis Way" to" Oscar Lewis Way" which will be corrected. Motion was then made by Hall seconded by Rogers to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting from December, 2018 as submitted. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

### APPROVAL OF BILLS & REPORTS

Mayor Thomas told all that she intends to be accountable to the tax payers, and the city's money will be spent wisely. Motion to accept the Bills and Reports as presented was made by Rogers seconded by Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

### WATER & SEWER UPDATES-PAUL NESBITT

The Lift Station Phase II project has been completed, working on paperwork with the KRADD District for final closeout.

Lakeside Water and Sewer Project- (1.1 Million from Economic Development Association and 300,000 from ARC)

Easements are still being obtained for Juniper Health. Once the project is completed, it will strengthen the fire flow in that area of the city. The new water tank will meet insurance standards.

Waterline Replacement -Downtown Area- (1 Million CDBG and 1 Million ARC) – This should be funded next year.

Mayor Thomas told all that the FEMA South Jackson River Crossing Project has been completed and closed out. She thanked former Mayor Wolfe and former Council Members Bowling, and McIntosh for their efforts on this project

Rich Buntin asked the status of future plans for sewage lines in the city. Mr. Nesbitt told him that the project will be considered in 2020, after the current projects have been completed.

### CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor told all that she is absorbing lots of information, and she and Mildred and Rich went to the KLC newly elected officials training. She has an Officials Legal Handbook if any of the other council members would like to borrow it for themselves.

Jennifer from KRADD has updated Mayor concerning all of the city's projects.

The city is in the process of hiring a new Fire Chief since Roger Friley retired December 31<sup>st</sup>. She thanked Arch Sebastian for his expertise as an unpaid consultant in this matter. Interviews are scheduled to begin next week.

She asked Chief Spicer to give his year in review report. The Police Department do a good job and everyone appreciates them.

Two new police cruisers are at the dealership waiting on the federal shutdown to be resolved in order for purchasing.

Mayor told all that parks manager has submitted a report for all to review. The bank balance in their account is \$11,400. They are having the basketball, volleyball, walking program at Lees etc..

Mayor explained that the city is being aggressive to collect all money owed for outstanding water/sewer bills. The city pays the Kentucky River Authority for pulling the water out of the river to treat it and water bills need to be paid. The old deposit account has been reviewed and if that same person owes a current water bill, the deposit has been applied to their bill in order to weed out delinquent bills.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. LakePoint Drive-Further discussion on approval of road upon receipt of deed from Frank A. Fletcher/Tim Miller

Tim Miller addressed the Mayor and Council and thanked them and the Lord for this opportunity to speak to them concerning the road leading to his new church to be located at the end of LakePoint Drive.

Mayor explained to him that our attorney needs a legal description of the road in order to get the deed prepared. She explained that Mr. Fletcher owns the land now, it is his responsibility.

He is the developer, and once the road is accepted, it would be maintained as is, a gravel road. Mr. Miller told all that he paid for gravel on the road since he needed supplies to the church, he was told to take that up with Mr. Fletcher

#### NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Joy Shelton stated she was in favor of getting grants for things to do for the young people of Jackson. She also will work with the Mayor and Council to do what Jesus wants us to do to for Jackson.

Harold Deaton asked if the citizens of Sycamore street could start a neighborhood watch and was told he could go on line and research this subject if those are his wishes.

Rich Buntin wished Tim Miller success in his church endeavors and wants to do what is necessary to provide a safe manner for them to get to church.

Jason Hall told all that Jackson lost a good person, when former Judge Executive Bettie Cornett passed. She and Dr. Cornett have done a lot for Jackson and Breathitt County.

He welcomed the new members, Joy Shelton and Buntin to the Council, and was glad to see former Mayor Wolfe and Council members Bowling and McIntosh in the audience.

Peggy Shepherd stated that she could barely hear the speakers in the audience and was told that there was a podium with a microphone that can be used for the next Council meeting.

She asked that the parking situation at Jackson City school be looked into, an ambulance could not get through there if needed, during the hours children are dropped off and picked up. Chief Spicer told all that this road is state maintained and the state would not let the city make it one lane during the hours in question, that there have been many previous meetings with Jackson City School in order to alleviate the situation. Mayor will collect more information and get back with the Council concerning this matter.

Mildred Rogers thanked the Thatcher's and Ms. Clair Haddix for accepting her invitation to come to the Council meeting and share their views.

She told all that she had spent three days in newly elected officials training in Lexington with the Mayor and other Council that attended, it was some things she had previously learned in past years, but she enjoyed learning new things.

She announced that she is excited for the new Juniper Health building and all the services they will provide the citizens of Jackson.

She said that Thatcher's downtown is having music in the evening, which is something for the young people to do. She added that the city needs to make the musicians for these venues feel welcome.

She stated that she had attended an Arts ,Heritage and Tourism Association meeting at Thatcher's and she is a part of this group that are trying to promote things to do in Jackson and Breathitt County. Mr.

Thatcher said if you google Trip Advisor now you only get a picture of Panbowl Lake and that is all.

He stated there is a lot more to do in our area and he is committed to seeing it advertised better.

Former Mayor Wolfe told him that there were pamphlets that were available upstairs at city hall and he agreed to take some for promotion. Mayor thanked Mr. Thatcher for his dedication to get involved with Tourism.

Business owner, Renee Clair Haddix added that Highway 15 is a tremendous asset for Tourism to all in the area.

Dan McIntyre invited all to the Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held the third Tuesday of each month at Kelsey's on Main at 11:30 a.m.

Mayor Thomas told everyone she was pleasantly surprised by the good turn out for the play at Lees College, Saturday, January 19 at 4:00 p.m. hosted by Jackson Parks and Recreation and Jackson Woman's club . The city needs more of this type of thing to happen.

Tim Miller to clarify asked if the road would be adopted after the deed was given to the city, this will either be confirmed or he will be told what further needs to be done.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shepherd seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs

Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas

Laura Thomas, Mayor

**PUBLIC NOTICE – SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

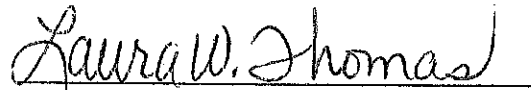
The January 17, 2019 regularly scheduled City Council meeting has been changed to January 24, 2019, 5:30 P.M. at City Hall Council Chambers, 333 Broadway, Jackson, KY. This change is necessary to accommodate training for newly elected officials.

Laura Thomas, Mayor

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Jackson City Council for January will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 re-scheduled from January 17, 2019 due to Newly Elected Officials Training in Lexington, Ky.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura W. Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Laura W. Thomas, Mayor  
City of Jackson, Kentucky

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**MINUTES**

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Held Thursday, February 21, 2019  
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Council Present: Mildred Lee-Rogers, 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 Clerk Angie Combs, Police Chief Ken Spicer, Acting Fire Chief Charles Noble, and Volunteer Firemen Gary Robinson, Kevin Chapman

Guests: Jennifer McIntosh, KRADD; Paul Nesbitt, Nesbitt Engineering, Inc.; Stephen Bowling, Jennifer Bowling, Joseph Bowling, Steve McIntosh, Rose Wolfe, Chet Sygiel & Virginia Meagher, Tiffany Reynolds and Roy McClees; Jackson Residents

WELCOME/PRAYER

Mayor Thomas called the regular council meeting to order and welcomed everyone, especially former Mayor and Council Members in attendance, with Shepherd opening with prayer at 5:30 P.M.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Former Mayor Rose Wolfe asked that the Jr. Red Cross be allowed to use the Council Chambers for regular meetings the third Sunday of each month. She told all that this worthwhile program instills values in children to do for others and expect nothing in return. Mayor Thomas thanked her and agreed that this program is good for public service and has no problem with them continuing to meet here at City Hall.

Virginia Meagher commended the cleanliness of the park system and friendliness of park staff. She invited all to a meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Kelsey's about how local governments, non-profits and churches can save on their electric bills. Mayor thanked her for the information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Rogers seconded by Shelton to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting from January, 2019 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 Rogers seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

#### WATER & SEWER UPDATES-PAUL NESBITT

There was a meeting with AML concerning needed funding for future projects.

The next phase of the downtown waterline replacement project is to cut the loss of water.

Lakeside Water & Sewer Project-the design phase has been completed and city is working on needed easements.

5 year plan- Commissioner Dunahoo advised the city to have an up to date 5 year plan for the Water and Sewer projects that are needed for funding.

Mayor Thomas thanked Mr. Nesbitt.

Jennifer from KRADD added that she had been working on getting some preliminary invoices on the Lakeside Water and Sewer project reimbursed.

Mayor stated that Jennifer has been very helpful on these important projects.

#### CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor told all that she, Paul and Jennifer learned that the Economic Development Administration grant for the Lakeside Water and Sewer Project was a reimbursable grant, the total project is \$1,456,419.00, There will be later discussion on this issue.

She also met with the Troublesome Creek Environmental Authority who is made up of Breathitt, Perry and Knott Counties concerning wastewater.

There was a meeting with Abandoned Mine Lands, part of the Energy and Environment Cabinet, who wants the City of Jackson to see if it is feasible to supply water to Buckhorn on a permanent basis, not only in emergencies as it is now. Upon discussion, all agreed that city residents come first and would not jeopardize the water system.

The Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation came to the Chamber of Commerce meeting and has an interesting project which if completed, would boost tourism in Jackson and Breathitt County.

The city and county met with a committee who is with the Appalachian Horse Project (at Elk View) hoping to put a plan together to make this tourism project happen.

The city has been working on digitizing our forms to make them more accessible on line.

Mayor has been working with Sheena Hensley of Kentucky Power to identify meters such as ones for Honey Festival or Christmas and trying to get them turned off and only back on for the time frames needed. There will be no reconnect fee for this service.



Appalachian Wireless sent a refund request citing telecommunications KRS laws stating that they do not have to pay the net profit fee, therefore upon research and legal opinions, it has been decided that they are entitled to a refund of over \$20,000.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- A. LakePointe Drive-Continued discussion of road- This item was tabled due to the fact the plat that was presented from Mr. Fletcher in the legal description is not considered a road, so it can not be accepted yet.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval to seek short term funding for no more than one year for the Lakeside Water/Sewer Extension Project – Motion made by Rogers seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted “Aye”. Mayor declared the motion passed.
- B. Approval to hire Part Time Fire Chief- Motion made by Deaton seconded by Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted “Aye”. Mayor declared the motion passed.
- C. Approval to rework the City’s Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual to be more in line with State Policies – Motion to start the process and to move forward to update the city’s manual was made by Rogers and seconded by Buntin. There will be a Workshop concerning these ideas.
- D. Approval of Resolution # 022119 to support signage honoring Sturgill Simpson – Breathitt County Arts and Heritage Committee are paying \$250.00 for the sign, they are only asking for a Resolution. Motion was then made by Hall seconded by Rogers to accept the Resolution. Upon call for vote, all voted “Aye”. Mayor declared Resolution # 022119 passed.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Joy Shelton didn’t have any comments at this time.

Harold Deaton commended the police department for helping him with unlocking his vehicle at Wal Mart. They came to him in a timely manner and he suggested they charge for the service, which he was told they take donations for Shop with a Cop, but this service will remain free for the citizens of Jackson.

Rich Buntin stated he was happy with how things are going.

Jason Hall suggested that the video taped meeting of the Council be uploaded to Youtube or Facebook for public viewing, Mayor explained the public is welcome to come to city hall and request a copy of the Minutes under the Open Records Law at any time.

Peggy Shepherd commended all who worked on traffic control at Highland Avenue during District Tournament, it is better and is very much appreciated.

Mildred Rogers met with leaders on the Brownsfield Project which would tear down the old Western Auto Building beside City Hall, she feels good about the city’s chances of getting this funded.

Mildred Rogers invited all to the Breathitt County Arts and Heritage Committee meetings held the fourth Thursday at 5:30 at Thatcher’s. This committee meets to discuss new ideas to bring Tourism to our area.

She asked all to contact our Senators and Representatives concerning HB 129 which is important because it would let the state control money that should come to our city and county.

She also stated that she had no complaints from the public this month.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Deaton seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs

Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas

Laura Thomas, Mayor

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Held Thursday, March 21, 2019  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

Council Present: Mildred Lee-Rogers, 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 Clerk Angie Combs, Police Chief Ken Spicer, Fire Chief Chase Deaton and Asst. Fire Chief Charles Noble

Guests: Jeff Noble, Times-Voice; Paul Nesbitt, Nesbitt Engineering, Inc.; Stephen Bowling, Jennifer Bowling, Steve McIntosh, Rose Wolfe, Sue Clair and Renee Haddix; Jackson Residents

WELCOME/PRAYER

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Former Mayor Rose Wolfe asked that the Jr. Red Cross be allowed to plant flowers in the flower boxes out in front of City Hall, this is considered their spring project for the community. Mayor and Council agreed this is a great idea for the beautification of our city.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Thomas mentioned two changes to be made to the Minutes of February 21, 2019 . Under City Updates Troublesome Group should be Troublesome" Creek" Environmental Authority and Under Council Comments (Hall) –after a copy insert "of the Minutes ". Motion was made by Rogers seconded by Shepherd to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting from February 2019 with the changes 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 Rogers seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

### WATER & SEWER UPDATES-PAUL NESBITT

Mr. Nesbitt explained that all have been working to obtain site certifications and permits needed to get utilities to Juniper Health. All easements have been obtained except Sue Clair Enterprise, which is in negotiations. The Industrial Board voted to give the city permission for the needed easements for property for the tank site, the next step is the bidding phase.

Mr. Nesbitt told all that the Downtown Replacement of Water Lines Project is in Frankfort now, and he is confident that this will be funded by late fall. The city needs to continually be thinking of projects to be considered for the 5-year plan.

Mayor stated that she is continuing to learn how the water/sewer process works on these large projects. She apologized for the recent water line breaks and thanked the public for their patience.

### CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor announced that there will be a new census count in 2020, it is important to work together with the community to get an accurate count for state and federal funding. She also mentioned there will be jobs available to work for the census.

April is Spring Clean Up Month according to PRIDE. If your church or civic group, etc. would like to participate, get with Calvin Saum for the county or Rich Buntin, coordinator for the city. They can get the garbage bags and items needed for the cleanup.

April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month, there will be a community walk on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. which will start at the Courthouse and go around the block. All are encouraged to join this worthwhile walk.

Mayor told everyone that Corbett Caudill had spoken at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday and talked about the future widening of Highway 15 from the 4 lane to Highway 1812 by Pizza Hut. The Mayor encouraged the public to attend the hearings sponsored by KYDOT and offer input.

She mentioned that she is working on a Land & Water Conservation 50% matching grant. The city needs to apply for all grant funds we can afford to match.

Mayor mentioned that the sanitation truck has been down, and the backup was even down also. The routes were picked up the next evening so that everything could be back on schedule.

There was a complaint to the Attorney General's Office that a dump truck was being used by a resident that the city was being selective. The Attorney General's Office investigated and found no fault with the City's policy.

Police Chief Spicer explained that once a year by April 1<sup>st</sup>, the city is required to vote on the Alcohol Beverage Control rates (Regulatory Fee). He recommended to keep them the same as last year: Beer 5% Mixed Drinks and Liquor 6%. Motion was made by Council Member Rogers seconded by Council Member Buntin to keep the rates the same as recommended by Chief Spicer. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

Council Member Hall asked about the old building on Broadway that was intended to be a new police station. He was told by Council Member Rogers that she has attended meetings at KRADD -Brownsfield Project – the city has completed phase 1 and phase 2 of the process and is waiting for approval. This would be a tremendous help to the city since the cost for demolition is extremely high.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor introduced Michael Chase Deaton as the new part time Fire Chief and Charles Noble as the Assistant Fire Chief. They are both doing a lot of training and do a good job.

Mayor stated she needed approval for the new Zoning Board members Pam Robinson, Doug Fraley, Chase Deaton and Jason Hall. These members will join the existing members, Arch Sebastian and Barb Deaton. Council Member Rogers made the motion to accept the above members to the Zoning Board seconded by Council Member Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted “aye” with the exception of Council Member Hall who “abstained”. Mayor declared the motion passed. She has also scheduled a continuing education class for all members in Pikeville on April 10.

Mayor stated that there was one vacancy on the Tourism & Convention Board. She has researched the Ordinance and the Mayor can be appointed if the Council chooses to do so. Motion was made by Council Member Rogers to approve Mayor to the Tourism & Convention Board and seconded by Council Member Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted “aye” Mayor declared the motion passed. Mayor will join members Lea Eiserman, Glenna Fletcher, Fred Landrum, Tommy Miller, J.B. Morgan and Clara Gabbard on this Board.

Mayor met with the Auditors and reported the audit was good. The city is in better condition than years before. There were a few recommendations from them that will be implemented. She commended former Mayor Wolfe for a job well done.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Rogers stated that the residents of Snowden Branch had petitioned the city several years ago to be included in the city limits of Jackson, and they are wanting to know if this can be done. Mayor will check on this, and noted there may be an issue of continuation of boundary lines.

Rogers commended Park Manager, Brittany Combs on doing a good job telling everyone the events going on and future events taking place during the recent interview at the radio station.

Rogers asked if the employees were going to get off for Good Friday. Mayor told her it is not one of the holidays in the city’s Employee Handbook.

Council Member Rogers told all that Shawn Thatcher asked if he could have a road block on Highway 15 to raise funds for Foster Children. Mayor told her that the Highway State Department would have to give him permission for that area. She has e-mailed Corbett Caudill, and asked him several questions,

and road blocks were on the list. She said personally she felt road blocks on Highway 15 were dangerous.

Council Member Hall stated that he felt that the work session the Council had was informative and went well. He also thanked Mayor Thomas for speaking to the LBJ 5<sup>th</sup> grade class; the kids really enjoyed it.

Council Member Shepherd asked the Mayor to look at the Ordinance Book under Obnoxious Nuisances such as stray animals, trash dumps etc. and maybe hire an Environmental Inspector to site the nuisances. Mayor told her that as citizens it is our right to report any and all nuisances and she encouraged all to start a list and how to pursue it.

Council Member Buntin announced again that April is PRIDE month, and he is the PRIDE coordinator for the City of Jackson. He told all that if anyone is interested in cleaning up their area, they need to sign authorization forms and get the proper gear (gloves, vests, trash bags etc.). He also encouraged business owners to clean in front and back of their store fronts. There will not be a dump site this year due to lack of funds. There will be announcements about the clean up on the radio show "To the Point".

Sue Clair addressed the Council, and she is very concerned about the public dumping trash in her dumpsters and large items over the river bank. Former Council Member McIntosh told all that Waste Management's rates to dump have risen tremendously and that might be why there is more trash and large items being dumped at her site. Ms. Clair also stated that there was an issue with an abundance of cats that are getting in the dumpsters causing problems. Mayor stated that she was unaware of these issues and will get with Ms. Clair to see what can be done.

Council Member Deaton asked about flushing of the fire hydrants. Chief Deaton told him that the fire department is in the process of doing so, and stated it has to be done once a year in order to keep the ISO rating as is.

Council Member Shelton asked to have the police patrol Lakeside Drive for speeders. She has had several complaints of vehicles speeding in this area. Chief Spicer will have his officers patrol there periodically.

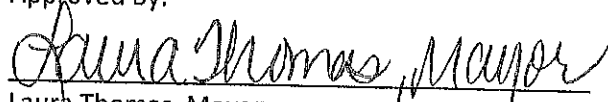
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Approved By:

  
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Council Absent: None

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

Guests: Ken Reid, Nesbitt Engineering, Inc.; Jennifer Bowling, Steve McIntosh, Rose Wolfe, Jaci and Trevor Smith, Bill Scott Pastor, Jackson Community Church; Sandra Fugate, Jackson Womans Club; Bess Douthitt and Virginia Meagher; Jackson Residents

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Rogers seconded by Shelton to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting from March 2019 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 Shepherd seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed. Mayor told all that the interest rates on some of the long term debt needs to be restructured in order to get those high interest rates down. Mayor will be seeking options to do so, with Council approval.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES-KEN REID

Ken Reid stated that the hospital easement has been recorded. They are waiting on one other easement, then once we get that and the site certification is approved, then the City will proceed with advertising for bids for the Water and Sewer project to Juniper.

### CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor reminded Council that there needs to be a Budget Work Session in order to present the FY 2019/20 Budget for the May Council meeting, and one will be scheduled, and all will be notified.

The Water Department will be moving the existing water meter in May for the McDonalds renovation.

The City will be patching pot holes, and folks can let the office know if there is one in need of repair.

At the Tourism Board Meeting, Mayor clarified the Tourism Ordinance that states they receive 10% of the yearly funds. They have been receiving \$40,000 per year, and in the future the funding received will be 10% of revenue collected.

Mayor told all there is a Transportation Alternatives Grant that is through the Highway Department and can be used for sidewalks. This grant is due next week, and Nesbitt Engineering has been assisting in determining sidewalks projects. Some suggested projects are:

Construct a new sidewalk across from Breathitt High to Main (School Children use this area)

College Avenue behind the Extension Office with connectivity to the Extension Parking

Along HWY 15 front of the Rose Brothers Shopping Center (State Road)

There is a Land and Water Grant that is a 50/50 matching grant. The Parks department is in dire need of a new concession stand with a press box over it, and the city hopes to obtain the grant this year.

The City has applied for a grant for a small dump truck with a snow plow and salt spreader which will make this a multipurpose truck if the grant is obtained. This grant was denied last year, hopefully it will be funded this year.

Mayor announced the city has obtained a domain to use for a website and for email addresses for city employees and Council if they wish. The domain is [cityofjacksonky.org](http://cityofjacksonky.org), and an example email address would be [laura.thomas@cityofjacksonky.org](mailto:laura.thomas@cityofjacksonky.org). This is much more professional than using personal email addresses to do City business.

The Police Department will start enforcing the 2 hour parking laws and writing tickets to violators. This should free up parking for shoppers and people that need to do business in downtown Jackson. The fine will be \$ 5.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional hour parked. There are other parking lots available for people that work in town or need to do business that takes longer than 2 hours. Mayor will make sure the businesses in town receive a hand delivered letter concerning this issue.

Mayor recognized Police Chief Spicer who stated the cruisers from last year's USDA grant have arrived and are currently being fitted with the cages, lights and sirens. The JPD has been checking for speeders, especially on Lakeside, and also checking for seat belt use and offering unlock assistance. Councilman Deaton thanked him for their quick response to his recent unlock situation. Chief Spicer told all that this is a free service, but if anyone wishes to donate to their Shop with a Cop Program they may do so. The Police Officers do not go outside the city limits for this service unless it is an emergency, such as a child or animal locked in a vehicle.



Mayor recognized Fire Chief Deaton who told all that the fire department is looking at ways to save energy such as replacing all current light bulbs with LED bulbs and getting rid of all surplus vehicles. There have been a total of 75 fire runs as of today's date. Council member Hall asked if there is currently a burn ban in effect. He was told the dates for the ban run from February 15 to April 30 which consists of no burning until after 6:00 p.m.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Rogers asked about the sidewalk in front of Terri Anderson Young's residence on Court Street needing the rough edges shaved off. Mayor will check into this.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bill Scott, Pastor of Jackson Community Church addressed the Council concerning a sign that needs a variance granted because the dimensions are too large and it violates the city's Zoning Ordinance. Upon discussion, Motion to grant the variance was made by Hall seconded by Shepherd. Upon roll call vote: Rogers "Aye" Shepherd "Aye" Hall "Aye" Buntin "No" Deaton "No" and Shelton "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed with the understanding that legally, the Zoning Board may have to decide this matter which would nullify the vote.

Mayor asked Council to authorize her to be the Administrator of the previously mentioned Transportation Alternatives Grant. Motion by Hall seconded by Rogers to approve this authorization. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

Mayor also asked for approval for Council to agree to pay the 20% match up to \$10,000 for a \$50,000 TAP Grant. Motion by Buntin seconded by Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

Red Beard Vapes is having a Grand Opening Ceremony on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. which is located in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center. They have asked the Mayor to be there to officially cut the ribbon for the occasion, and she invited all to attend.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Shelton asked about an Early Warning System for tornadoes and storms. Mayor will check with Jennifer from KRADD concerning the status of the project.

Rogers said that Meteorologist Shawn Harley will be here next month, and he may have some insight as to what to do concerning those types of situations.

Deaton stated that the house next door to him owned by KRCC is a nuisance, the grass needs to be mowed, to ward off snakes and rodents. KRCC will be called concerning this situation.

Deaton also asked what can be done concerning the homeless situation, where they camp out on the riverbanks in South Jackson. He has had several items stolen and it is getting very expensive. Chief Spicer told all that the landowner has given them a week to vacate his property.

Buntin stated that the Spring Cleanup is going well, he hopes that these groups will continue into May and beyond to keep the city clean.

Hall had nothing to report at this time.

Shepherd had nothing to report at this time.

Rogers announced that NAPA, owned by Jim Baker is having a Grand Opening on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and she invited all to attend.

Rogers told all that the Brownsfield Project funding is coming to an end. The old Western Auto Building has some asbestos, and once that has been removed, it shouldn't cost much to tear down.

Mayor told all that Mr. Nesbitt is confident that the city will obtain \$2 million grant for new water lines downtown. There will be random surveys of Jackson residents required for this grant.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

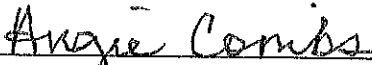
Sandra Fugate, representing the Jackson Womans Club told all that Interfaith of Jackson is in need of food donations. There will be a can food drive on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She invited all to be a part of the solution for our community.

Bess Douthitt informed all that there is a heavy blind population that has lower peripheral vision loss and lower mobility in our area. She is willing to research grants to help the community. Council Member Hall commended Ms. Douthitt on her commitment to helping the blind, especially the youth in our area.


#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted By:

  
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Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

  
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Laura Thomas, Mayor

**CITY OF JACKSON  
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LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR**

**MINUTES  
Of the Regular Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, May 16, 2019  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.**

Council Present: Mildred Lee-Rogers, 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 Clerk Angie Combs, Police Chief Ken Spicer, and Treasurer Terri Halsey

Guests: Jeff Noble, Times-Voice; Shaun Harley, Weather Station; Stephen Bowling, Jennifer Bowling, Joseph Bowling, Rose Wolfe, Sue Clair, Bess Douthitt and Virginia Meagher; Jackson Residents

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Rogers seconded by Hall to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting from April 2019 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 Hall seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

Mayor recognized Police Chief Spicer who stated the cruisers from last year's USDA grant are in, the city is having the cages, lights and sirens fitted for each vehicle. They have been checking speeders, seat belts, and unlocks.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

Concerning the water and sewer lines to Juniper Health, the City will advertise for bids in next week's newspaper and open them on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

There will be a public hearing on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 concerning the downtown waterline project. There are 65 surveys that need to be completed for this project.

The water department has moved the water meter for McDonald's renovations.

### CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Chief Spicer stated the new police cars should be ready next week from the USDA grant. He told all that the Warning System Siren is no longer an approved project for the Homeland Security Grant. This system if purchased would be approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000. It was then discussed that the police cars had an intercom system that could possibly be used in an emergency.

Mayor explained to all that one employee had quit on the street department and one employee from the sanitation truck wanted to transfer to that position therefore, there is an opening on the sanitation truck. There are four applicants who have applied, and one candidate is being tested to fill the position.

Mayor Thomas thanked former Mayor Wolfe for the pretty flowers that she and the Junior Red Cross members planted in front of City Hall.

She stated that she had both negative and positive feedback from having the police department enforce the two hour parking rules in downtown Jackson, but more positive than negative comments due to the available spaces for parking to do business in Jackson.

Mayor and Council Member Rogers attended an announcement for funding for a new Aviation Technician Program which is a collaboration between ECU and several KCTCS schools and regional airports and will be an employable skill for students in our area.

There have been several dog and cat complaints this spring. Mayor has researched and there is an animal control ordinance concerning a leash law for dogs but does not include anything about cats. Council Member Rogers stated there is a no kill animal shelter in Knott County which will take the animals if they can be transported, they spay and neuter the animals before they are adopted out. She also stated that due to an incident last year, the dog warden from the county said he would not come back inside the city to retrieve any animals. Upon discussion, all agreed this is an issue that needs addressed possibly adding cats to the ordinance.

Council Member Deaton then told all that there are owners of dogs at Douthitt Park that do not obey the rules, he suggested a violation for fine for those who do not follow the rules of the ordinance. He was told the Police Officers would have to see someone disobey the ordinance before anyone could be cited.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution # 051619 A – Motion was made by Council Member Hall seconded by Council Member Shepherd to approve this Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Resolution as read. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared Resolution # 051619 A passed. This grant involves a new concession stand and press box for Douthitt Park with an estimated cost of \$50,000 and 50% match of \$25,000 of which can be in-kind force labor and equipment use.
- B. 19/20 Budget Ordinance # 051619 – All agreed that the budget workshop went well with good presentations from police, fire and park department heads presenting their budgets for the new fiscal year. Mayor told all that this year's budget is less than last years, due to budget cuts and less income coming in. Upon further discussion, motion was made by Council Member Buntin

seconded by Council Member Rogers to approve the first reading of the 19/20 budget ordinance. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared 19/20 Budget Ordinance # 051619 passed.

- C. Resolution # 051619 B – Motion was made by Council Member Rogers and seconded by Council Member Shelton to approve this resolution giving authorization for Mayor Thomas to sign all necessary documents concerning the Homeland Security Grant which will be a grant for security equipment for the police department (100 percent reimbursable up to \$20,000). Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared Resolution # 051619 B.

Mayor told all that the F 250 truck that was used by the fire department has been sold to the Breathitt County School System, the city received a good price for this surplus vehicle. There is another vehicle that the fire department does not need therefore, it will be sold also as surplus and money from these vehicles will go toward a new crew cab truck. Mayor asked Council for authorization to advertise for bids for this new vehicle since Paul Miller Ford told the fire department it would be approximately three months before delivery. Motion to advertise for bids for the needed crew cab truck for the fire department was made by Council Member Rogers seconded by Council Member Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

There was discussion concerning several surplus items that the city doesn't use and need to be auctioned off. Upon discussion, motion was made by Council Member Shepherd seconded by Council Member Buntin to advertise for sealed bids for the items and to add the city reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Sue Clair and several members of the audience, Council and Mayor talked about abandoned property needing cleaned up, junk cars, problems with people dumping garbage and overgrown weeds on sidewalks and other areas, grass needing mowed, and cleaning cemeteries.

Shawn Harley from the National Weather Service explained what the Storm Ready/Weather Ready Community program means to the residents of Jackson and Breathitt County. Jackson has been storm ready for approximately 15 years, it is 1 of 50 counties in the state to meet the criteria needed. It is an integrated effort between the police, fire, television, radio, city, county, schools Spotters and the internet for this 24 hour alert system. Council Member Rogers thanked Mr. Harley for coming and explaining this program to all, she added that he will be missed when he retires from the National Weather Service. Mayor added that the city is lucky to have the National Weather System here in Jackson.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Shelton told all that everything is good, no comments at this time.

Deaton stated he had trimmed some bushes from the house next door owned by KRCC that had grown over onto his property.

Hall stated that he felt like the budget workshop was very informative. He commended former Council Member Bowling for the food box that has been placed in front of the library for the needy, all agreed this is a very good idea.

Hall also mentioned the cudzue problem on Highland and proposed the idea of getting a goat or goats to take care of the problem, the current ordinance prohibiting farm animals in the city would have to be amended before this could happen.

Virginia Meagher stated that if you cover the cudzue roots for a year it will die, she has tried this and it works.

Shepherd stated that the tombstones displayed as you come into town are very morbid and would like to have them moved, Mayor will get with Corbett Caudill of the highway department and see if this is infringing on the state's right of way.

Rogers stated she had the privilege of attending the Aviation Technician program with Mayor Thomas and is glad for the jobs it will create in the area.

Rogers attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of Red Beard Vapes, she is glad for the new business in Jackson.

She told all that Jackson City School has a new Superintendent and wanted all to welcome him.

Rogers stated that she was going to put a food box in the lobby of city hall for those in need like the library has done.

Rogers announced that KRMC will be hosting a reception at Kelsey's on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to announce the opening of the ARH specialty clinic which will include a cardiologist, oncologist and neurologist.

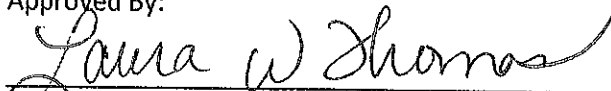
#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Buntin seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Submitted By:

  
Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

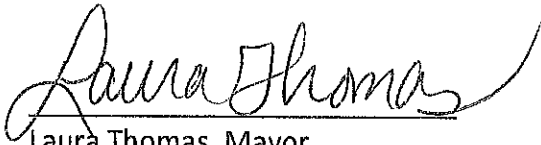
  
Laura Thomas, Mayor

## PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a Special called meeting of the Jackson City Council on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 333 Broadway, Jackson, KY.

### AGENDA:

1. Second reading of Budget Amendment Ordinance #062019
2. Second reading of Ordinance #062019A Issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Thomas".

Laura Thomas, Mayor  
City of Jackson, Kentucky

**CITY OF JACKSON  
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JACKSON, KENTUCKY 41339  
LAURA W. THOMAS, MAYOR**

Minutes  
Public Hearing  
19/20 Budget Ordinance # 051619  
LGEA/Municipal Road Aid  
Held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. @ City Hall

Present: Mayor Laura W. Thomas, Council Member Mildred Lee-Rogers, Council Member Peggy Shepherd, Clerk Angie Combs, Treasurer Terri Halsey, Ken Reid, Nesbitt Engineering; Belinda Oaks, Stephen Shepherd and Ms. Minnix,

Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and stated the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comments concerning the proposed 19/20 Budget Ordinance # 051619 and use of the LGEA/Municipal Road Aid Funds for the 19/20 fiscal year. There being no public comments, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Angie Combs  
Angie Combs, Clerk

Laura W. Thomas  
Laura W. Thomas, Mayor



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LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR**

Minutes  
Of the Special Called Council Meeting  
Held Tuesday, June 25, 2019  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 4:30 P.M.

The Jackson City Council met in Special Session on Tuesday, June 25, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. The following City Council Members were present: Mildred Lee Rogers, Joy Shelton, Jason Hall, and Harold Deaton. Mayor Laura Thomas was present as well as Jeff Noble from the Jackson Times-Voice. Community Members Belinda Oaks and Hannah Shelton also attended.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laura Thomas who went over the special agenda and noted that the Council must stick to that agenda.

Mildred made a motion to approve the second reading of the 2018/2019 Budget Amendment Ordinance #062019. Joy made a motion to second Mildred's motion. All voted Aye and motion passed.

Mildred made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #062019A that allows for the issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes. Jason seconded the motion. All voted Aye and motion passed.

Mildred made a motion to adjourn. Jason seconded and meeting adjourned.

Submitted and Approved By:



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Laura Thomas, Mayor  
City of Jackson, Kentucky

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LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR**

MINUTES  
Of the Regular Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, June 20, 2019  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

Council Present: Mildred Lee-Rogers, 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 Clerk Angie Combs, Police Chief Ken Spicer, and Treasurer Terri Halsey

Guests: Stephen Bowling, Jennifer Bowling, Steve Thomas, Ken Reid & Paul Nesbitt, Nesbitt Engineering; Belinda Oaks, Stephen Shepherd and Ms. Minnix

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Rogers seconded by Shelton to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting from May 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 Rogers seconded by Buntin. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

Mayor told all that Treasurer, Terri Halsey after 11 years of service, will be resigning her position with the city effective June 30, 2019, Beth Miller who trained Terri, will return as city Treasurer. All wished her well.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES-PAUL NESBITT

Mr. Nesbitt told all that the city has received permission for the contractors to start on the Lakeside Project effective July 1, 2019, there should be no problems getting water to the Juniper Health facility.

The downtown waterline replacement project will not only help the lines, but help the water pressure for fires, and cut loss of water, this project will not start until next year.

The city is moving forward on the KIA loan which helps Infiltration flows into the sewer system.

Mayor told all that Utility Director, Rick Turner is retiring from his position after 29 years of service, his last day of work will be June 18, 2019. She stated that he has sick, vacation and comp time above the limits in the Personnel Policy, and the payout is a big liability to the city, therefore a new policy is desperately needed.

#### CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor apologized for the miscommunication and backlash that has been stated about the Honey Festival, her intent was to bring new ideas and positive changes to the festival. Chair Clara Gabbard has resigned therefore the city will organize the event with sub committees responsible for different events. There was a community meeting with over 70 people interested, which is very encouraging.

Clara Gabbard also resigned from the Tourism Board, Mayor recommended former Mayor Rose Wolfe. Motion was made to accept her nomination by Rogers seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

Mayor met with three groups concerning refinancing Water/Sewer debt and over 21 years the city can save over \$500,000, once paperwork is complete it will be brought back for Council's final approval. All agreed this would be great savings for the water/sewer departments.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- A. 18/19 Budget Amendment Ordinance # 062019 – Motion was made by Hall seconded by Rogers to approve the first reading of this Ordinance. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the first reading passed.
- B. 19/20 Budget Ordinance # 051619- Motion was made by Buntin seconded by Hall to approve the second reading and adoption of this Ordinance. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Ordinance passed. Note: Mayor explained that there was \$50,000 difference in the anticipated income/expenses of this budget due to borrowing \$300,000 from Citizens Bank instead of the \$250,000 that was originally anticipated.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Authorization to file for 2019 KY CDBG-Motion to accept this order for the CDBG grant was made by Shelton seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the order passed.
- B. Approve Ordinance # 062019A providing for the issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes to provide operating funds. Motion was made by Rogers seconded by Hall to approve the first reading of this Ordinance in the amount of \$300,000 from Citizens Bank and Trust Co. of Jackson. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the first reading passed.
- C. Approval of Municipal Road Aid Agreement from the State- Motion to approve Resolution # 062019 was made by Hall seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Resolution passed. Note: the amount the city receives will be \$ 44,734.63.
- D. Designation of Applicants Agent for FEMA- Motion to approve Clerk Angie Combs to be the city's Applicants Agent was made by Shelton seconded by Shepherd to approve Resolution #062019A. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Resolution passed.  
Note: Lift Stations, Pumps and Playground supplies were damaged during this flood Feb/Mar 2019.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Shelton stated she has had questions from the public concerning the Honey Festival.

Deaton said he too has had questions from the public concerning the Honey Festival.

Buntin asked that the Fourth of July flags be placed around town for decoration. Mayor will get this done.

Hall stated that Howard and Howard Law Office want to sponsor a talent show for the Honey Festival he feels it is a good idea and told them to contact Mayor Thomas, who agreed.

Stephanie Thomas contacted him concerning a sensory park for autistic children that was just placed in Whitesburg, he asked the possibility of having one here. Mayor told him that Parks Director Combs had seen this on Facebook and is looking into the possibility of getting a grant for one here.

There was discussion concerning the abundance of stray cats in Jackson and something needs to be done.

Hall asked if people would be able to have open containers and solo cups of alcohol in down town during the Honey Festival, Alcohol and Beverage Control Officer (Police Chief) Spicer told him absolutely not that it has to be a completely enclosed or fenced in area with the appropriate alcohol license.

Shepherd stated she liked the new version of the Jackson Fire department report with more detailed information.

Rogers agreed that the sensory park for children was a wonderful idea for Jackson, if a grant could be obtained.

She stated that Sue Clair had mentioned to her that the community was putting trash in her dumpsters again and she was upset. She was told the police department can site them if they see them doing it.

Rogers asked that Chad Warrix have a sign like Sturgill Simpson and was told that there is already a sign that says home of Halfway to Hazard (Chad Warrix) as you come into Breathitt County. She said she had not noticed it but would look for it.

She said that she had positive comments about the Honey Festival and asked Rich Buntin if the Senior Citizens were going to have a Corn Hole Tournament this year. He told her he would get back with her on that issue.

All agreed to have the Special Called Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. for the second reading of the 18/19 Budget amendment Ordinance #062019 and the second reading of Ordinance #062019A Issuance of Revenue Anticipation Notes.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shelton seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs  
Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas  
Laura Thomas, Mayor

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LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR**

**MINUTES  
Of the Regular Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, July 18, 2019  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.**

Council Present: Mildred Lee-Rogers, 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 Clerk Angie Combs, Police Captain Elvis Noble, Fire Chief Chase Deaton and Treasurer Beth Miller

Guests: Jeff Noble, Times-Voice; Jennifer McIntosh, KRADD, Paul Nesbitt, Nesbitt Engineering; and Former Mayor Rose Wolfe, and Virginia Meagher.

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Hall seconded by Rogers to accept all 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 Rogers seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES-PAUL NESBITT

On the Lakeside Project, the city is laying the water line now and the sewer lines will begin in a couple of weeks. The old Lakeside water tank has been torn down.

Jennifer McIntosh added that the CDBG application has been turned in on the downtown waterline replacement project. The sewer rehab project has a .5 % interest rate and principal forgiveness for a period of 30 to 40 years on a million-dollar loan if the much needed grants do not come through. This is an excellent opportunity for Jackson.

### CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor asked Fire Chief Deaton for an update of his department. He informed all that the Fire Department has received a \$5,000 grant from the Division of Forestry to be used for miscellaneous fire equipment. Also, the \$11,000 State Aid grant has been received for this year, it is a 50-50 matching grant. He added that as of today's date the Jackson Fire Department has made 149 runs for the year, last year there was a total of 193.

Mayor told all that there was some question as to why there was a \$5.00 charge to get into the Park for the Heritage Fair/Pig Out. She reminded all that the fireworks alone costs \$10,000 besides the staff, inflatables, port a potties etc.. She stated overall that everyone seemed to enjoy the event.

She stated that she has been working to enforce the Personnel Policy and purchasing time from employees who have gone over the allowable amounts.

The motor vehicle tax rate for the City of Jackson will stay the same as last year .20 cents per \$100.

She told all that there has been drainage issues, stopped up sewer lines and water line breaks being attended to.

There are several community groups and ideas for the upcoming Honey Festival, the fire department will be in charge of FREE inflatables for kids, and there will be several new and exciting things to do.

### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution # 071819 - Sewer Rehab Project – Motion to authorize Mayor Thomas to apply for loans on behalf of the city and to work with KIA for this project was made by Rogers seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Resolution passed.
- B. Resolution # 071819-A Approval for Lease-Refinancing Water/Sewer Debt – This re-financing saves over \$500,000 over a 20-year period (through 2040). Motion authorizing Mayor Thomas to work with the Kentucky League of Cities and the Kentucky Bond Corporation for the re-financing of the water and sewer company debt was made by Hall seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Resolution passed.
- C. Municipal Order Amendment # 071819 – Amendment to Municipal Order # 042607 -Updating Policies and Procedures Manual – Motion was made to approve this Municipal Order with the changes attached by Shepherd seconded by Rogers. Upon roll call vote: Rogers "Aye" Shepherd "Aye" Hall "Aye" Buntin "Aye" Deaton "Aye" and Shelton "Aye". Mayor declared the Municipal Order passed.
- D. Approval for Mayor to sign a Contract with KLC to produce an updated Policies and Procedures Manual – Mayor explained the cost of the update will cost \$ 4080 with a grant for \$ 2040, this is very much needed. It will take approximately a year or longer for this process to be complete.
- E. Resolution # 071819-B Waterline Replacement Project Grant – Motion was made by Hall seconded by Shepherd to approve this Resolution as read, regarding KIA funding for waterlines. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Resolution passed.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rogers stated that she attended the Pig Out in the Park/Heritage Fair and the condition of the park was great and the park staff did a fantastic job during this event.

She advised that on July 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a Health Fair at Kentucky River Medical Center, she invited all to attend.

She told all that there will be a Movie in the Park sponsored by KRMC also and said it was a good idea to get kids out of the house and attend the splash park also.

She commended the police and fire department on several unlock(s) that have been done lately.

Shepherd mentioned that there had been some disturbance(s) in her neighborhood with excess fireworks

Hall told all that he had learned a lot in the Zoning Board training last week.

He stated that the unlock program that the police and fire department participate in, is a great asset for the community. He commended the fire department for doing a public service for the children with the inflatables for the Honey Festival. He also commended the police department for their Shop with a Cop Program.

He extended sympathy to Captain Noble on the loss of his mother-in-law.

Buntin had no comments at this time.

Shelton had no comments at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Former Mayor Wolfe gave the Council and audience an update of the events that will be taking place at the Kids Festival at Douthitt Park during the Honey Festival. She thanked Council Member Hall for his offer of donating his and his family's time to help with crafts. Council Member Rogers thanked her and commended the community for coming together for this Honey Festival weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rogers seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs  
Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas  
Laura Thomas, Mayor



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LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR**

**MINUTES**

Of the Regular Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, August 15, 2019  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

Council Present: Mildred Lee-Rogers, 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 Clerk Angie Combs, Police Chief Ken Spicer, Fire Chief Chase Deaton and Treasurer Beth Miller

Guests: Jeff Noble, Times-Voice; Jennifer McIntosh, KRADD, Ken Reid, Nesbitt Engineering; and Former Mayor Rose Wolfe, Bess Douthitt and Virginia Meagher.

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Rogers 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 Rogers seconded by Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES-KEN REID

On the Lakeside Project, the water line is completed, and the project is going well. The old water tank is down.

The contractor is scheduled on Monday to start the sewer line for this project.

CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor told all that at the regular Tourism meeting, former Mayor Rose Wolfe was voted as Chairperson for her term. It was voted to give the Breathitt County Museum \$ 10,000 for operating costs and \$ 4,000 for Downtown Christmas.

A representative from the Appalachian Horse Center was at the meeting encouraging the board and community to promote and be proactive for this worthwhile project.

She told Council that the retaining wall on Railroad Street is breaking off and needs repair, and she has contacted CSX Railroad for assistance in this matter.

The City has received \$ 11,948 in additional Coal Severance Funds which will help fix some of the street problems.

Mayor mentioned that the city received a grant for a dump truck from USDA. The truck will have a snow blade and salt spreader and with 25% match on the grant, it is good deal for the city.

Mayor will apply for discretionary funds from the Governor's office for the following streets: Sycamore, Jefferson, Picnic Hill, Court Street plus drainage problems on Lakeside Drive. Hopefully these streets will be funded for repairs needed.

There will be a Honey Festival meeting on Monday, August 19, 2019 at City Hall, everyone seems to be excited; T shirts are ready to be sold, and they can be purchased at Rose Brothers, Tiki's and the Advocate.

The water and sewer departments have been fixing leaks and been staying very busy, Mayor commended the workers in these departments.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval to purchase Park Property – The city has been leasing the piece of property that is between the two parks and is owned by Ellis Tincher and Jeff Howell, which have agreed to sell it to the city at fair market value of \$ 60,000. Upon discussion, motion to purchase this land was made by Hall seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.
- B. Approval to form Complete Count Committee for 2020 Census – Each community has to have this committee, the census count is very important, is affects the city's funding received for state and federal projects. Motion to approve forming this committee was made by Shepherd seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.
- C. Ron Hamblin – Mr. Hamblin did not attend. Mayor informed all that Ron is concerned about the condition of the road on Cripple Creek. Mayor has researched this and found that Cripple Creek is privately owned by Richard and Sharon Bush, and the City cannot maintain a private drive.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rogers thanked the police department for taking care of vandalism at the gazebo in the mini park. She too has had complaints from residents on Railroad Street concerning repairs to the retaining wall.

Shepherd expressed concerns about the Chapman house on the corner of Main Street.

Hall had no comments at this time.

Buntin stated there would be a Cornhole Tournament at the Breathitt County Senior Citizens Center during the Honey Festival with an entry fee of \$ 10 per team. Upon discussion all agreed that the police department should join the tournament, Mayor added she would pay their entry fee if they would participate.

He added that Soup Bean Dinners will be sold as a fund raiser during the Honey Festival, they will be \$ 6 and kids 8 and under eat free.

Deaton told all that there was not much interest in the community garden this year, with people and animals stealing the food produced. Mayor told all to be thinking about a good way to utilize this space.

Shelton had no comments at this time.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Former Mayor Wolfe told all she was glad there was going to be a Cornhole Tournament this year and encouraged all departments of the city to participate, especially the Police and Fire Departments since Mayor Thomas offered to pay their entry fees.

Virginia Meagher thanked the Mayor for having the street crew trim the shrubs on Patton Avenue that leads to Highland Avenue. She asked that the area closest to the river at Douthitt Park be checked on.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rogers seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs  
Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas  
Laura Thomas, Mayor

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

**MINUTES**

Of the Regular Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, September 19, 2019  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

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

Council Absent: Jason Hall (Had an event at LBJ School)

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

Guests: Jeff Noble, Times-Voice; Gerald Anderson, Susan Pugh, Arch Sebastian, Steve Thomas, Debra Drake, Virginia Meagher, Brendon Miller, Evan Miller and Carson Miller

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Rogers 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 Rogers seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES-

The Lakeside project is going well, a grand opening of Juniper Health is scheduled for November. The downtown waterline replacement project is ongoing.

Debra Drake addressed the Mayor and Council asking for city sewage services to be extended to Lakeview Drive. Upon discussion, Mayor told her that she would get with KRADD and Nesbitt to try to pursue as a future project for funding.

CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor said she was notified by DLG regarding changes to the Open Meetings and Open Record Laws, and that she is required to share the changes with all City Boards and Council. Members need to sign a form saying they are aware of the changes.

The Mayor would like to see the City work with the County to pick up recycling in the City maybe at least one day a week. Council Member Buntin will contact Calvin Saum, Solid Waste Coordinator for the County about ideas for the project. November 15 is America Recycles Day. Buntin stated that due to the President's sanctions, China has stopped buying some types of plastic, paper and metal.

Mayor announced she had signed an Executive Order which states there is an existing Burning Ban inside the City Limits of Jackson until the city receives enough rain to alleviate the situation.

She told all that the Planning and Zoning Board is working to update the City's Comprehensive Plan.

There was discussion amongst the firemen that the Rescue Truck that was donated to the city from New York is too big and not practical for our area. The Mayor would like permission to donate the Rescue Truck to another agency for expenses incurred to pick up the vehicle which was approximately \$3,000. Motion was made by Shelton to donate the truck to an agency that could better use the truck to serve the public. Motion was seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

The roof is leaking at the Fire Station on Brewers Drive, and Chief Deaton said it desperately needs repaired or replaced. Mayor asked permission to pursue repairs or bids for a new roof. Motion was made by Shepherd seconded by Buntin to approve funding for repairs or replacement Station 1 roof. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

The Breathitt County Library is requesting permission to close off part of College Avenue on the night of October 31, 2019, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the Jack O Lantern Jamboree. Last year there were approximately 2300 people who attended this event. Motion was made by Shelton seconded by Rogers to approve this request. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed. Trick or Treat for the City of Jackson will be October 31, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Another event enjoyed by all is the annual Jack O Lantern Trail which will be at Douthitt Park on October 26, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mayor is following up on purchase of the land between the two parks owned by Jeffrey Howell and Ellis Tincher in which the city currently leases. The deed (for \$60,000 appraisal price) has been drawn up and signatures are being sought, hopefully soon the land will belong to the city.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adopting Municipal Order #091919-To pay street and sanitation workers for services during the Honey Festival-Mayor explained that the sanitation and street workers go above and beyond their duties picking up trash and keeping everything clean during the Honey Festival, therefore a Municipal Order is needed to pay the workers for their services during this time. Motion was made by Rogers seconded by Shepherd to adopt Municipal Order #090919. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Municipal Order passed.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rogers stated that the repairs in South Jackson look good, CSX Railroad is to be commended.

She asked about the upcoming census, in which Mayor told her the training would be here in Jackson and volunteers are needed to form a Census Committee.

Rogers also complimented Mayor Thomas concerning a problem at the Catholic Church that had been reported several times in the past and was taken care of four days from notification. Rogers stated it is good to see Thatcher's open a new business in town. She told all the Honey Festival went well and commended the Police Department for traffic control.

Shepherd told all that she appreciated the love that was shown during the recent loss of her husband, Sergeant Shepherd. Mayor and all added they were so sorry for her loss.

She expressed concern about children being stuck between car doors and the retaining wall at the drop off point at Jackson City School. Mayor will contact the school and the highway department concerning this issue since it is state maintained road.

Buntin invited all to the Hunger Summit at the KRADD Office in Hazard. He is working with them to help the needy in Jackson and Breathitt County.

Deaton had no comments at this time.

Shelton stated that she was going to mention that sewer services are needed at Lakeview but it had already been discussed. She noted that there are some vicious dogs in the neighborhood that have been causing problems. There was discussion concerning animal control laws and what penalties or fines that could be assessed.

There was also discussion concerning the old Ashland Station and Dairy Bar properties as you come into Jackson. Folks were glad it was cleaned up for the Honey Festival by the new owners (folks who own Wendy's).

#### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience at this time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rogers seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Submitted By:



Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:



Laura Thomas, Mayor

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

**MINUTES**

Of the Special Called Council Meeting  
Rescheduled from the Regular Date of October 17, 2019  
Held Thursday, October 24, 2019  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

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

Council Absent: None

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

Guests: Former Mayor Rose Wolfe

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Rogers 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 Rogers seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER UPDATES

Mayor told all that the water lines to Juniper Health have been completed. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on November 15, 2019. Contractors are working to finish the sewer lines and the water tower.

The City is still waiting to hear from the grant proposal for \$ 2 million dollars – ARC & EDA or KIA small interest loan if needed for the project to replace old downtown waterlines.

There was discussion concerning grease clogging the sewer lines and that this could be causing the sewage smells around lower Main Street. Contractors had to be brought in to "jet" out sewer line blockages. Restaurants in that area need to be notified about not putting grease in the sewer lines.

### CITY UPDATES – MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor reported that the Fire Department has gotten two estimates on replacing the roof at Station 1, one was for \$26,925.00 and the other was for \$49,000.00. Both were for a new shingled roof, and the estimate for a metal roof was even higher. It was determined that patching would not work since the roof is in such bad need of repair. All agreed the lower estimate would be more cost efficient.

Mayor reminded everyone of the Jack O Lantern Trail at Douthitt Park on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Also, the Library will have Jack O Lantern Jamboree on October 31, 2019 on College Avenue from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the Trunk or Treat in memory of Colton Ritchie will be on October 27, 2019 at LBJ Parking Lot.

Mayor invited all to attend the KRADD meeting to be held at Kelsey's on October 30, 2019 at Noon.

The Mayor reported that on Wednesday, October 23, Gray Tomblyn, the Commissioner of KTC Rural and Municipal Aid, made a presentation awarding the City over \$99,000.00 in Discretionary Funding. These funds will be used for resurfacing portions of Picnic Hill, Sycamore, Court, and Jefferson Streets and to work on drainage on Lakeside, sidewalk repairs and striping.

ADF funds were approved through KRADD, and \$1,888 was received to go towards the purchase of computers for the Treasurer and Assistant Clerk.

The USDA grant was approved for a small dump truck with snow blade and salter. That grant was \$48,800 and the city portion will be around \$18,000. The truck should be available for pick up soon.

The auditor has been here working on the fiscal year ending 6-30-19.

Mayor told everyone she would like to revisit the paid holidays while the City is developing the new employee manual.

The Tourism Board meeting will be held on November 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board meeting will be held on November 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

There will be a Public Hearing concerning the 2019 Property Tax Rates on November 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. The First Reading of Ordinance # 112019 will be read at 5:30 p.m. The second reading of this Ordinance for the 2019 Property Tax Rates will be on November 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor stated she has been working on a spreadsheet listing city-maintained streets and mileage to get an accurate list to apply for Litter Abatement and other grants.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rogers invited all to her wedding at Colts Fork on October 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

She made known that she is proud of the Fire Department for purchasing a Headstone for one of their most dedicated members, Curly Fugate.

She has had some calls concerning escalated water bills this month.



She told all of SPARK meetings on Monday Nights concerning drug rehab if anyone wants to attend, she will get more information.

Shepherd had no comments at this time.

Buntin had no comments at this time.

Hall had no comments at this time.

Deaton told all that Lucy Allen felt singled out concerning removing abandoned vehicles on Railroad St. Mayor told him that no one was singled out, and that three vehicles had been tagged for removal because they had not been licensed or moved for a long period of time and were causing a public nuisance.

Deaton also had concerns about a man falling twice in one day on city streets. An ambulance was called both times, it was discussed that the person supposedly had medical issues, and everyone hoped he was going to be okay.

Shelton had no comments at this time.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Rose Wolfe asked if the Trolley in the side lot was there for a purpose. Mayor told her it will be used for the ribbon cutting ceremony for Juniper Health and Downtown Christmas. It is there so it can be thoroughly checked out before the upcoming events. She suggested the Mayor and Council take a ride on the trolley and see the Christmas lights during the Downtown Christmas event, it is beautiful.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted By:

Angie Combs  
Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas  
Laura Thomas, Mayor

Minutes  
Of the Public Hearing – 2019 Property Tax Rates  
Held Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
At City Hall @ 5:15 p.m.

Council Present: Hall, Rogers-Roberts, Shepherd, Shelton, Buntin and Deaton


Others Present: Mayor Thomas, Clerk Combs, Attorney Herald and Treasurer Miller

Mayor explained the property tax rates for real property will be .2800 per \$100 and on tangible/inventory it will also be .2800 per \$100. The taxes are not being raised this year.

There were no comments from the audience.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

  
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Angie Combs, Clerk

Approved by:

  
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Laura Thomas, Mayor

**CITY OF JACKSON  
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LAURA W. THOMAS, MAYOR**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
2019 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Jackson will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 333 Broadway, Jackson, KY, for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed 2019 property tax rate. The first reading of Ordinance # 112019 establishing 2019 Property Tax Rates will be at a special called City Council meeting immediately following the Public Hearing. The second reading and adoption of Ordinance # 112019 will be held during the regular Council meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

The property tax rate levied last year was .2800 per \$100 and produced revenues in the amount of \$271,404.89. The recommended property rate for 2019 is .2800 which reflects no increase in the tax rate and no increase to the compensating rate allowed by statute. The proposed rate of .2800 based on the current property evaluation should produce revenues in the amount of \$ 273,077.96. Revenue expected from new property is \$700.56.

The recommended personal property tax rate for 2019 is .2800 per \$100 which reflects a rate decrease from .3100 in 2018. Revenue expected from personal property at the .2800 rate is \$ 57,575.86 which is down from \$69,392.80 last year.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for the City's General Budget.

The Kentucky General Assembly requires that the City of Jackson publish this notice with the above information contained herein.

  
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Laura W. Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Angela Combs, Clerk

Minutes  
Of the Special Called Meeting  
Held Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
At City Hall @ 5:30 p.m.

Council Present: Hall, Rogers-Roberts, Shepherd, Shelton, Buntin and Deaton

Others Present: Mayor Thomas, Clerk Combs, Attorney Herald and Treasurer Miller

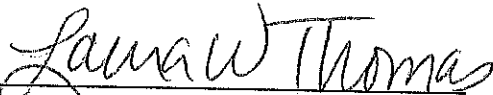
Motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance # 112019 accepting the 2019 Property Tax Rates was made by Shelton seconded by Rogers. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the first reading of Ordinance # 112019 passed. The second reading of this Ordinance will be held at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Thursday, November 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rogers seconded by Hall. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 5:32.

Submitted by:

  
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Angie Combs, Clerk

Approved by:

  
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Laura Thomas, Mayor

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

**MINUTES  
Of the Regular Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, November 21, 2019  
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 Clerk Angie Combs, Police Chief Ken Spicer, Fire Chief Chase Deaton and Treasurer Beth Miller

Guests: Steve Thomas, Stephen Bowling, Jennifer Bowling and Joseph Bowling, Former Mayor Rose Wolfe, Emerson McAfee and Paul Nesbitt; Nesbitt Engineering

**WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Rogers 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 Rogers seconded by Buntin. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

**WATER & SEWER/ UPDATES-**

The Lakeside Project should be complete by December 15<sup>th</sup>.  
The city will know soon concerning the CDBG and ARC grants for the Downtown Water Line Replacement Project. Mayor told all that the water and sewer departments work hard and she is proud of them.

Police Chief Spicer mentioned an update to the current Police Policy concerning tattoos, this will be decided upon in the next Council meeting.

Fire Chief Deaton told all that the roof at Fire Station 1 has been repaired. Fire Station on Broadway will be open during Downtown Christmas for visitors and hopefully to recruit more volunteers. Also, a grant has been applied for new extraction tools from USDA the city's match will be approximately 3000.00 (25%).

#### CITY UPDATES-MAYOR THOMAS

Mayor announced that the city has received the dump truck with the attachment for spreading salt in the winter. This can be used by all departments and is a good addition to the city's vehicles.

The Discretionary Funds have not been received, Hinkle has shut down blacktop for the winter, therefore patching won't be done until Spring.

Mayor invited all to the Downtown Christmas event to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019. She told all she appreciates the efforts of the parks and fire departments, and the woman's club and former Mayor Wolfe for their help also.

The building next door will be inspected for asbestos and cost of tearing it down. Hopefully this can be done soon.

Juniper Health ribbon cutting ceremony is November 15<sup>th</sup>, Mayor encouraged council to attend.

Combs Construction finished one of the drainage projects on Lakeside, and this will be a help when there is heavy rain.

DataMax is a company who specializes in obtaining information concerning businesses and people such as federal workers that are not paying occupational license fees and business licenses/net profit taxes. They will go back five years and obtain information for the city to collect these taxes for fifty percent of collections. Mayor told all that several cities in Kentucky are using this company, of whom she met at the Kentucky League of Cities Convention, all agreed this is a good idea.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading and Adoption of Property Tax Rate Ordinance # 122019- Motion made by Roberts seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the Ordinance passed.
- B. USDA Fire Department Grant – (Extractor Tools) – Motion was made by Shelton seconded by Buntin to obligate 25% matching funds of approximately \$9,156.00 for the proposed grant. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared motion carried.
- C. City Holiday Schedule- The city currently has ten paid holidays; Mayor would like to explore adding the day after Thanksgiving and the day before Christmas and deleting Columbus and Presidents Days. Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Shepherd. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

A Comprehensive Plan was discussed by the Zoning Board, KLC member Tad Long gave a proposal to Mayor of approximately \$20,000.00, this needs to be done as soon as possible to be in compliance with KRS. Mayor will try to find grants to offset this cost. Motion was made for Mayor to allocate \$20,000.00

for KLC to start on the Comprehensive Plan by Roberts seconded by Buntin. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor also told all that the minimum amount for salaried personnel changed to \$35,000.00 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 20149 and some employees will now be hourly due to this mandate.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Rogers-Roberts- Thanked everyone who came and helped with the Veterans ceremony, especially former Mayor Wolfe.

She announced that 1292 cans of food were raised for Interfaith's Food Drive, thanks to the Woman's club for sponsoring this event.

She asked all to welcome the new Citizens Deposit Bank, formerly First National Bank, to our area.

Shepherd – Had no comments at this time.

Hall—Asked if the Council meetings could start at 6:00 p.m. due to a conflict at school. Motion was made by Rogers-Roberts to change the meeting time starting in January. Shepherd seconded the motion, and all voted "Aye". Buntin – Had no comments at this time.

Deaton- Asked for a Pole light be installed at the end of Sycamore for added security.

Shelton – Had no comments at this time.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Emerson McAfee with Veterans Hall of Fame is selling signs for \$110.00 that has your community on it and thanks veterans for their service. Upon discussion, former Mayor Wolfe told all that she would match buying one if the city purchased one for each end of the city limits. Motion was made by Roberts seconded by Shelton to purchase two signs for the city limits of Jackson. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

Steve Bowling thanked the city for allowing the library to block off part of College Avenue for their Halloween event, approximately 1600 people attended.

All congratulated Mr. Bowling for coaching the Breathitt Lady Cats Volleyball and taking them to state.


#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Buntin seconded by Shelton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

Submitted By:

  
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Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Thomas, Mayor

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LAURA THOMAS, MAYOR**

**MINUTES**

Of the Regular Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, December 20, 2019  
At City Hall Council Chambers @ 5:30 P.M.

Council Present: Joy Shelton, Peggy Shepherd, Jason Hall, Harold Deaton and Rich Buntin

Council Absent: Mildred Rogers-Roberts (Honeymoon)

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

Guests: Steve Thomas, Danielle Davis, Freddie Williams, Buford Williams and Ralph Cole; Jackson Residents

WELCOME/PLEDGE AND PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Shepherd 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 Hall seconded by Buntin. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". Mayor declared the motion passed.

WATER & SEWER/ UPDATES-

The city has completed the first step for CDBG funding, and we are waiting for approval from Washington on the ARC grant for the Downtown Waterline Project.

CITY UPDATES-MAYOR THOMAS

The city has received the signed Memorandum of Agreement for the Discretionary Funds from the state in the amount of \$ 79,225.00 for the resurfacing of four streets and some drainage improvements.

The city received a KLC grant in the amount of \$ 2,200.00 to help with the cost of updating the city's Personnel Policy Manual. KLC is currently working with the Mayor on updates, and the Mayor will present a draft to the Council for review and comment.



COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Buford Williams who lives on Railroad Street, gave a lengthy discussion about his family living on Railroad Street and building the house that he lives in now. Williams said that a failing sewer line caused water and sewer to backup into his basement. He has hired Breathitt Mechanical to replace the sewer line and a professional cleaning company to clean the basement. He is asking for assistance from the City for costs incurred, since he feels the old lines caused his problem.

Ralph Cole owns property behind Mr. Williams that shares the original sewer line that is backing up. Mr. Cole wants to make improvements to get things right. The Mayor told Mr. Williams and Mr. Cole that the City sewer line maps show their line as a private service line. The Mayor told them the city will investigate and do what is legal and necessary concerning these problems

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Buntin seconded by Deaton. Upon call for vote, all voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Submitted By:

Angie Combs  
Angie Combs, City Clerk

Approved By:

Laura Thomas  
Laura Thomas, Mayor