

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF JACKSON
April 12, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

All motions passed unanimously unless indicated otherwise.

Public notice was advertised for the public hearing for April 12, 2021 to be held at 5:45 p.m. at the Jackson Fire Station prior to the regular Jackson meeting. Public meeting began at 5:45 p.m. with a quorum present. Pubic and board discussed proposed ordinance entitled "Appointment of Town Attorney to Serve as Magistrate over Mayor's Court". After discussion public meeting closed.

Regular Meeting. The Town of Jackson regular monthly meeting was held in the Jackson Hall at 6:00 p.m. Prior to addressing the agenda, Mayor James Norsworthy spoke to the public and stated if anyone notices anything within the Town of Jackson during their daily routine that requires the attention of the Town of Jackson municipal governmental employees to please call the Town Hall and make the Town aware, and do not wait for the next Town meeting.

Prayer & Pledge. Lead by William Free.

Roll Call. All present. Mike Harrell, Rafe Stewart, David Guillory, William Free and Don Havard.

Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved with the below additions. Rafe Stewart added an item wherein the Board of Trustees is required to approve a resolution for the CWEF Application he is submitting for a \$35,000.00 grant. Herbert Hawkins added an item to the agenda to discuss a police incident that took place at this home, and Linda Karam added an item to the agenda concerning garbage can capacity as spelled out in the Town of Jackson ordinances. Approval with the above additions was moved by David Guillory and seconded by William Free. Motion passed.

Approval of the Bills. Rafe Stewart stated he reviewed the bills of the Town of Jackson and all "checks out". Rafe Stewart moved to pay the bills. Seconded by William Free. Motion passed.

Approval of the March 2021 minutes. Moved by David Guillory and seconded by Mike Harrell to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Financial Report-budget versus actual. Rafe Stewart gave a review of the budget and stated the Town is "close to where we need to be". Rafe Stewart moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Don Havard. Motion passed.

Old Business. Jett's, Approval of Alcohol permit pending state approval. Moved by Rafe Stewart to approve the request for alcohol permit by Jett's, seconded by Mike Harrell, motion passed.

New Business.

John Manual was on the agenda to discuss the Dog ordinance, although not present at the meeting. No action taken.

Zula Woodard was on the agenda to discuss the natural gas prices of the town for the preceding cold spell. Zula Woodward was not present although the Mayor opened up the floor and discussed the recent "high" gas bill of the Town of Jackson mailed to residents. Public discussion about the high bill and the recent cold spell in the community. Everyone agreed their bills were recently higher than ever

before. Mayor Norsworthy explained it just so happened the entire cold spell was in one billing cycle and it did not let up during the entire billing cycle. Matt Leggett also explained to the public and board a year or two earlier the Town of Jackson passed a new gas rate bill wherein the Town passes on to the consumer the cost of gas and the cost of transportation of the gas. As these prices fluctuate from the Town's provider, the resident's bills will also fluctuate. Although the Town of Jackson's rate never changes and is consistently low. This keeps the town from running a deficit in our gas utility department of which is prohibited by law. No action taken.

Approval of Ordinance to Appointment of Town Attorney to Serve as Magistrate over Mayor's court.
Moved by Don Havard and seconded by David Guillory, motion passed.

Herbert Hawkins was addressed. Mr. Hawkins began to discuss his frustration with a police matter that occurred at his home recently. The Board knew nothing of the matter and the Mayor referred Mr. Hawkins to take the matter up with the Chief of Police or the Jackson Police department for his next step.

LANNA M. MATTHEWS/SECRETARY-TREASURER

JAMES M NORSWORTHY III/MAYOR