

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF JACKSON
May 9, 2022,REGULAR MEETING

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF JACKSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPENED AT 6:00 P.M.

All motions passed unanimously unless stated otherwise. After the seconded of any motion, there was no public comment unless stated otherwise.

Call to Order: Mayor James “Jimmy” Norsworthy called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present were, Rafe Stewart, Don Havard, William Free, Mike Harrell and David Guillory. No Board members were absent.

Prayer and Pledge was led by Don Havard.

Minutes for the April 11, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by William Free and seconded by David Guillory. Motion passed.

Agenda comments. Moved by Mike Harrell and seconded by Rafe Stewart to add one item to the agenda. It was moved to add the introduction of the proposed ordinance “Amendment to the Weeds and Wild Growth; Blight or Abandonment Ordinance”. Motion passed.

Budget v. Actual: Report given by Rafe Stewart. Mr. Stewart stated all bills were and purchase orders were accompanying one another. Rafe Stewart moved for the Mayor to pay the bills. Seconded by Don Havard, motion passed.

Presentation of most recent Audit Report by Postlewaite and Netterville, represented by Rodney Combs. Mr. Combs stated the Town of Jackson had a “Clean Opinion”. There were minimal findings that require addressing stated in the back of the audit and the reason for findings were made know to the administration.

Old Business:

Linda Karam; mobile home square footage requirements. Mrs. Karam was not present at the meeting, agenda item tabled, and no action taken.

Bids on Dodge Truck. The Dodge Truck was considered surplus at the April 11, 2022 meeting and an advertised as surplus and for sale with a minimum bid of \$1,500.00. Sealed bids were open during the meeting. The highest bid was for two thousand and two (\$2,002.00) dollars and offered by Joseph Branum. Bid accepted by the board in the April 2022 meeting.

New Business:

Debris Ordinance. Moved by Mike Harrell and seconded by Rafe Stewart to introduce the “Ordinance Governing Debris Removal in the Town of Jackson”. Motion passed.

Rental Property Utilities Ordinance. Moved by Mike Harrell and seconded by Rafe Stewart to introduce “Ordinance Governing the Utility Services for Rental Properties within the Town of Jackson”. Motion Passed.

Ordinance item added to the agenda. Moved by Mike Harrell and seconded by Rafe Stewart to introduce the "Amendment to the Weeds and Wild Growth; Blight or Abandonment Ordinance". Motion passed.

Next item on the agenda was named "Crystal Robinson". Mrs. Robinson was not present at the meeting, although at the Mayor's discretion he allowed members in the public to express their concerns. Ashley Gardner spoke first about a dog incident wherein one dog killed another on April 11, 2022. Melinda Banks was a second member of the public who spoke about the incident. Finally a gentleman named Matthew Gardner spoke and addressed the board. Mayor Norsworthy addressed the concerns of the public and stated we do have dog ordinances on the books and a hearing is pending in Mayor's court. All discussion was informative, no action was taken.

Items, 4, 5 and 6 were placed on the docket by Linda Karam and regarding Newton Street, Planning and Development, and Occupancy Permits for Mobile Homes. Mrs. Karam was not present and all agenda items were tabled.

Maintenance report. Matthew Leggett, department head of the maintenance department, gave an oral report. There have been several gas and water leaks addressed in the past month. The department has met with PEC, the engineering firm hired by the Town of Jackson and some of the projects being addressed at this time include (1) Aeration of the oxidation ponds; (2) the possibility of replacing a lift station in the sewer drainage lines, and additional road projects. No additional information provided.

Police Report. Chief of Police Fred Allen was present and gave an oral report. There were 12 arrests made during the month of April and 24 citations written. One of the Chief's officers has completed POST training and another officer will be starting the academy soon. No additional information provided.

Code Enforcement Report. The code enforcement officer, Cary Quiet, gave a detailed update of the activities he is addressing in the community, from removing vehicles, addressing blighted properties, and enforcing contracts between noncompliant residents and the Town of Jackson. Mr. Quiet also expressed concern of no agreement with a towing company to remove noncompliant vehicles from the community.

Mayor's Report. The Mayor expressed the need to enforce ordinances for vehicles illegally parked and to repaint street markings for vehicles regarding proper and improper parking locations.

Attorney comments. No comments stated.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Harrell, second by Don Havard, motion passed.

LANNA M. MATTHEWS/SECRETARY-TREASURER

JAMES M NORSWORTHY III/MAYOR