

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF JACKSON
JUNE 13, 2022, REGULAR MEETING**

Public hearing held for ordinances introduced. Started at 5:00 p.m... Mayor James Norsworthy presiding over the public meeting. A quorum was present. All trustees present with the exception of Mike Harrell. The public discussed the ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE GOVERNING DEBRIS REMOVAL IN THE TOWN OF JACKSON". Second the community discussed the ordinance entitled "RENTAL PROPERTIES UTILITIES ORDINANCE" and finally the public hearing discussed the ordinance entitled "AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III.-WEEDS AND WILD GROWTH; BLIGHT OR ABANDONMENT ORDINANCE". After public discussion about all three proposed ordinances, the public hearing was closed and the public and Board of Trustees were given a fifteen (15) minute break.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF JACKSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPENED AT 6:11 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, and David Guillory. Mike Harrell was absent.

Prayer and Pledge. Led by David Guillory.

Minutes. Minutes for the May 9, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Rafe Stewart and seconded by William free with the correction and addition of adding the introduction and approval of two resolutions during the May 9, 2022 meeting. One being the LGAP Resolution that was introduced and passed allowing the Town of Jackson to apply for LGAP funding and grants, and the second resolution introduced and passed during the May 9, 2022 meeting dealt with allowing the Town of Jackson to apply for and seek funding for the CWF funding and grants. Motion to approve passed with the above addition.

Agenda comments. No additions or comments on the current agenda.

Payment of the Bills and Budget v. Actual. Report given by Rafe Stewart. Rafe Stewart moved to pay the bills, seconded by David Guillory. Motion passed. No action taken on Budget versus Actual agenda item.

Old Business:

Linda Karam; mobile home square footage requirements, Newton St., Occupancy permits. Mrs. Karam requested the Board of Trustees increase the square footage of lot size for mobile homes to be increased from 11,250 square feet to 15,000 square feet. No action taken after discussion by the board and public.

Linda Karam : Planning & Development. It was discussed about Planning and Zoning requirements in the Town of Jackson. Jackson has no zoning requirements. Discussion with Mrs. Karam, the public and the Board, no action taken.

New Business:

Debris Removal Ordinance. The ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE GOVERNING DEBRIS REMOVAL IN THE TOWN OF JACKSON" was moved to accept as is by Rafe Stewart and seconded by William Free. No public comment, motion passed.

Utility Services (Rental) Ordinance. The ordinance entitled "Rental Property Utilities Ordinance" moved to be tabled by William Free, and seconded by Rafe Stewart. Motion passed.

Weeds & Wild Growth: Blight or Abandonment Ordinance Amendment. The ordinance entitled "Amendment to Article III.-Weeds and Wild Growth; Blight or Abandonment Ordinance" was moved by Rafe Stewart and seconded by David Guillory. Motion passed.

Naming of official journal. Moved by David Guillory and seconded by Rafe Stewart to name the Watchman section of the Advocate as the Town of Jackson's official journal for all notice and publications. Motion passed.

Office Personnel. William Free moved to hire Annissa Woodard as the Town of Jacksons office manager and to increase her pay by \$2.40/ hour beginning June 1, 2022. Motion seconded by Rafe Stewart, motion passed.

Mary Ann Ridenour: Safety Concerns. Mrs. Ridenour raised concerns about safety in the Town of Jackson. Public comment heard and Board discussion as well as the Police Marshall, Mr. Fred Allen. No action taken, although the Police Chief/Marshall Fred Allen advised the community if an incident occurs of which you have a safety concern, call 911. If the police are uninformed, they cannot address the concern.

Linda Karam: Mosquito Spraying. Mrs. Karam inquired whether the Town of Jackson has mosquito abatement in place in the Town. The Mayor informed the meeting at this time the Town of Jackson does not have a mosquito abatement program in place due to a lack of personnel qualified and willing to provide the services. No action taken.

Jim Parker Council on Aging Meals. Mr. Parker is the President and on the Board of Directors of the Council on Aging. He informed the Board and the public the Old VFW Hall will be the New Meal Site in the Town of Jackson, and the Council's goal is to have the meals available by Labor Day. The meals will be provided Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m... Information only, no action taken by the board.

Public Hearing July 11, 2022-Dog Ordinance. Rafe Stewart introduced the ordinance entitled "Amendment to Chapter 8, Article III Dogs, Division 2 Dangerous Or Vicious Dogs, Section 8-121. Requirements of owning a dangerous dog.", seconded by David Guillory. Motion passed. A public hearing will be held July 11, 2022 at 5:30 p.m...

Reports.

Maintenance Report. Given by Matt Leggett. Mr. Leggett expressed the need for two full time employees needed and for the hiring of a part time employee, as well as a raise for a current employee. Moved by Rafe Stewart and seconded by David Guillory to advertise for two full time

employees in the maintenance department for the Town of Jackson, at a base rate of \$13.00 / hour. Moved by Rafe Stewart and seconded by Don Havard to increase the rate of pay for Alan Hensley from \$12.00 to \$13.00 per hour. Moved by Rafe Stewart and seconded by David Guillory to hire part time Kaleb Surton at \$12.00 per hour. All motions passed.

Police Report. Chief Allen gave an oral report stating 17 tickets were written and there were 7 arrests during the month. The Chief stated he has 2 full time officers and is in need of more employees, he is currently using Parish Officers to cover some of his shifts.

Code enforcement Report. A written report was presented by Officer Quiet. Mr. Quiet is requesting the Board of Trustees create a "Dog Committee" to address the Town of Jackson's dog issues. Such request was in his written report. Mr. Quiet also stated he will be issuing 21 letters of notification regarding blighted properties.

Mayors Report. Mayor Norsworthy stated the town is applying for LGAP Grants, CWF Grants, the previous years grants were approved, and he discussed additional grants applied for and grants approved.

Motion by David Guillory to adjourn, second by Don Havard, motion passed.

LANNA M. MATTHEWS/SECRETARY-TREASURER

JAMES M NORSWORTHY III/MAYOR