

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF JACKSON
September 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

All motions passed unanimously unless indicated otherwise.

Public hearing held at 5:30 p.m. in regards to the Budget and Amended Budget and the Amendment to the Mobile Home Ordinance. Public meeting closed at 6:22 p.m..

Regular meeting. The Town of Jackson's regular monthly meeting was held in the Jackson Hall at 6:22 p.m.. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Norsworthy, III.

The prayer and pledge were lead by William Free.

Roll call. Present were Rafe Stewart, Don Havard, William Free, David Guillory and Michael Harrell.

Approval of the Agenda. Mayor Norsworthy asked for approval of the agenda and if there were any additions necessary. One addition by a member of the public to discuss upcoming garage sale on November 6, 2021 from 9am to 5pm. Moved by Mike Harrell and seconded by Rafe Stewart to add item to agenda and accept the agenda with the addition, motion passed.

Approval of Bill, Rafe Stewart presented to the Board he reviewed the bills and moved to pay the monthly bills. Seconded by William Free, motion passed.

Budget versus Actual. Rafe Stewart reported to the Board the status of the budget year to date is the best it's been in years. The Town is closing the gap between spending and income. Informative only, no action taken.

New Business.

Rafe Stewart reviewed the 2020–2021 Amended Budget. Rafe Stewart moved to approve the 2020-2021 Amended Budget, seconded by David Guillory, motion passed.

Rafe Stewart moved to pass the 2021-2022 Budget as presented. Seconded by Don Havard. Rafe Stewart stated the new budget included a four (4%) percent pay increase for all employees. Motion passed.

Amendment to the Manufactured Home ordinance entitled "Amendment to the Town of Jackson Manufactured Home Ordinance. Section 20-21. Occupancy Permits", moved by Rafe Stewart to pass and accept with the following changes, (1) change Swing subdivision to read Jackson Heights Subdivision, and (2) change the language to read "certified appraiser". Seconded by David Guillory, motion passed.

Dianne Jackson addressed the board stating the Town of Jackson has no shelter for residents during a storm. She stated the State Representative is on board with locating an acceptable shelter. No action taken.

The town will publish for two new employees for the maintenance department. Moved by William Free and second by Rafe Stewart to publish the openings in the official journal. Motion passed.

Fire Department request several fire trucks be donated to the Jackson Fire Department that were in the Town of Jackson's name. Town attorney stated the vehicles required being in the name of the Town of Jackson or the East Feliciana Parish Fire District Name, but not the Town of Jackson Fire department for legal reasons. Motion to table for thirty (30) days by Rafe Stewart and seconded by Mike Harrell, motion passed.

Mayor's comments. A portion of the ARP funds were received by the Town of Jackson. No further comments.

Police Report. Chief of Police Fred Allen presented an oral report. He has hired Blade Lewis full time and Micheal Carlile as a part time employee. Ten arrest were conducted during the month, and 29 tickets written. Moved by William Free and seconded by Mike Harrell to hire the officers full time and part time respectively.

Chief of Police also requested Officer Sagely have right to use his vehicle and drive home. Rafe Stewart moved for Officer Sagely to have use of his unit, seconded by Mike Harrell, motion passed.

Maintenance Report by Matt Leggett. Water Tower will require replacing and repairs within the next year. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Harrell, seconded by David Guillory, motion passed.