## MINUTES FOR TOWN OF JACKSON OCTOBER 14, 2024

The regular meeting for the Town of Jackson was held on October 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Volunteer Fire Department. The meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem James McCrory. All motions passed unanimously unless stated otherwise.

Roll Call by the Town Clerk, Annissa Woodard; Absent Mayor James Norsworthy and Board of Trustees member Mike Harrell. Present were David Guillory, William Free, Joseph Brown, and James McCrory.

Prayer and Pledge lead by William Free.

Approval of agenda / additions or deletions.

Motion by William Free to approve agenda as written, seconded by David Guillory, motion carried.

Approval of minutes from the September 2024 meeting. Moved by William Free, seconded by James McCrory, motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Budget versus Actual. Moved by William Free, seconded by Joseph Brown to pay bills. Motion carried.

## Old Business, none.

## New Business:

- 1. Michael Lamonica, Ordinance. Mr. Lamonica identified a typographical error in the Code Of Ordinances in section 14-194 (B) related to power tools being used and prohibited from 8pm until 8am is incorrectly stated. No action taken, although noted to require correcting.
- 2. Audit Questionnaire, by Minda Rayborn. Presented by Anissa Woodard. Moved by David Guillory to appoint Minda Rayborn to perform the Town's audit, seconded by William Free, motion carried.
- 3. Audit Findings Corrections, Holli Gilmore. All findings have been corrected to date. Motion by David Guillory, seconded by William free to approve corrections, motion carried.
- 4. Fire District Board appointment. Chris Farris spoke to the board about being removed and requesting to remain on the Fire District Board. Moved by William Free, seconded by David Guillory to appoint John Dousay on the Fire District Board for a 4-year term. An amended motion was made by David Guillory and seconded by William Free to appoint John Dousay to the Fire District Board and remove Chris Farris. Motion carried.
- 5. Spooktackular & Trick or Treat. Moved by David Guillory, seconded by Joseph Brown to hold the events on Saturday October 26 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.. Motion carried.
- 6. November Board meeting, Veteran's Day moved from Monday November 11, 2024, until November 12, 2024. Moted by Joseph Brown and Seconded by William Free, motion carried.
- 7. William Free moved to introduce an ordinance to amend 2023-2024 Budget. Motion carried. The hearing will be set for November 12, 2024.
- 8. Policy Change, probation period for new hires. Moved by William Free and seconded by David Guillory wherein new hires will have a 3-month probation period before being added to the insurance policies. This shall start November 1, 2024. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report. Oral report by Matthew Leggett. Bids are in for the Water Tower project. Bids to reopen sewer project.

Police Report. Mitch Harrell gave oral report and asked for board to confirm dismissal of Darias Day and Chris Hillard. Moved by David Guillory and seconded by William Free to confirm the Chief's recommendation to dismiss the two officers presented. Recommended to hire Brennon Brooks part time, moved by Joseph Brown and Seconded by David Guillory, motion carried. Moved by David Guillory and seconded by William Free to hire Hector Hectorgory and Lakinta Thomas both fulltime employees at \$18.00 per hour and \$17.00 per hour respectively. Motion carried. Chief Mitch Harrell further stated 200 calls were received in the past month, he met with State Reps, held training for his personnel, Claud Gravel is being used, DNA training is being conducted, and there was a Bomb Threat last month and a warrant will be issued after the IEP address is located.

Code Enforcement Report. Written report given. 1749 Cedar Street is ahead of schedule to be torn down. 2322 Vilot Street, 2 vehicles were removed. 3161 Palmer Lane Structure torn down. Working on Blighted property Grant. 20 structures have been submitted to the building inspector for demolition. In addition, 4 medical calls were addressed, one accident and a bomb threat. Public notice, please lock all vehicles now. Thefts are on the North in of Town are on the rise, don't make it easy for the thieves.

Mayor's comments. Mayor Pro Tem, McCrory, stated please keep Mayor Jimmy Norsworthy in your thoughts and prayers.

Moved by William Free and seconded by David Guillory to adjoin, motion carried, meeting adjourned.