Village of South Jacksonville

President Richard Samples	*Trustee J.W. Coleman*	*Trustee Paula Belobrajdic-Stewart*
Acting Village Clerk Mindy Olson	*Trustee Open*	*Trustee Tom Jordan*
Attorney Roland Cross	*Trustee Tom Luber*	*Trustee Steve Retzer*

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 25, 2024

Village Hall, 301 Dewey Drive, South Jacksonville, Illinois

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Richard Samples.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Logan Mahan.

Attendance: The Roll Call was taken with all Trustees in attendance. Also in attendance were President Richard Samples, Police Chief Eric Hansell, Fire Chief Rich Evans, Code Enforcement Cindy Beddingfield, Public Works Superintendent Brian English and Village Clerk and Treasurer Mindy Olson.

Absent from the meeting was Attorney Roland Cross.

Approval of Agenda: President Richard Samples asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Trustee Luber, seconded by Trustee Coleman. Roll call was taken approving the agenda unanimously.

Comments from the Floor: None

Discussion Items

1. *Swearing in of Officer Logan Mahan:* Chief Hansell introduced Logan Mahan to the board. Officer Mahan is from the Franklin area and graduated in 2022. Mr. Mahan began his training to be an EMT however changed is course and decided he wanted to become a police officer. He will report to the academy on August 19, 2024. Chief Hansell said he will be the youngest officer the department has hired, however per his psych evaluation he is overly mature for his age. Chief Hansell performed the swearing in process. All in attendance welcomed Officer Mahan to the department and Village.

2. *Review of Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1026 "Relating to Licenses" Regulating Peddlers and Solicitors for the Village of South Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois:* President Samples advised the Board that the final proposed ordinance is in their packets. The new rates will be $500.00 for the first day and $100.00 for each day thereafter. The solicitors will also be required to wear a lanyard identification provided by the Village. This ordinance will be on the agenda for approval at the next board meeting.

3. *Review of Ordinance Regulating Public Camping within Corporate Boundaries and Other Actions in Connection Therewith for the Village of South Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois:* President Samples advised the Board that a proposed ordinance to regulate camping is in their packet. Chief Hansell said the Village does not have a camping ordinance in the books The main problem is down by Nichols Park which is City of Jacksonville property but within the Village's patrol area. There are people that have built encampments in the wooded area around the old pony colt ballpark. The Village does not have anything that regulates no camping. Trustee Coleman said he likes the idea of this. President Samples asked if this covers anything with the hotels and people not leaving like squatting. Chief Hansell said it would not cover that situation.

   Trustee Retzer asked if this ordinance or any existing ordinance address campers parked in front of houses. Mrs. Beddingfield said we do have ordinance that prohibits parking in front of houses on the street. Trustee Coleman asked why they could not be parked there. It is a licensed vehicle that is drivable. He feels the board needs an ordinance committee to review all the ordinances. Trustee Coleman feels we need to review the current trailer ordinance.

4. *Review of Ordinance Amending and Superseding Ordinance No. 969 and No. 1055 Allowing for Video Gaming and Amending the Annual Fee for the Operation of a video Gaming Terminal*: President Samples told the Board the final proposed ordinance is in their packets. Trustee Coleman asked if this was yearly fee and what happens if they do not pay. President Samples said it is a yearly fee and if they do not pay they do not get the license. Treasurer Olson advised the Trustees that for a business to get the state license they must first obtain the local license.

5. *Pool Ordinance*: President Samples presented the board with several sample ordinances sent over by Attorney Cross. He asked the Trustees to review the samples and then the board will discuss further. The samples were also sent to both Chief Hansell and Mrs. Beddingfield for review.

6. *Budget:* Treasurer Olson presented the updated budget for the Trustees review. She advised the board of the added items for the equipment lease payments. Trustee Coleman asked where the payments for West Central Joint ETSB are. Treasurer Olson advised that those amounts are split between the Police Department (70%) and the Fire Department (30%) and fall under the Communications account. Treasurer Olson also advised the Trustees that currently the proposed budget is balanced. If they would like to add something we will need to look at reducing another line item or increasing revenues to keep the budget balanced.

   Trustee Stewart asked if in the Tourism Fund we reduced the contributions line item by $50,000 could we then budget to upgrade the park. She feels that the Village gave a lot in donations this past year. Treasurer Olson said she can make that adjustment. Chief Hansell advised the board

that he was still wanting to put in the budget funds for the upgrading of the windows at the Police Department. In addition, he needs to upgrade the cameras in the booking room. They will cost about $44,522 but we can set up a 60-month financing plan. The other main item the Village needs to replace is the tornado siren. He does not have an exact price but the last quote that was received came in at $36,329. Treasurer Olson asked if he could obtain a current quote for the siren. Finally Chief Hansell would like to see the Village subscribe to American Legal Publishing for the ordinances at a cost of about $4,000 per year.

President Samples asked Chief Evans if he had any comments on the Fire Department budget. He mentioned that he had already spoken with Treasurer Olson and asked to increase the salaries line item so he can increase the Assistant Chief's wages. They have not received an increase in a long time. Treasurer Olson advised the board that the capital outlay items are going to be covered by grants. The repairs needed for the fire hydrants are in the repairs and maintenance account. The only other item the Village needs to start looking at is a new ladder truck. Trustee Stewart said she remembers that in the past the Village was able to use TIF funds to purchase a truck. Treasurer Olson will check that. Chief Evans said there are not a lot of decent equipment options out there because departments cannot get new equipment for 3-4 years and at a cost of $2,000,000. The City of Jacksonville has a new truck on order, and they have offered to sell the old truck to the Village. Chief Evans is going to go check it out and talk to the City more about a price. He also said the fundraising the Fire Department does will go toward a replacement truck.

Treasurer Olson advised the board that the amount listed under capital outlay in the water fund is for the water plant. Because of the nature of the items, it is difficult to code it as either building or equipment. The other item that needs to be addressed is the water tower. Treasurer Olson asked the company that did the inspection and a rough estimate to paint the water tower would be $200,000-$300,000. The Trustees discussed the need to possibly build a new tower. Trustee Coleman said if you "shin a turd it is still a turd". Trustee Stewart said in the past Jamie Headen from Benton & Associates had come to a meeting and presented information about a new water tower. Perhaps we need to have that again. Superintendent English will work on that.

Treasurer Olson will make some adjustments to the budget as noted from the discussion. We plan to have the public hearing on the budget prior to the regular board meeting and approve the budget at the next meeting.

Old Business:

1. *AT&T:* Treasurer Olson brought to the board's attention that a resident of the Village came to Village Hall and reported that the store manager at AT&T was telling people that the reason the tower has not been built yet is because the Village is delaying the process. She made sure to set the resident straight and advised that the building permit for the tower was issued over a year ago and AT&T has not done anything on the build.

2. *Grants Documentation:* As a reminder the grants will be handled as reimbursement rather than just writing checks directly to the organization. Trustee Coleman asked if we needed an ordinance for this. Treasurer Olson said she had reviewed this with the Attorney and there is nothing that needs to be put in an ordinance.

New Business:

1. *Regular Meeting Date:* President Samples asked the board if they had any issues with changing the regular meeting from August 1, 2024 to August 8, 2024 because the auditors will be here on the regular day. All agreed with changing that date.

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Trustee Retzer, seconded by Trustee Coleman. Roll call was taken with approving the motion unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

Approval of Minutes

Richard Samples, Village President

Attest:

Mindy Olson, Village Clerk

Ayes: 3
Nays: 0
Absent: 2