

The Jewell City Council met in Regular Session Monday, February 13, 2023 at the Jewell City Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Loyal Winborn called the meeting to order with Council Members: Roethler, Boor, and Lorenzen present. Public Works Director Trevor Swenson and Police Chief David Turpen were also present. Councilman Gunderson and Mayor Reiter were absent.

APPROVE FEBRUARY 13, 2023, AGENDA: Lorenzen made a motion to approve the February 13 agenda. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- Lorenzen made a motion to approve the January 23, 2023 minutes, the February 13, 2023 claims, and the Treasurer’s report for January. Boor seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL	\$30,213.91	\$42,954.54
EMERGENCY	\$26.83	\$0.00
FIRE	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEVELOPMENT LOTS	\$0.00	\$0.00
ROAD USE	\$12,043.38	\$10,903.19
TRUST AND AGENCY	\$142.71	\$4,316.66
METER DEPOSITS	\$525.00	\$300.00
WATER	\$22,132.35	\$32,120.59
SEWER	\$9,764.21	\$8,804.33
LOCAL OPTION TAX	\$15,035.87	\$0.00
CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	\$0.00	\$12,200.00
CHAPTER 410/411	\$26.83	\$0
TOTAL	\$89,911.09	\$111,599.31

Many members of the community spoke on behalf of J.A.D.E during the public forum.

404 SOUTH STREET: Boor made a motion to approve the tax abatement and the \$2,000 rebate for Seth Stadtmueller, owner of 404 South Street. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

J.A.D.E: Heidi requested Main Street to be closed for city-wide events including: April 8 Easter Egg Walk, October 31 Downtown Trick or Treating, and December 9 Hometown Holiday. Boor made a motion to approve the request pending permission is granted from the D.O.T. Lorenzen seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

7:20 P.M. MAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING: Boor made a motion to open the public hearing for the Max Levy. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried. The Council had lengthy discussion regarding the Max Levy. Boor made a motion to close the public hearing. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-07: Roethler made a motion to approve Resolution 23-07 confirming that the maximum property tax dollars for the affected tax levies for FY24 shall not exceed \$443,864, which is an increase of .72% from the maximum tax dollars requested for FY23. Boor seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

7:30 P.M. 2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Boor made a motion to open the public hearing for the Budget Amendment. Lorenzen seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried. The Council discussed the proposed budget amendment which included adjustments in revenue for the sale of lot 8, concession stand earnings, permits and fines. They also discussed the changes to the budget for expenditures which included:

engineering cost for Snyder and Associates, concession stand, City Hall computer upgrade, tree removal, Van Wert water meters, boiler, dehumidifier, football and baseball donations. The city will be spending \$33,140 more than anticipated at the start of the budget. Boor made a motion to close the public hearing. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 23-08: Boor made a motion to approve Resolution 23-08, amending the 2022-2023 budget. Lorenzen seconded the motion. Roll Call 4—0. Motion carried.

2023-2024 BUDGET:

- a. Roads and Water: Public Works Director Trevor Swenson brought in Shane from CIT to discuss the costs and benefits of mapping and cleaning sewers.
- b. Employee raises were discussed.
- c. EJS Police Department: Chief Turpen went through the anticipated budget which includes \$303,074 in total expenses. The majority of the increase in budget expenses is for a new vehicle, which will be purchased with the department's sinking fund money.

ORDINANCE 297: Boor motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 297 which amends the livestock restriction and allows for 6 hens pending they have an enclosure or coup. Roethler seconded the motion. Roll Call 3—1. Roethler-aye, Boor-aye, Lorenzen-aye, and Winborn-nay. Motion carried.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY: Clean-up day was discussed and a date will be decided at the next Council meeting.

ADJOURN: Boor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roethler seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Regina Beaune, City Clerk

Loyal Winborn, Mayor Pro-Tem