

**JACKSON CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Session**  
**March 13, 2006**  
**Council Chambers**

Members of Jackson City Council convened Monday evening, March 13, 2006, for the regular meeting. President James Humphreys presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and was followed by prayer, both led by Mr. Reed. Roll call was taken. Mr. Cary Brown was absent. Mr. E. Brown moved to excuse his absence, Mr. Stewart seconded the motion, and with a voice vote, the motion carried.

The approval of the minutes of the last meeting were postponed until next meeting. Mr. Heath moved to postpone, Mr. Reed seconded the motion, and passed with a voice vote.

**VISITORS:** Mr. Drew Canter was present to request a utility hookup on property outside the City. He is planning to install a double wide single family dwelling on property located on Price's Switch Rd. He indicated that he understood that new water taps outside the City had to be approved. He was present to ask permission to tap the water line for his new residence.

Mr. Heath asked if this were a single family dwelling.

Mr. Canter answered yes.

Mr. Humphreys asked if anyone else had questions for Mr. Canter.

Mr. E. Brown asked what the address was.

Mr. Canter replied 405 Price's Switch Road.

Mr. Heath asked when he would want to do this.

Mr. Canter replied that they had been working on the property for nearly a year and a half. He would like to take care of this as soon as possible.

Mr. Humphreys stated that Mr. Canter needed to contact Mr. Rasp regarding the hookup and gave him the address and phone number for the contact.

Mr. Reed asked if the water line is located past his property.

Mr. Canter replied yes.

Mr. Heath moved to grant the request to tap into the water line. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Also present was Mr. Jim Gilliland who represented the Relay for Life. He holds the logistics position for the event. He was there to seek approval for the event.

Mr. Heath stated that this was a great event for the community. He then moved to grant the request, Mr. Hughes seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a voice vote.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**UTILITY:** Mrs. Colby reported that the committee met February 28<sup>th</sup>. There was some discussion on fuel adjustment, electric rates, and delinquent utilities which total over \$800,000. Mr. Humphreys, who was present at the meeting, proposed bringing Ordinance 50-06 and asked Council to pass this ordinance.

She also brought up a letter which she had written Mr. Fisher requesting information on 1029 Main St. She was supposed to receive the information and stated that she was still waiting on it.

In the news release following the last meeting, there was mention of the work being done on the Main St. property. She had a stack of invoices from businesses who had been charged thousands of dollars for the same work that had been done to their property as was done on Main St. The Water Superintendent informed her that two workers and trenchers were used on this property. Seven posts were donated to the Electric Department. She stated that it sounded like a special deal there. She quoted a newspaper article that appeared in January of 2004. Mayor Goodman had stated that he told City Employees to eliminate special deals and favors.

Mr. Heath stated that we've had discussion on this before. The question Mrs. Colby asked was legitimate. If there are questions and answers, get the answers and move on. One other thing, Mr. Heath stated he had stopped by AMP-Ohio and looked over some rates. He obtained a good understanding of these rates and we'll need another committee meeting but it will be awhile.

**BUDGET/FINANCE:** There was no report.

**POLICE/FIRE/TRAFFIC:** There was no report. Mr. Heath had some comments regarding the operation of the jail and observations he had made. He indicated that he believed that there were some honest answers needed. The citizens believed that the sales tax fund is not bringing in enough money. The jail fund is NOT in the red. The jail cleared \$40,000. There was a positive balance of \$144,500 last year. The jail has never been in the red. The number of prisoners is large. Out-of-county keep is not coming from the general operating fund, but coming out of sales tax. \$271,798. \$800,000 + was taken from the sales tax. \$243,440 from our General Fund. When added together, if taken from the General Fund, surplus in other funds. Unsure of the County fund that money paid for prisoners will go through.

Mr. Humphreys stated that there were some serious discussions about this money and where it is to go. The committee thinks it should go another way.

Mr. Reed stated that the committee can do what they choose unless someone sues.

Mr. Detty stated tax payer suits.

Mr. Reed asked if a member of Council can file the suit as an individual.

Mr. Detty replied that a councilman is a citizen.

Mr. Heath stated that the number of prisoners run 50-60 people on a regular basis. Most of which may be the burden of the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Humphreys stated that it really bothered him that the news release and County resolution had had no ground rules.

Mayor Goodman stated he got a copy of the resolution. It appears to be becoming a major financial problem.

Mr. Reed asked about out-of-town prisoners. The females are transported out and he asked why the Sheriff's Office wouldn't pay for that. Information from the County Auditor was not as detailed as Mr. Heath's. He suggested that we invite the County Commissioners to a meeting. He said it might be worth our time to have a good discussion with the Commissioners. He indicated that Council's perception may not be reality. He voiced his opinion that it's not fair to the taxpayers.

Mr. Heath moved to write a letter of invitation to ask the Commissioners to attend a meeting, ask questions, and get on the same page. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion, motion passed.

Mr. Heath stated he wanted to see that our citizens are treated fairly.

Mrs. Colby asked the Mayor to explain the ankle bracelets to monitor the whereabouts of prisoners.

Mayor Goodman replied that they cost about \$4-\$5. He believed that this could actually be profitable. It requires that someone go to the home and hook up the unit. The person charged in Jackson who lives in Oak Hill would have someone hook up the unit at his/her home. Municipal Court is contracting out to handle that.

Mr. Reed: Is this voluntary or mandatory?

Mr. Detty: Only select cases will be eligible. OVI cases mostly receive mandatory jail. The judge will decide which are eligible and what she will permit.

Mayor Goodman replied that Judge Johnston was cooperative in helping us with the jail situation. The financial side of it, we have to work out something.

Mr. Detty: The individual will be monitored. If they take the bracelet off and violate the terms, the jail is it. There is no option.

Mayor Goodman stated that he believed it would be a good idea to have the Commissioners here to understand their position. One person at the Sheriff's Office is our contact person. She is very cooperative. Another area where the court helps, they're allowing us to schedule time and get it served. The instances of going over on our numbers have been on weekends. Did that answer your question Mrs. Colby?

Mr. Heath asked if we would have an opportunity to house prisoners in the new Scioto County jail.

Mayor Goodman replied that he did not know. He can only assume that we have made some contact. He also has met with others and discussed alternate types of confinement.

Mr. Heath indicated there was a gathering last Monday night, concerning an alley on Mill St. Several views were expressed. It is an alley and not a street. The group looked at having no through trucks or buses going from Summit to Mill St. He indicated that he gone over to the area and looked. He believed that it would be very difficult to get trucks turned around, etc. He stated that there was a lot of emotion involved in this issue. He had also talked with Tom Jenkins and Mr. Jenkins had indicated that they have no intention of changing bus routes. There is definitely a problem over there. The

problem may fix itself if they have some patience and we repair the jagged piece of concrete. It could create a problem with trucks and the heavy traffic.

Mrs. Colby stated that she thought Mr. Jenkins would change the route of the buses.

Mr. Heath stated that he wanted to be asked officially. And then Mr. Heath asked if Council would be willing to ask Mr. Jenkins to change the route.

Mr. E. Brown stated that to reroute a bus, it would probably still go through the alley only in the opposite direction.

Mr. Humphreys indicated that signs and all that are out. All we're asking is to have the route changed. He had asked the garbage men. The employee drives the salt truck and plow and that is the direction he goes. He goes down the alley from Summit to Mill St.

Mrs. Colby stated that there should be plenty of room for outlets.

Mr. Heath indicated that if the piece of concrete can be removed, it would be a big help. He then moved to request the school to reroute buses to travel from Mill St. to Summit St. Mrs. Colby seconded the motion. The motion passed in a voice vote.

**SERVICE:** Mr. Reed reported that they had taken a railroad trip to Oak Hill. It was an exciting experience with the train traveling at top speeds of 12 mph. Those on the trip saw and heard about the problems with the rail and track, work that had been done, work that should have been done, etc. He asked some questions. He also stated that he had received a copy of the new contract. It was an informative but a slow ride. He also stated that one could actually see the work that had been done.

Mr. Heath reported that it was very obvious that more work needed to be done. He also thought that this was a very informative trip.

**CITY AUDITOR:** Mrs. Sexton was present and said that there was nothing to report. She indicated that each council member should have the monthly report and the February checks written report.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** Mr. Detty said that he had nothing to report. Ordinances for the next meeting will need to be in early because he will be out of town the weekend before.

Mr. Heath asked about the bill for Squires, Saunders, Dempsey (work for 2005) – the \$5000 + on top of \$271,000 + we've already paid them for legal work. The auditor's office is getting calls on this wanting \$5000 more.

Mr. E. Brown stated that we had hired a new law firm, in a transition period. This may fall in that time frame.

Mr. Reed said that he was not really happy with Squires, Saunders, & Dempsey. We have a bill for them, we've been advised to pay it, pay it and say, good riddance.

Mrs. Colby asked if we had the money. She also asked if anything had been budgeted.

Mr. Reed stated that this would have to be approved by Council. He indicated that Council could pull from any fund to pay it. We will have to pay this bill.

Mr. Humphreys asked if Council needed to approve paying the bill. He also agreed with what Mr. Reed had said.

Mrs. Sexton indicated that they will have to come back with an appropriation ordinance.

Mr. Heath moved that Council pay the \$5015.57 amount owed. Mr. Reed seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Mr. Heath asked when the agreement expired with current legal counsel.

Mr. Humphreys indicated that he thought that it was in May.

Mr. Heath stated that that is six weeks away. He asked if this should be addressed soon. He also asked if we should have conference calls with attorneys or a meeting. He was persistent in wanting to know if we should proceed with this.

Mr. Reed indicated that the Legislative committee needs to meet and look at current issues going on, sit down with the Mayor, and see where we stand.

Mr. Humphreys stated that when the Legislative committee meets, they will need to look at the communication procedure and follow it.

Mr. Heath asked if the EPA issue was still active.

The Mayor answered that that was a very serious situation.

Mr. Heath said that \_\_\_\_ wants to meet with the Legal Committee as soon as possible. He stated that he thought they needed to work on this.

Mr. Detty stated that he had nothing else to report.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Goodman indicated that April 3<sup>rd</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup> would be Spring Cleanup Week. The City will pick up large items and incorporate community service workers.

He had sent a letter to the railroad committee.

He stated he had received information to put together a proposal for economic development.

There were three issues involving OAPSE matters. He needed some guidance from the Law Director on these matters. He stated that at least one or two were worthy of discussion.

Mr. Detty indicated that should be done in open session.

Mayor Goodman stated that he and Mr. Reed had discussed this. The Mayor's initial recommendation was to follow past practices using hours worked. License pay wouldn't be paid on vacation pay, sick pay, etc.

Mr. Humphreys asked if the Water Plant Superintendent was in the unit.

Mr. Goodman said he understood it would be but was never written in the contract.

Mr. Humphreys said that if the superintendent were already in the unit, we shouldn't have to do anything. It should be spelled out in the contract. There is opposition.

Mr. Reed said that they're saying we cannot stop him from being in the union.

Mr. Humphreys stated that SERB takes the proposition and goes forward with it. There is no problem with either side with him going into the union. Mr. Shoemaker indicated that he didn't think that we could keep him out of the union. Mr. Humphreys asked if the union had any objection to him joining the union.

Mayor Goodman said that he had heard from the employee and his position was that the union was waiting on a form from us.

Mr. Reed asked to speak to the Law Director. He stated that this appears that we're trying to keep him out of the union. The employee fits the guidelines of what constitutes the position.

Mayor Goodman said that this position may not mean anything to them.

Mr. Humphreys asked if we had a right to go forth with memorandums of understanding or does Council go with an ordinance.

Mr. Detty stated that Council could authorize the Mayor to work out a memorandum of understanding which is an agreement.

Mayor Goodman said that maybe a motion to authorize him to proceed would be in order. He also asked specifically for guidance on #3. There is nothing to require us . . . it clearly states, hours worked.

Mr. Reed said that something/someone (?) had disputed their contract from the beginning. He asked for someone to explain #1.

Mayor Goodman said that the language of the contract was left out. It could be classified as a typographical error or omission. There is no choice on that one. The other option is . . . he asked Council to think about it for a few days and call him or take action.

Mr. Reed moved that the contract goes as written on #3. Numbers 1 and 2 should follow the Mayor's suggestion. Mrs. Colby seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Following the discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

## **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance No. 27-06    Third Reading**  
**An ordinance transferring appropriations.**  
**(from General Fund to Police Task Force Fund - \$151, 357.00)**

Mr. Heath stated that there was obviously some concern. If we want to increase drug arrests, we need to talk about it at this meeting. He has no problem with the force.

Mr. Reed pointed out that this ordinance is setting aside the money for the officers. It shows how much the task force is costing us. It is insignificant what it does. This shows people that Jackson puts \$151,000 into this task force. It has the ability to reduce the Police Department fund which would cause layoffs, etc. We short the Police Department \$151,000 if we don't do this for the Drug Task Force.

Mrs. Colby stated that that would put the decision on the Chief. And we don't have to put our blessing on this.

Mr. Heath replied that we have innocent lives in danger.

Mr. Stewart stated that this allows us to track the funds.



Mrs. Sexton stated that this is the appropriation for this.

Mr. Heath stated that maybe the Chief needs to look at his priorities.

It comes from the General Fund and he wondered if we would have the money to keep going.

Mr. Humphreys asked for further discussion. With none, a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Colby – no	Mr. C. Brown – absent
Mr. Hughes – no	Mr. Stewart – yes
Mr. E. Brown – yes	Mr. Heath – no
Mr. Reed – yes	

Council President broke the tie with a no vote.

Ordinance No. 27-06 was defeated.

**Ordinance No. 31-06    Third Reading**  
**An ordinance concerning City Officials and**  
**City Employees use of City owned vehicles.**

Mr. Heath asked about amendments discussed. He asked if Council members had given any thought to that.

Mr. Reed stated if this is a benefit, Council has some say in this.

Mayor Goodman stated that perhaps the IRS should make the determination.

Mr. Detty stated that the way this is written, the Police Chief had concerns about this as well. It was different in 2002 than now. If there is an employee who is on call, he/she has to do a good bit – time clock, pick up car/vehicle, etc. and that’s where the problem is.

Mr. Reed indicated that the problem could be alleviated if language is put in . . . if the IRS were to rule it a benefit, . . . the way it is now, it’s not a viable ordinance.

Mrs. Colby stated that we have supervisors on call, they drive to the location, report it, get in the City vehicle, do their work, drive back home. Who’s on call?

Mr. Heath added “and what for?”

Mr. Humphreys asked if it would be feasible to amend this. He also stated that this could be something that might tread on the toes of the Police Department.

Mr. Reed stated that he would rather see it voted down and come back with the right language.

Mr. Heath asked if we know who the officers are on call.

Mrs. Colby indicated that the officers were exempt.

Mr. Humphreys stated he would have concerns about how this would affect the officers.

Mr. Stewart asked if Mr. Detty had given an opinion on this.

Mr. Detty replied that if it is a form of compensation, then Council can put any restrictions they want to regulate this.

Mr. Stewart asked if individuals involved had done any research or gotten any information from the IRS.

Mr. Reed stated that without a job description, there would have to be something that would prove them to be exempt.

Mrs. Colby asked Mr. Detty what he suggested.

Mr. Detty said that he was hearing that this is in effect until the IRS makes a determination.

Mr. Heath moved to amend the ordinance to include “unless it is determined by the IRS that a City employee’s use of City owned vehicle is exempt from compensation.” The motion to amend was seconded by Mr. E. Brown.

Mrs. Colby interjected that Council has the right to do this if they see fit. The police are exempt.

Mr. Reed stated that the way the ordinance states, that no City employee will drive a City owned vehicle to and from work to home or to work.

Mr. E. Brown asked if this could be amended at the next meeting.

Mr. Humphreys asked if there was any further discussion. With none, the motion to amend passed with a voice vote.

This ordinance then reverted to a second reading.

**Ordinance No. 37-06**

**An ordinance to authorize and direct the municipality to execute a mutual aid agreement with interstate and intrastate participating municipalities with municipal electric systems, in order to be able to receive and provide mutual assistance during times of emergencies through the interchange and use of personnel and equipment.**

Mr. Heath stated that this had been used before and had been very beneficial.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was given a second reading.

**Ordinance No. 39-06**

**An ordinance establishing base pay rates for the Chief of Police and the Assistant Chief of Police.**

Mr. Stewart asked if anyone had calculated the total dollar amount.

Mrs. Colby stated approximately \$13,000 – an estimate.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was given a second reading.

**Ordinance No. 40-06**

**An ordinance authorizing the City of Jackson, Ohio to pay American Electric Power for anticipated improvements to their electric system for interconnection of the City's new 138Kv Veteran's Drive Substation.**

With no discussion, this ordinance was given a second reading.

**Ordinance No. 42-06**

**An ordinance approving additional appropriations in the Electric Fund.**

Mr. Heath moved to adopt the ordinance, Mr. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed in a voice vote.

Mr. Reed asked if this needed to be done soon.

Mrs. Sexton stated that eventually we'll get back to it but it was not an emergency.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was given a first reading.

**Ordinance No. 43-06**

**An ordinance approving additional appropriations in the Edwin Jones Park Fund.**

Mr. Heath moved to adopt the ordinance, Mr. Hughes seconded the motion, and with a voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. Reed moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Heath seconded the motion, and a roll call vote to suspend was taken. The results were as follows:

Mrs. Colby – yes	Mr. C. Brown – absent
Mr. Hughes – yes	Mr. Stewart – yes
Mr. E. Brown – yes	Mr. Heath – yes
Mr. Reed – yes	

In a roll call vote to adopt, the results were as follows:

Mrs. Colby – yes	Mr. C. Brown – absent
Mr. Hughes – yes	Mr. Stewart – yes
Mr. E. Brown – yes	Mr. Heath – yes
Mr. Reed – yes	

Ordinance No. 43-06 was duly adopted.

**Ordinance No. 44-06**

**An ordinance approving additional appropriations in the Fire Tax Levy Fund.**

Mr. Heath moved to adopt, Mr. Hughes seconded the motion, and with a voice vote, the motion passed.

Mrs. Colby asked if these were additional appropriations in the budget.

Mrs. Sexton replied that they were not. Normally, the City gets a discount.

Mr. Reed indicated that all Workers' Compensation rates went up.

Mrs. Colby asked where.

Mr. Stewart moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Heath seconded, and a roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Colby – yes	Mr. C. Brown – absent
Mr. Hughes – yes	Mr. Stewart – yes
Mr. E. Brown – yes	Mr. Heath – yes
Mr. Reed – yes	

In the roll call vote to adopt, the results were as follows:

Mrs. Colby – yes	Mr. C. Brown – absent
Mr. Hughes – yes	Mr. Stewart – yes
Mr. E. Brown – yes	Mr. Heath – yes
Mr. Reed – yes	

Ordinance No. 44-06 was duly adopted.

**Ordinance No. 45-06**  
**An ordinance approving additional appropriations**  
**in the Municipal Swimming Pool Fund.**

Mr. Stewart moved to adopt the ordinance, Mr. Heath seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Mr. Stewart moved to suspend the rules, Mr. Heath seconded the motion, and the results of the roll call vote were as follows:

Mrs. Colby – yes	Mr. C. Brown – absent
Mr. Hughes – yes	Mr. Stewart – yes
Mr. E. Brown – yes	Mr. Heath – yes
Mr. Reed – yes	

In a roll call vote to adopt, the results were as follows:

Mrs. Colby – yes	Mr. C. Brown – absent
Mr. Hughes – yes	Mr. Stewart – yes
Mr. E. Brown – yes	Mr. Heath – yes
Mr. Reed – yes	

Ordinance No. 45-06 was duly adopted.

**Ordinance No. 46-06**  
**An ordinance approving additional appropriations in the Cemetery Fund.**

Mr. Hughes moved to adopt, Mr. Stewart seconded, and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Mr. Stewart moved to suspend, Mr. Heath seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Colby – yes

Mr. C. Brown – absent

Mr. Hughes – yes

Mr. Stewart – yes

Mr. E. Brown – yes

Mr. Heath – yes

Mr. Reed – yes

Ordinance No. 46-06 was duly adopted.

**Ordinance No. 47-06**

**An ordinance approving additional appropriations in the Water Fund.**

Mr. Stewart moved to adopt the ordinance, Mr. Hughes seconded, and motion carried in a voice vote.

In discussion, Mr. Detty pointed out that the money was coming from the sale of scrap metal.

Mrs. Colby asked what expenses are in a departmental meeting. She wanted to know what the money was used for.

Mr. Reed stated that the money goes to add to the fund balance. They want it applied to two departments for departmental meetings.

Mr. Humphreys asked what expenses they were talking about.

Mrs. Sexton stated that the money was spent on food. The money was split equally between two departments.

Mr. Stewart stated that he did not favor authorizing the expenses.

Mr. Reed stated, no, that we must have approval.

With no further discussion, the motion was given a first reading.

**Ordinance No. 48-06**

**An ordinance approving additional appropriations  
in the Water Distribution Department Fund.**

Mr. Stewart moved to adopt, Mr. E. Brown seconded the motion, and with a voice vote, the motion carried.

With no discussion, the ordinance was given a first reading.

**Ordinance No. 49-06**  
**An ordinance approving additional appropriations in the Water Fund.**

Mr. Heath moved to adopt, Mr. E. Brown seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mrs. Sexton indicated that this was a bookkeeping entry. It shows that we are paying off old bonds and bringing the others back.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was given a first reading.

**Ordinance No. 50-06**  
**An ordinance establishing discounted water,  
sewer, and electric rate for eligible senior citizens.**

Mr. Heath moved to adopt the ordinance, Mrs. Colby seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mr. Heath stated that this was something spearheaded by Mr. Humphreys. This would cover all utilities now. The rate structures are increasing, etc. This can certainly help seniors.

Mr. Humphreys stated that the average residential bill is \$77 a month. The average water bill is \$19.80 and the average sewer bill is \$35.20. 628 people are getting a reduced garbage rate. The cost to the City would be \$99,000 a year.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was given a first reading.

**Ordinance No. 51-06**  
**An ordinance approving additional appropriations in the sewer fund.**

Mr. Heath moved to adopt, Mr. Stewart seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mr. Detty commented that Ordinances No. 51 and 52 will go hand in hand. No. 52 is additional funds for sewer work. Mr. Detty also indicated that he had given Council as much information as he could to help Council members understand.

Mr. Heath asked if Council knew exactly what project this was.

Mr. Humphreys stated that Council had just passed two ordinances that no one knew what they were passing. He indicated that Council didn't know what they were voting for.

Mr. Stewart suggested that Council write a letter to the Engineer and request that he be at Council meetings to explain these.

Mrs. Colby stated that the Engineer is required to be at Council meetings under his contract. Mr. Benson has not been at Council since November.

Mr. Humphreys asked if they were giving this to us on a projection. He stated that it looked like they would take a look at the lay of the land.

Mrs. Colby stated that she would like someone to be able to answer questions.

The ordinance was given a first reading.

**Ordinance No. 52-06**

**An ordinance authorizing a change order in a contract between the City of Jackson, Ohio, and Jones & Henry Engineers, LTD., concerning design scope modifications and lift station telemetry, and declaring an emergency.**

Mr. Heath moved to adopt the ordinance, Mr. Stewart seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a voice vote.

Mr. Humphreys asked if he should assume that the same thing applied.

Mr. Detty replied yes.

Mr. Humphreys declared a first reading on the ordinance.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 06-06**

**A resolution authorizing the Jackson City Auditor to amend the official certificate of estimated resources for 2006, and declaring an emergency.**

Mr. Stewart moved to adopt, Mr. E. Brown seconded the motion, and with a voice vote, the motion passed.

Mr. E. Brown stated that he believed this resolution should be given a first reading also.

With no further discussion, the resolution was given a first reading.



**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Heath asked if anyone had any knowledge of the work going on out on Veteran's Drive and behind the tennis courts. It was explained that this was improvement work on the park.

Mr. Heath also stated that he had chatted with Mr. Woltz; he had made contact with Mr. Jenkins; and he publicly thanked the United Fund for the donation.

Mr. Humphreys thanked Mrs. Sexton for attending the meeting and being available to answer questions.

Mr. Reed stated that whatever is required, if we are making decisions, someone needs to be here to answer questions. We need administrative representation for Council. The Engineer/Service Director needs to be here.

Mr. Humphreys stated that the Legal Committee needs to have a meeting. He wanted to bring it up at this time.

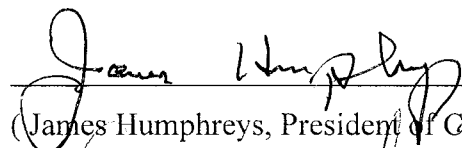
Mr. Detty stated that Council could move to require Mr. Benson to be present at the next meeting. Mr. Reed moved that the City Engineer be present at the next Council meeting. Mrs. Colby seconded the motion. The motion passed with a voice vote.

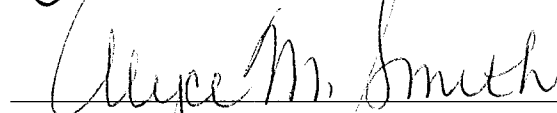
Mr. Reed also offered that if we have an issue that needs to be passed involving hundreds of thousands of dollars, we need some input on it. There is no one here to explain this.

Mr. Humphreys then read the resignation of the Clerk of Council effective April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Heath voiced his appreciation for the work and time given by the Clerk. He moved to accept the resignation with regret. Mr. E. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried in a voice vote.

With no further business, Mr. Heath moved to adjourn, Mr. Hughes seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Council adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

  
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(James Humphreys, President of Council )

  
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( Alyce M. Smith, Clerk of Council )

Date: 3/27/06