

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes from
March 27, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Special Session

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Friday, March 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jackson City Council chambers. President Ron Speakman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, led by Mr. Elliott. The Prayer was given, led by Mr. Wiggins.

A roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Evans – present
- Mr. Adams – present
- Mr. Eric Brown – present
- Mr. Smith – present
- Mr. Cary Brown – absent
- Mr. Elliott - present
- Mr. Wiggins – present

Mr. Speakman explained this meeting was called to discuss and act on an ordinance for the 2009 permanent budget.

Before the ordinance was presented, Mr. Adams requested that the attachment be amended to a line item budget as requested in the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Evans stated that he preferred by item, a line item does not stop anything. Mr. Wiggins and Mr. Eric Brown were both in favor a line item budget. Mayor Heath stated this should have been stated when the committee met. He stated he did not know if it worked any better, there were longer waits, still have the same checks and balances, and we have pointed out that things were kept under budget in 2008. Mr. Sheward stated that Council can be sent weekly or monthly line item budgets. Mr. Evans stated an ordinance has to be created if a fund is \$2.00 short; there would be a handful of ordinances at every meeting, this will be worse, lots of paperwork and printing of documents. Mayor Heath stated, out of the 23 funds, every one was lower than budgeted in 2008, this city operates efficiently. Mr. Eric Brown asked if the Auditor can give a weekly report. Mr. Sheward stated the only changes are by object. Mr. Eric Brown stated there is a big cushion, money can be moved. Mayor Heath stated the workers comp is the actual amount. Mr. Evans stated report changes made, you make the transfer. Mr. Sheward stated this happens a lot at the end of the year, more expensive and more work. Mr. Eric Brown suggested budget by object, with Council give weekly or biweekly reports. Show changes only, so we can see what gets shifted. Mr. Sheward stated if this is the only concern, the administration can accommodate. Mr. Evans stated we should have the software to do this. Mr. Humphreys stated he will not agree to any more work, department is 1.5 persons short and Mrs. Sexton is taking work home as it is. Mr. Wiggins stated he was not familiar with the report, please define. Mr. Speakman stated in the past, there was a report that explained and showed changes, compare lines or someone can report. Mr. Wiggins was receptive to a report that shows change. Mr. Humphreys stated be sure all you want, will not guarantee no such report. Mayor Heath stated discussed at the Budget & Finance meeting that most changes take place at year end. Mr. Speakman stated work out things on the books; the budget is already in error. Mr. Sheward stated he went to the General Fund today.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-09

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Eric Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Adams. In a voice vote, all Council agreed.

Mr. Eric Brown stated that Council would like to be informed with weekly, biweekly or monthly reports communicating any changes made to the budget.

Mr. Eric Brown made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Evans. In a roll call vote, Council voted as follows:

Mr. Evans – yes
Mr. Adams – yes
Mr. Eric Brown – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Cary Brown – absent
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Wiggins – yes

In roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, Council voted as follows:

Mr. Evans – yes
Mr. Adams – yes
Mr. Eric Brown – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Cary Brown – absent
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Wiggins – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 35-09 DULY ADOPTED

ADJOURN

Mr. Eric Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith. In a voice vote, all Council agreed. Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Tera Brown
Tera Brown
Clerk
Date 4-13-09

Ron Speakman
Ron Speakman
Council President
Date 4/13/09