

**JACKSON CITY COUNCIL**

*Minutes from*

May 20, 2009

6:20 p.m.

Special Session

Jackson City Council met in special session on Monday, May 20, 2009 at 6:20 p.m. at the Jackson City Council chambers. President Speakman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, led by Mr. Speakman. 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 – present
- Mr. Elliott - present
- Mr. Wiggins – present

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss and act on ordinance no. 41-09 and 42-09, regards to the city pool.

Mayor Heath gave an outline of items to be discussed, see attached.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

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**ORDINANCE NO. 41-09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING JACKSON CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 957-01-RATES AND RENTALS; MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

Mr. Elliott asked if they had someone in mind for the position. Mayor Heath stated yes. Mr. Elliott asked if they could also qualify for a lifeguard. Mr. Evans agreed. Mayor Heath stated he would check on this.

Mr. Speakman stated this discussion needed to continue with the next ordinance.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 42-09**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE PART TIME POSITION OF ASSISTANT POOL COORDINATOR, 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. Adams made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Eric Brown. 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 – yes

Mr. Elliott – yes  
Mr. Wiggins – yes

In a 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 – no  
Mr. Elliott – yes  
Mr. Wiggins – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 42-09 DULY ADOPTED

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**ADJOURN**

Mr. Evans made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Eric Brown. In a voice vote, all Council agreed. Council adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Tera Brown  
Clerk  
Date 6/8/09

Ron Speakman  
Council President  
Date 6-8-09

# ORDINANCE EXPLANATION

## *From Mayor Randy Heath*

Here is a brief explanation of the three ordinances before you this evening:

**41-09** – This sets the rates for the Hillcrest Swimming Pool this summer, which is set to open one week from Saturday. The daily admission is \$1 higher than last year, the season passes are also higher but the pool parties are either the same or lower for longer parties.

The reason for the increase is to try to offset the deficit the pool creates. Last year, it took \$25,000 from the general fund to operate the pool, and this year \$31,000 has been set aside, which is about 1/10 of our general fund deficit.

Last year, we took in about \$8,900 in admission, so hopefully this will generate somewhere in the area of \$6,000 to \$8,000 in additional revenue, depending on the weather.

One pool in a Columbus suburb last year to break even was charging a \$9 daily admission.

**42-09** – Last year, we had in place an ordinance for a full-time recreation director (\$25,000 plus benefits) as well as two 700-hour per year positions, one of those for the pool. The 700-hour position at minimum wage could have potentially cost more than \$5,000.

I have eliminated all three of those positions, which could be a savings of potentially over \$40,000.

In their place, I am going to create this position, which is about 40 percent less than the potential 700-hour position, and two youth league coordinators, although the pay for their positions have not be set because both of them want to make sure there is enough money to operate the programs before receiving any compensation, and whatever is decided on will be far less, I believe, than the effort they are putting in.

I need this position because I need someone who can daily help me make sure the pool is operating correctly, that chemical readings are being taken and taken correctly, sufficient numbers of employees are on site, etc. This person would also be instrumental in setting up the pool for the summer.

The money for this has been budgeted, although we might have to add a little bit from another line item to make it come out right. This person is under my direction.

**43-09** – For the past few summers, our city has assisted in the outdoor flower program downtown for the flowers that are on the poles for our period lighting.

Last year, I contacted the downtown merchants about donating \$50 each and we did receive some donations, which left this amount in the fund. The estimated cost of the flowers is the \$500 to \$550 range.

This money has always been in this line item, it was just not appropriated for this year because of the uncertainty of the program.

We have always used a summer street-and-alley employee to water these flowers daily, and of course we have no one in that position this year.

I have been approached by the Job and Family Services, who indicate they have someone the city could use at no cost to water these flowers on a daily basis, and could do some other work as well in helping us keep up the Eddie Jones Park on Harding Avenue.

The spending of this money for the flowers is contingent on the city getting the individual through the Jobs and Family Services, but this person could be available next week so I wanted to have the money in place in case we are able to move forward.

Jackson City Council  
May 18, 2009

*Special Meeting Announcement*

Mayor Randy Heath has requested a special Jackson City Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 6:20 p.m. in the Jackson City Council Chambers. Two ordinances will be presented in regards to the operation of the Hillcrest City Pool this summer. The public is invited to attend.

A Utility Committee will be held at 6:30 p.m. immediately following the special council meeting to discuss water rates and purchase of property, the Berridge Property, this may be discussed in executive session. The public is invited to attend.

Regards,

Tera Brown  
Council Clerk