

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
March 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order.....	President Speakman
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Mrs. Adams
Opening Prayer.....	Mr. Powell
Roll Call	
Approval of Minutes	

February 22, 2010

VISITORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Utility - Brown, Smith, Adams
- Budget & Finance – Adams, Powell, Elliott
- Police, Fire & Traffic - Smith, Colby, Elliott
- Service – Elliott, Colby, Fain
- Railroad – Fain, Smith, Powell
- Building/Recreation – Colby, Fain, Brown
- City Auditor
- Law Director
- Mayor
- Service/Safety Director

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes from

February 22, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Regular Session

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2010 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 Mrs. Colby. The Prayer was given, led by Mr. Powell.

A roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Adams – present
- Mr. Brown – present
- Mr. Elliott – present
- Mr. Smith – present
- Mr. Fain – present
- Mr. Powell - present
- Mrs. Colby – present

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2010 regular session seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a voice vote, all Council agreed.

VISITORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY

Mr. Brown stated the committee met on February 18, 2010. AMP Ohio representatives were present to offer a presentation of the proposed Hydro project options. Mayor Heath stated this was an additional gain of 1MW of power. The cost would be effective 2014 through 2044, and then continues on with only operational cost. Obviously power is under this now, but we are unsure of the future, this is a guaranteed power. Believes we are under the power we need come 2014 and beyond. Natural gas currently very cheap, but this could spike. We need to diversify, this is a constant, and environmentally friendly. Mr. Brown stated the committee had no recommendation, this is proven, stays current and stable price, provides with base as other contracts will expire. Mr. Fain asks the price on contracts that will be falling off. Mr. Eric Brown stated there are many different prices, not sure, but referenced page 15 of the handout provided by AMP Ohio. Mayor Heath stated he talked with the rep on Friday, if we wish to participate we will need five votes tonight, on March 18th they will distribute power. Can only accept when it becomes law, would be thirty days. Mrs. Colby asked if the 8.9 cents was locked in. It does not state this is guaranteed rate, and not in the ordinance. Mr. Sheward stated there has never been a firm price on any contract, this is an estimated cost. Mrs. Colby stated the rate could be anything in 2014. Mr. Sheward stated they gave you the cost. Mr. Powell stated he had researched on line, doesn't look like they have the permits yet, there are many variables. Mr. Sheward stated this is typical, takes a long time; this is long term value, always done this way. Mr. Humphreys agrees, had one contract passed a couple of years ago, no price then or now. Mr. Speakman stated these questions were brought up with every other contract. The current hydro is at 5 ½ cents, it took six years, today it's the cheapest. Hydro and natural gas make sense in the power game; they have a life of 35-40 and can last up to 100 years.

Mr. Smith added, AMP Ohio stated 8.1% buy in is Hydro. This is a dice roll on the future; projecting electric cost 14-15 cents. Mr. Adams stated this is only 1mw, we use 20 per day, we peak at 30-35, and this is a minute amount. Mr. Smith stated we spend \$1 million a month. Mr. Elliott asked if the debt was built in the price. Mayor Heath stated down the road could be \$60000 a month. Mrs. Colby stated we still pay for power on top of the debt. Mr. Elliott thought the price would drop to three cents. Mayor Heath stated once the debt is paid off, the price drops. Mrs. Colby stated we paid \$20000 for consulting fees on JV5. Mr. Smith stated we will get power in return, no other charges they are all factored in. Mr. Humphreys stated it is \$120,000 a month currently. Mr. Brown stated that is a lot more power, 4-5mw with JV5. Mr. Fain stated this will be effective in 2014, no payments until then. Mr. Brown stated he understood 2014. Mrs. Colby asked Mr. Detty to look at. Mr. Detty stated this contract came from them. Mayor Heath stated the ordinance says we will participate; there will be a separate ordinance for the contract. Mr. Speakman stated if there is not enough to participate there will be no contract. Mr. Smith stated to participate, they need a loan commitment, in 2-3 years will receive a contract to vote for approval. Mrs. Colby stated they have done this before in offering more. Mr. Sheward stated we have already bough 270 kW,

they are offering 1.4 kW. Mr. Humphreys stated if we elect to vote to participate, we can't jump out. Mr. Speakman stated it has been done before. Mrs. Colby stated Westerville got out.

BUDGET & FINANCE – No Report

POLICE, FIRE & TRAFFIC

Mr. Smith stated the committee met tonight prior to regular session to discuss golf carts, this will be discussed further by spring; three city streets, Austin Way, Cherry, and Elm, Mr. Detty will get a plat/city map to valuate the paving and a Fire Department police, this will be handled by the administration. We will be scheduling a future meeting. Mr. Speakman asked if this included 4-wheelers and scooters, see them everyday. Mr. Smith stated there are many issues; it will be discussed further before bringing to council.

SERVICE – No Report

RAILROAD – No Report

BUILDING/RECREATION – No report

Mrs. Colby stated she will be scheduling a meeting in the future to discuss the Memorial Building, windows.

CITY AUDITOR – No Report

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Detty stated that Ordinance 10-10 was for indigent counsel, this is paid twice yearly, and that the current price is the same as the second half of 2009.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath commented on the city employees, giving them a pat, these have been trying conditions, but the streets have remained clear, there have been numerous water main breaks, but we have lost no electricity. They have served the citizens well, and this month earned their keep. This goes for the garbage department as well, good job also. Mr. Fain asked about the mitigation. Mayor Heath commends he will get with Mr. Berridge and report back. Mr. Fain would like to hold a public meeting. Mr. Adams commented on the Evans Center fire, the fire department done a fabulous job. Mayor Heath stated they did and thanked other department with the mutual aid contracts, it takes all working together. Mr. Powell stated they should be commended, as they are volunteers.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward stated they will meet next week for the pre construction conference, mail line repairs will start soon. Reminded citizens this has been a difficult winter, pot holes are numerous and we are trying to deal with each as soon as possible, encouraging all to slow down and be patient.

ORINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 4-10

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT SHARE OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER FROM AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

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

- Mr. Adams – yes
- Mr. Brown – yes
- Mr. Elliott – yes
- Mr. Smith – yes

Mr. Fain – yes
Mr. Powell – no
Mrs. Colby - no

ORDINANCE NO. 4-10 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 8-10

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GARBAGE FUND.

First Reading

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

Mr. Detty stated that the emergency clause was needed. Mr. Elliot made a motion to amend, seconded by Mr. Eric Brown. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Mr. Fain asked what this was for. Mrs. Sexton stated this was the garbage improvement fund, utility office; only transferred \$25000 out in the temporary budget needs to be \$27000. Mr. Smith asked if this was needed tonight. Mrs. Sexton stated yes, budget compliance.

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

Mr. Adams – yes
Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Fain – yes
Mr. Powell – yes
Mrs. Colby – yes

In a roll call to adopt, Council voted as follows:

Mr. Adams – yes
Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Fain – yes
Mr. Powell – yes
Mrs. Colby – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 8-10 DULY ADOPTED AS AMENDED

ORDINANCE NO. 9-10

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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

Mr. Adams – yes
Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Fain – yes
Mr. Powell – yes
Mrs. Colby – yes

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

Mr. Adams -- yes
Mr. Brown -- yes
Mr. Elliott -- yes
Mr. Smith -- yes
Mr. Fain -- yes
Mr. Powell -- yes
Mrs. Colby -- yes

ORDINANCE NO. 9-10 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 10-10

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO, AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, OHIO FOR THE PROVISION OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR INDIGENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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

Mr. Adams -- yes
Mr. Brown -- yes
Mr. Elliott -- yes
Mr. Smith -- yes
Mr. Fain -- yes
Mr. Powell -- yes
Mrs. Colby -- yes

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

Mr. Adams -- yes
Mr. Brown -- yes
Mr. Elliott -- yes
Mr. Smith -- yes
Mr. Fain -- yes
Mr. Powell -- yes
Mrs. Colby -- yes

ORDINANCE NO. 10-10

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation from the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, see attached. Mr. Speakman stated he and the Mayor would be attending and if anyone else was interested to contact the Mayor.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Smith commented that his beliefs the traffic problem with King's Daughters has been remedied, curb stops installed to block entrance.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fain had a letter from a resident on Main Street with a variety of issues, he will forward to the committees and administration. Mr. Humphreys stated there has been some discussion on the recreation for spring and summer, stating he hates to see the pool sit empty, this needs to be kept for the kids. Mr. Smith agreed, along with the sport programs. Mayor Heath stated a preliminary meeting has been held, and they want to reopen.

ADJOURN

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. In a voice vote, all Council agreed. Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Tera Brown

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Clerk

Date

3/8/10

Ron Speakman

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Council President

Date

3-8-10

You are cordially invited to attend the
Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission
Full Commission Banquet
& Election of Officers

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

PIKE COUNTY
Pike County Career Technology Center
(Vern Riffe Vocational School)
175 Beaver Creek Road
Piketon, OH

Keynote Speaker: Tony Logan
State Director of Ohio - USDA Rural Development

Registration/Refreshments at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner/Program at 6:00 p.m.

Registration Form & Map are attached.