

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
April 12, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Speakman
Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Smith
Opening Prayer..... Mr. Powell

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

March 22, 2010 Regular Session
March 24, 2010 Special Session
March 25, 2010 Special Session

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

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ADJOURN

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes from
March 22, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Regular Session

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 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 Mr. Brown. The Prayer was given, led by Mr. Colby.

A roll call was taken as follows:

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

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

Mrs. Colby made a motion to excuse Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Brown. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Mr. Brown and Mrs. Colby both commented on the status of Mr. Powell's grandmother fall.

VISITORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY – No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE

Mr. Adams reported that the committee met on March 16, 2010, with the recommendations to accept the budget as is.

POLICE, FIRE & TRAFFIC

Mr. Smith reported that the committee met on March 15, 2010 to discuss golf carts, three streets, with both items still needing items addressed. Also discussed the timing of the traffic light on High and West Main Streets. Mayor Heath stated he sat at the light 30/31 seconds, through three complete cycles, the committee is recommending a 4-way stop with flashing lights. Also discussed blocking the street during the summer recreation leagues between the fields. Discussed call out pay for the Fire Department. Mayor Heath asked if Mr. Detty had an opinion on that matter. Mrs. Colby stated she received a letter from a resident on South Street, concern with retaliation, asked to remain anonymous, concern with cars loud stereos and speeding. She asked if this could be addressed at the next committee meeting. Mr. Smith stated this needs to go through the administration first, then if there is no relief, it can come to committee. Mayor Heath stated in regards to the loud mufflers, there is a noise ordinance and the speed trailer can be placed in those areas. Further stating he will advise the chief. Mr. Brown thinks that the presence of cruisers on the streets acts as a deterrent. Information as been gathered for a grant to purchase laptops for the cruisers, this would allow officers to remain on the streets. He will pass the information on to the committee and administration. Mr. Elliott asked about the turn at Main and South. Mayor Heath stated he checked into and after an OUPS, Mr. Fisher will be installing a sign overhead.

Committee decided to leave light at High + Main.

SERVICE – No Report

Mr. Elliott reported that the committee met tonight prior to the regular meeting, very high spirited and productive. The Diamond residents had a genuine concern with flooding. Would like to make a motion to move the dirt out of the flood plain for now, wait on input from the Army Corp of Engineers. Mayor Heath stated if they say it will make flooding worse this project will not move forward. Mr. Smith asked the administration about abandon cars, there is an ordinance. He also thanked Westview for there recycling efforts. Mayor Heath stated this would be addressed at the next council meeting.

RAILROAD – No Report

BUILDING/RECREATION

Mrs. Colby stated the committee will meet on April 12, 2010 before the regular meeting to discuss new windows for the Memorial Building, estimated cost to be \$30,000. Mr. Sheward stated he would like to see. Mrs. Colby stated she will submit. Mr. Smith stated he had received a phone call in regards to the use of the gym. Mayor Heath stated he will look into and asked to add to the agenda.

CITY AUDITOR – No Report

LAW DIRECTOR – No Report

MAYOR

Mayor Heath reported they are conducting the second week of softball and baseball signups, two more sessions, Wednesday 6-8 and Saturday noon-4, forms were distributed to all city schools. There will be an ordinance for the pool admissions for this year at the next meeting. They are charging \$5 in other areas, this has been discussed and we are thinking \$3 children and \$4 for adults. Mr. Humphreys stated if you charge \$3, you might as well close the pool, people cannot afford. Mayor Heath stated it was just a though, we can keep the price lower, maintenance and operations are high.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward stated that Ordinance 13-10 was a transfer of appropriations in 2008, funds unused, moving back to the railroad maintenance fund. Also stated we are attempting to contract a welded rail inspector. He stated the frustration with the money from the grants for the railroad. The mainline bid is ready, still no release of funds. The contractor fears a price increase on rail. We tried to bid conservatively, but still won't be finished, even though we received \$2 million grant, we cannot spend more than we bid, not allowed excess funds.

ORINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 12-10

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR JANUARY 1, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

First Reading

Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a roll vote, Council voted as follows:

Mr. Adams – yes
Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Smith – no
Mr. Fain – no
Mrs. Colby – no
President Speakman - yes

Mr. Adams commented it is clear to the residents, we voted Randy Heath as Mayor and he would do nothing to hurt the citizens, he would not pass a bogus budget, he worked very hard to prepare. He supports the Mayor and the Administration; stand behind with a plan to move forward. If anyone can step up and show a better budget, do so. Mrs. Colby disagreed with Mr. Adams, stating council is elected to look after the monies, to make changes as necessary. She attended the last committee meeting, you don't balance a budget with carry over, and this is per the state auditor. Take a look at this budget, everything has increased, we need to reduce, give less and they will work with less. There are suggestions to cut; we need to before we increase more. We need to look at all angles, there were not many meetings. Mr. Fain stated we discussed major changes with revenue and expenses; we can go forward after this is passed, this budget needs to set that plan, and we are short on time. Mr. Adams asked if they realized this is the third year appropriations have went down, there have been increased savings, do you want the city to shutdown. Mrs. Colby wanted to know how much. Mr. Adams stated the budget was \$39.3 million, \$33 with out capital improvements. Mrs. Colby asked without capital improvement. Mr. Adams stated you can't compare. Mrs. Colby stated last year \$34 million, \$28 million without. Mr. Adams stated some things are build in and they may not happen, we

need to be realistic. Mrs. Colby stated the figures are up a few million from last year. Mayor Heath stated the itemized list, \$28 million to start, \$29.5 million ending, with the added purchase power. He asked her to go through every line, what you want to remove and what you think it should be.

Mr. Smith stated he too had attended the prior meeting, ask for a hiring freeze, but there is a position in the budget to be filled. We tell you what we would like and we told you no new hires. Do not want the city to shut down but would like to see sacrifices, this needs to be looked at strongly. Asking to purchase wisely, we are not going after competitive quotes. We have all been told the bad news come next year, with funding issues, no one in the administration is listening. Mayor Heath stated he does listen, told supervisors to check locally. The problem is in personnel, if you want layoffs we can do. Right now there are a lot of opinions, we are trying not to fill this position, don't know, this is very valuable. The goal is to get by, doesn't mean we will spend, the dollars Mrs. Colby is quoting is hard to comprehend. Some dollars are counted twice, go through each item, he made a challenge to each council member and tell me what needs reduced. Mr. Elliott stated he sees a balanced budget, a proposal for next year and move on. Mr. Humphreys stated come January 1st there will be hard choices to be made. He is not seeing a whole lot of cooperation out of anybody, we cannot wait until 2011. Mrs. Colby stated it is important to start reductions this year. Mr. Adams asked guideline of position. Mr. Smith stated at this point, start saving, be proactive now, pass this budget now, glide along until December, then we will be broke because we have not looked forward. Mr. Adams stated there are only two ways, pass cost on to residents or cut services. Mayor Heath we used prior council as a guide they wanted to retain employees and services, or we can layoff and reduce services. Even with every concession, there is still not enough money, we will still be short and need to make cuts. Mrs. Colby stated she hears Mr. Adams scare tactics, there are too many employees for a city of this size; make a cut before you try to generate more revenue. We are doing this backwards and it's long overdue. Mr. Fain agreed we need to meet in the middle and be ready for next year and be responsible. Mr. Speakman stated this was a first reading and that the committee needs to meet with recommendations.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-10

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE RAILROAD FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mrs. Colby asked if this was talked about before. Mr. Sheward stated funds were never spent, we were going to use for the welded rail inspection that council wants to hire. Mr. Smith asked if we would solicit bids. Mr. Sheward said maybe. Mr. Smith added this is third party until we decide who pays.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 13-10

ORDINANCE NO. 14-10

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONTINUED RATE REDUCTION AS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. 108-09, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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

- Mr. Adams – yes
- Mr. Brown – yes
- Mr. Elliott – yes
- Mr. Smith – yes
- Mr. Fain – 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 – no
- Mr. Fain – yes
- Mrs. Colby – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 14-10 DULY ADOPTED


CORRESPONDENCE

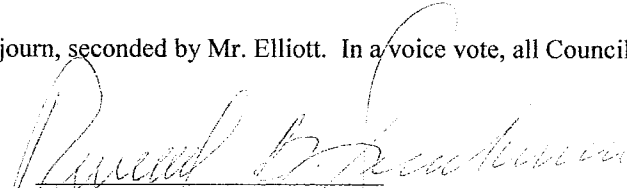
OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a voice vote, all Council agreed. Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


 Tera Brown
 Clerk
 Date 4/12/10


 Ron Speakman
 Council President
 Date 4/12/10