

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes from
February 8, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Regular Session

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 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. Elliott. 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. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25, 2010 regular session seconded by Mr. Smith. In a voice vote, all Council agreed.

VISITORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY

Mr. Brown reported that the committee met on January 28th and discussed a gas fired power plant, electric rate plan and the hydro offer. The administration is currently working on questions in regard to Ordinance No. 4-10, requesting a second reading. Mr. Brown scheduled a meeting for February 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the hydro offer, representative's from AMP Ohio will be on hand to address questions, will also be discussing a street light at 402 North High Street and any other business that comes before the committee. Mrs. Colby stated that she attended the meeting on the 28th and the figures were laid out, this information came from the Auditor's office, in 2007 \$4.9 million surplus, 2008 \$5.3 million surplus, in 2009 \$8.6 million surplus, and in 2010 currently at \$8.5 million surplus. She would like to see the city do away with the fuel adjustment surcharge and adjust and lower rates. This is a lot of money, feels we are charging citizens too much. She hopes that the administration and committee look at this very closely.

BUDGET & FINANCE – No Report

POLICE, FIRE & TRAFFIC – No Report

Mr. Smith reported that he will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the golf carts, street dedication.

SERVICE

Mr. Elliott scheduled a meeting for February 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the cemetery levy and street issues.

RAILROAD

Mr. Fain reported that Mr. Detty is looking into the property in Lawrence County, need an exact location. There will be a title search performed. Stating that we might want to see if there is relevance to the Lawrence County Economic proposal.

BUILDING/RECREATION – No report

CITY AUDITOR

Mr. Humphreys stated he remembered someone stated that there was \$40 million to be put into the railroad in Ironton. Mr. Heath stated the Lawrence County Economic Development Board has spoken of this; it is contingent on grant and stimulus funds. Mr. Humphreys stated that members received there monthly report.

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Detty gave his report, see attached.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath gave his state of the city address, see attached.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward stated he received a request from Paul Barlow for city utilities; he has a lot at 48 Fisher Drive. He purchased and demolished the house and put in a double wide. There were previously on the lot 7-8 years earlier. Mr. Brown made a motion to reestablish, seconded by Mr. Smith. In a voice vote, all Council agreed. Mr. Sheward reported that the city has used 180 tons of road salt, 360 tons remain. The crews have spent 90.5 hours clearing streets and 1949 miles traveled. Stating a lot of those hours was overtime due to the timing of the storms. He mentioned they are working on pot holes but they will most likely get worse before spring. There have been water line breaks, requiring street cuts. They are trying to keep those spots filled with gravel. He requested that Ordinance 5-10 be approved, 776 paving, proper fund, project was approved. Ordinances 6-10, approve, this is the FOP contract, reads the way council requested and all parties agree. Mr. Fain ask if Ordinance 5-10 is this from the highway fund. Mr. Sheward stated yes. Ordinance 7-10 is the contract for the rail mainline upgrade. The bid process is complete, ready to award. He reported he has met with Liberty and Scioto trustees for renewal contacts for fire protection, starting early.

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.

Second Reading

Mr. Sheward stated the deadline had been moved to March 1st.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-10

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND.

First Reading

Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Elliott. 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
- 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. 5-10 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 6-10

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND CONTRACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO AND FOP OHIO LABOR COUNCIL INC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. 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. 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. 6-10 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 7-10

AN ORDINANCE FINDING THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BID, AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE RAILROAD MAINLINE REHABILITATION PROJECT TO BALFOUR BEATTY RAIL INC, 12276 SAB JOSE BLVD., SUITE 410, JACKSONVILLE. FLORIDA 32223, 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: