

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Session  
May 13, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Speakman  
Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Queen  
Opening Prayer..... Mr. Brown

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

April 22, 2013

VISITORS

Chris Walls & Ray Lewis, JPD, prisoner transport

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Utility - Brown, Elliott and Queen
- Budget & Finance – Elliott, Smith and Brown
- Police, Fire & Traffic - Smith, Kitchen and Foster
- Service –Kitchen, Foster and Jones
- Railroad – Jones, Smith and Elliott
- Building/Recreation – Smith, Foster and Queen
- City Auditor
- Law Director
- Mayor
- Service/Safety Director

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

**JACKSON CITY COUNCIL**

*Minutes from*  
April 22, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
Regular Session

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. President Ronald Speakman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, led by Mr. Smith. The Prayer was given, led by Mr. Brown.

A roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Brown - present
- Mr. Kitchen - present
- Mrs. Jones - absent
- Mr. Smith - present
- Mr. Queen - present
- Mr. Elliott - present
- Mr. Foster - present

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2013 regular seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to excuse Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Brown. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

**VISITORS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

UTILITY - No Report

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Queen if he had received the information requested about the Apple Festival utilities. Mr. Queen replied yes.

BUDGET & FINANCE - No Report

POLICE, FIRE & TRAFFIC - No Report

SERVICE - No Report

RAILROAD - No Report

BUILDING/RECREATION - No Report

CITY AUDITOR

LAW DIRECTOR - No Report

MAYOR

Mayor Heath stated the youth teams have been selected, if you have not been contacted; please call the Mayor's office. There are 22 teams, 250 players, the girls have started, and the boys will start around May 1<sup>st</sup>. Working on getting the pool ready. Arbor Day will be observed Friday at 6:00 p.m. at the Lillian Jones Museum. In regards to dilapidated properties, letters have been sent. This is spring cleanup week.

Mayor Heath stated he met with the ORDC last week, there have been 10 inquiries into operations of the railroad, and May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline. He attended an ODOT open house on upcoming projects. St. Rt. 35/McCarty Lane is scheduled to begin in 2014 with completion in 2015. Ask about bike paths, past projects, desire to being anew. Discussed potent ional financing, possible routes. Greg Ervin and Tom Woltz are reviewing. Mr. Speakman asks if the bike paths had been examined, he had received a complaint about an unsafe hole. Mayor Heath replied saying he will contact Roy to inspect. Mr. Queen asks if Sexton's were cleaning creeks until September and if they will remove silt. Mr. Sheward replied, no dredging, just foreign materials. Mr. Speakman stated only at bridges. Mr. Kitchen stated only silt. Mayor Heath stated that is a whole different ballgame, cost. Mr. Speakman stated lots of permits. Mr. Kitchen asks if there had been any reports of flooding. Mayor Heath responded no, not much rain. Mr. Kitchen stated the Ohio/Mississippi Rivers are flooding.

#### SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward reported we are out for bid on the replacement bridge at Manpower, May21st. There has been a problem with the Circuit #1 rebuild, engineer specified materials, 3-phase, his computer only spit out 1 transformer. Significantly short, will spend more money. Took part out of our stock. Have signed a change order for the rest. Approximately \$86,000 over original contract. Wouldn't have changed bids. We are short 34 transformers. Thank goodness we had the money to pay for it. Mr. Foster asks if the engineer was going to pick up anything. Mr. Sheward replied it didn't cost us any money so to speak. Mr. Foster asks how much the engineering was. Mr. Sheward was unsure. Mayor Heath stated the total project \$1.2 million. Mr. Sheward stated High/East Broadway, one of the largest.

Mr. Sheward reminded everyone the city auction will be Saturday at 10:00 am at the impound lot, vehicles, odd & ends, sewer camera, \$5,000 reserve, hopefully someone has a use for it. We are working on gravity sewer for McCarty Lane area, ARC grant funding application, 93 to 32, this will eliminate 3 lift stations, and two have been problematic. Not sure if I ask permission to pursue grant funding. Mr. Smith made a motion to allow Mr. Sheward to pursue grant funding, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Sheward spoke on Resolution 11-13, some information, see attached, will hamper tax exempt financing, and ask by AMP to pass resolution. Wants to remind everyone spring cleanup is April 29 through May 3. May 4<sup>th</sup> is county wide cleanup, tires, large items, construction materials. We are sending letters to property owners, asked Mr. Kirby for advice on legal aspects. Mr. Foster asks on cleanup, get word out, ones that need it won't get the message; certain people need to clean up. Mr. Brown stated it slips by, people forget, some older people need help. Mr. Sheward responded word is out; don't offer to those outside the city, we have received complaints. Mr. Brown asks about the auction, a low mileage car, out of state owner. Mr. Sheward replied the financier came to retrieve. Mr. Queen asks about sanitation in auction. Mr. Sheward replied, yes no reserve.

#### ORINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-13

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH THE BENEFITS OF TAX EXEMPT BONDS AND OFFERING SUPPORT OF TAX EXEMPT BONDS AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES.

First Reading

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

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

Mr. Brown - yes  
Mr. Kitchen - yes  
Mrs. Jones - absent  
Mr. Smith - yes  
Mr. Queen - yes  
Mr. Elliott - yes  
Mr. Foster - yes

In a roll call to adopt the resolution, members voted as follows:

Mr. Brown - yes  
Mr. Kitchen - yes  
Mrs. Jones - absent  
Mr. Smith - yes  
Mr. Queen - yes  
Mr. Elliott - yes  
Mr. Foster - yes

RESOLUTION NO. 11-13 DULY ADOPTED

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Smith asked about the strip mall on Main Street. Mr. Sheward stated they are still trying to get everything right, so many tenants must be contracted before getting money. They have invested a lot of money.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Elliott received a complaint about cats in Jamestown, 20-3.0 cats in his garden, the smell is so bad. Mr. Sheward stated not sure what to do, last year the Humane Society took 30 cats, now they are back. Their daughter was going to move them up North. Mr. Elliott wasn't sure that was the source. Mayor Heath stated there is another place down the street, similar problem. Mr. Sheward replied the dog catcher won't take cats. Mr. Elliott stated there is a health concern. Mr. Sheward stated shoot off a pellet gun. Mr. Kitchen stated he had received a similar complaint.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith. In a voice vote, all Council agreed. Council adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Tera Brown  
Tera Brown  
Clerk  
Date 5-13-13

Ron Speakman  
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Council President  
Date 5/13/13

## AMP, OMEA outline tax-exempt financing concerns for committee

By Julia Blankenship – manager of energy policy and sustainability

AMP and OMEA continue to make the voice of public power heard in Washington. The organizations jointly submitted comments earlier this week to the Committee on Ways & Means of the U.S. House of Representatives in response to the committee's request for public input on the topic of comprehensive federal tax reform.

As we mentioned in last week's *Update*, President Obama's Fiscal Year 2014 budget proposal represents a troubling and renewed attack against tax-exempt financing. Convincing the tax-writing committees of the House and Senate to not repeat the Administration's mistake remains the No. 1 federal legislative priority for AMP and OMEA.

AMP and OMEA's comments argue in support of maintaining the current structure and tax-exemption of municipal bonds, which finance the bulk of public infrastructure in the United States today.

Main points addressed in the document include:

- The municipal bond market is well established and provides stable and low-cost financing options for essential infrastructure projects.
- Tax reform proposals cannot be made in a vacuum and need to be assessed for all possible impacts on the interrelated segments of the economy, which is particularly applicable to the energy sector.
- Disruption of the current tax-exempt financing market would be detrimental for both issuers and investors alike.
- Municipalities will likely be priced out of the corporate bond market if they lose the ability to offer tax-exempt bonds to investors.
- Tax credit and direct payment bonds may provide appropriate benefits to certain investors, but they do not generally appeal to traditional municipal bond investors, including those who participate in the market through mutual funds. They would offer a poor substitute for traditional tax-exempt financing.
- Absent workable, low-cost financing options, municipalities will not be able to provide essential services or infrastructure improvements to their citizens. So-called "inefficiencies" cited for tax-exempt financing fail to recognize that even greater inefficiencies would be encountered if local financing and infrastructure decision-making all were to be abrogated to the federal government – a potentially real outcome if tax-exempt financing were to disappear as a tool for local governments.

The comments are available under the [Services/Legislative-Regulatory-Legal tab](#) on AMP's website. If your community's council/board has not enacted the sample resolution in support of tax-exempt financing that we sent previously, we urge you to do so now and to forward a copy to your elected officials. Time is critical.

If you have questions or need more information on this topic, please contact me at [jblankenship@amppartners.org](mailto:jblankenship@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0840.

### On Peak (16 hour) prices into AEP/Dayton Hub

Week ending April 19				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$36.66	\$42.55	\$49.65	\$49.70	\$50.25
Week ending April 12				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$32.36	\$38.04	\$37.71	\$39.79	\$28.55
AEP/Dayton 2014 5x16 price as of April 19 — \$43.62				
AEP/Dayton 2014 5x16 price as of April 12 — \$42.82				

## Portman, Shaheen introduce modified energy efficiency bill

By Julia Blankenship

Earlier this week, Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness (ESIC) Act. The bill is similar to that introduced in the last Congress but also includes some new provisions.

The bill seeks to promote energy efficiency through "a variety of low-cost tools to reduce barriers for private sector energy users and drive adoption of off-the-shelf efficiency technologies that will save businesses and consumers money, make America more energy independent, and reduce emissions," according to a bill summary released by the sponsors.

Key provisions of the bill would strengthen national model building codes, provide grants to states to help finance energy efficiency improvements, establish worker training programs through new university-based Building Training and Research Assessment Centers, and direct the Department of Energy (DOE) to work closely with manufacturers to streamline supply chains and to encourage research, development, and commercialization of innovative energy efficiency measures. The bill also would impose new requirements for the federal government's use of energy efficiency.

A hearing on the bill is scheduled for April 23 in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. There is no companion bill in the House at this time. AMP is evaluating the legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 614.540.0840 or [jblankenship@amppartners.org](mailto:jblankenship@amppartners.org)

### Technical conference reminder

AMP's Annual Technical Services Conference will take place next week, April 23-24. The agenda is available on AMP's Member Extranet. The event will feature a Vendor Expo and demonstration of the AMP RICE NESHAP compliance tool. Scheduled topics include Orrville System Conversion, Street Lighting Case Study, OSHA's Focus Four, Efficiency Smart, Energy Depot, Joint Purchasing, and Basic Electric Concepts. Contact Jennifer Flockerzie at 614.540.0853 or [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org)