

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes from
April 14, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Regular Session

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. President Ron Speakman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brown. The Prayer was given, led by Mr. Brown.

Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Brown-present
- Mr. Kitchen-present
- Mrs. Jones-present
- Mr. Hensler-present
- Mr. Queen-present
- Mr. Elliott-present
- Mr. Foster-present

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Jones.

VISITORS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY- No report.

BUDGET- No report. Mr. Elliott did have some comments to make. He said council has passed 33 ordinances so far this year and 19 of them were appropriations. He also expressed his appreciation he has for Bill Sheward. He said Bill is very frugal with the city's funds, which is a good thing.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC – No report.

SERVICE –(STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS) –No report.

CITY AUDITOR – Mr. Reed said the new way of processing credit card payments for utilities is up and running and working very well. The city is getting paid the money it is supposed to for the utility payments. Mr. Brown said some people thought it was the banks that were charging the percentage, but Mr. Reed said it is the credit card companies that assess the charges. He said there is a sign up in the utility department that states this.

LAW DIRECTOR – Mr. Kirby said they have been working to modify the consent order for the Waste Water treatment plant. The extension has been given.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath said they have been patrolling Manpower Park and so far there has been no drug paraphernalia found. If anyone finds anything like this, they should contact the police immediately.

In regards to buildings, Mayor Heath stated the water building is done except for the gutters.

Mayor Heath said in regards to the Ice Plant, they bought the building for \$125,000.00 and then took out another loan on it for \$100,000.00, which they still owe on. It needed a lot of work done on it to even be able to use the building. They will still be working on it in the future.

Mayor Heath asked Mr. Foster if he would be calling a special meeting soon to discuss the plans on the Memorial Building. Mr. Foster said he would. They are currently doing some work on the auditorium.

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He commented on how the interest income has gone down in the last few years. In 2007, interest income was \$863,000.00 and in 2011 it was \$105,000.00. This is a loss of about \$758,000.00. Mr. Reed said it has gone back up \$45,000.00-\$75,000.00, but still a huge difference.

Mayor Heath said they will be working on the creek cleaning. They will start by looking at the obstructions under bridges. They are still testing for the infiltrations and this will help a lot.

Mayor Heath also reported Hyper Reach will be the new emergency system. May 1st is the target date. He hopes to have more information at the next meeting.

He said he has been asked if we can have another bike path. He said several of them had taken 4 wheelers around Hammertown Lake to see if it would be possible to make one around the lake. He said it looked like this might be possible. The Mayor said they can apply for a \$500,000.00 grant, but the city would have to match \$167,000.00. He said they still have \$75,000.00 from the one before and the other \$92,000.00 could possibly be taken from the Tree Harvest Fund. He said they could also possibly get a grant to build a path from Jackson out to Hammertown.

Mayor Heath reported they started writing parking tickets on April 1st for people not obeying the 2 hour parking limit.

There will be a Civil Service meeting on April 25th at 11:00 a.m. to discuss rules and regulations.

Mayor Heath also wanted to remind elected officials to have their financial disclosures submitted by April 15th.

Mr. Brown said he had people thank him for taking care of the parking problems.

There is free parking behind the old Charlie's Stag Bar.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward said there have citations issued for the following properties:

280 Chillicothe Street
404 Chillicothe Street
84 Vine Street

Mr. Sheward wanted to praise the mechanics for doing a good job. He said the 2 cruisers that were damaged in the pursuit, are now back on the road. They were able to use parts from old cars and it only cost \$168.00 for the old cruiser. The K9 cruiser cost about \$600.00, but the Sheriff said they will take care of the cost of it.

McCarty Lane is about to be finished up. They are going to apply for a grant to redo McCarty Lane. They are doing some work on Veterans Drive.

Mr. Sheward said the last week of April is Spring cleanup.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 27-14

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ELECTRIC FUND:
UTILITY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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Second Reading

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

Mr. Brown-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

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

Mr. Brown-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

ORDINANCE 27-14 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 34-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.

First Reading

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

Mr. Reed said this is renewing the method of purchasing.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), TO SUPPORT THE OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OWNED RICHMOND DALE TO HAMDEN RAIL LINE, TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mayor Heath said this is to apply for a grant to work on the city owned Richmond Dale to Hamden rail line. It is just a pass through for the city. They are ready to go with the project so it needs passed tonight if possible.

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RESOLUTION 16-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF UTILITY CONNECTION FEES FOR THE JACKSON HOMELESS COMMITTEE'S TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER.

First Reading

Mrs. Jones made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Brown. In a roll call to adopt, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown-yes
Mr. Kitchen-no
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-no
Mr. Queen-no
Mr. Elliott-abstained
Mr. Foster-no

RESOLUTION 16-14 FAILED

CORRESPONDENCE – None

OLD BUSINESS –Mr. Brown asked if the media could do something to pay respect to the mechanics for the city. They have done a great job getting the cruisers back on the road very quickly.

Also Mr. Brown wanted to know if more advance notice can be given through the media about the Spring cleaning week. It would be nice to give people about a 2 week notice so maybe more would take advantage of it.

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NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Speakman said a new committee needs to be appointed to discuss changing or adding to the name of Manpower Park to include Admiral Stanley R. Arthur, who was a 4 Star General in the U. S. Navy and who graduated from Jackson High School. He said to bring some suggestions back to the next council meeting for discussion.

The committee members will be Mr. Kitchen, Chairman, Mrs. Jones, and Mr. Hensler.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hensler. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Sherry Barr
Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Date 4-28-14

Eric G. Brown PRO. TEM
~~Ronald Speakman~~, Council President

ERIC G. BROWN
Date 4-28-14