

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
August 25, 2014
7:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 11, 2014 Regular Session

VISITORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Utility – Brown, Elliott, and Foster
- Budget & Finance – Elliott, Hensler, and Brown
- Police, Fire, & Traffic – Kitchen, Queen, and Jones
- Service – (Street & Alley, Recreation, Buildings & Grounds) Foster, Queen, and Hensler
- City Auditor
- Law Director
- Mayor
- Service/Safety Director

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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Jackson City Council met in regular session on August 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tem Eric Brown. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brown. The Prayer was given by Mr. Brown.

Roll call was taken as follows:

- Eric Brown- present
- George Kitchen-present
- Loretta Jones- present
- Jon Hensler- present
- Ron Queen- present
- Jeff Elliott- absent
- Brett Foster- present

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to excuse President Ron Speakman and Jeff Elliott from the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hensler. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Queen made a motion to approve the minutes from July 28, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY - No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE - No Report

POLICE, FIRE, AND TRAFFIC - No report. Mr. Kitchen stated they had a nice committee meeting prior to the regular session tonight.

SERVICE - No report.

CITY AUDITOR

Mr. Reed stated if council is interested in having him pursue refinancing the electric bonds, the interest would go down to 2.45%. It would save them \$1.135 million dollars. They have agreed to hold the rates if they want to do it. The current bond will be paid off in 2030, but if they refinance, it will be paid off in 2026. Do they want to have legislation prepared for the next meeting? Everyone agreed this sounded good. Mr. Brown suggested having the legislation ready by about next Thursday, so council members would have time to review it before the next meeting.

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Kirby said they have had 525 closed cases. 170 were traffic related. They have had \$14,000.00 in fines from January 2014-current.

Mr. Sheward said they have had more stops according to the Chief and Assistant Chief, but if they were just given a warning, they wouldn't show up in the report.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath said their goal is to make a better quality of life for the citizens of Jackson. They have had 6 new stores opened now in the new mall. There have been about 100 new jobs produced in the last few months. Social media has played a big part in gaining new employment opportunities for the area.

He thanked Mr. Reed for his work on the electric bonds.

National Night Out was a big success and he thanked the officers for helping that part of town.

Mayor Heath warned citizens if they are contacted by Jackson Power Dispatch to not give them any information. This is a scam. They called a business and told them if they didn't pay their electric bill by a certain time, their electric would be shut off. They wanted them to pay it by a credit card. There is no such business and don't give them any information if you are contacted.

Mr. Kitchen discussed the garage on Chillicothe Street that is full of garbage. A letter was sent out to the landowner recently. If it is not dealt with soon, they will take more drastic measures. Mrs. Jones stated she had filed a complaint with the Health Dept., because it is

a health hazard. Mr. Kitchen said the ordinances that deal with these kinds of situations, need to have fines attached. Mr. Kirby said the city does have an odor ordinance in effect.

Mr. Brown stated we need guidance from the Law Director before council can do anything. Mr. Sheward said they will give the owner an opportunity to clean the house.

Mr. Queen thanked the Mayor, Fire Dept., and the Police officers who helped with the National Night Out event.

Service Director

Mr. Sheward stated they are doing a lot of patching around town. Ordinance 57-14 is to appropriate some money for Veterans Drive and McCarty Lane.

Mr. Sheward said the Howell property business needs a name for the road going in. The name of "Deere Way" had been suggested.

If it is private property, council can authorize Mr. Sheward to prepare a letter and send it to the property owner. Mr. Hensler made a motion to authorize Mr. Sheward to prepare a letter for the owner to name the road, seconded by Mr. Kitchen.

Mr. Sheward stated the water line project was going well until it started raining. They had to change the way the lines were embedded to sand. They are about 50% done.

Mr. Queen asked how the inspection on the water lines was going. Mr. Sheward said the preliminary report is done, now they just have to come up with the money to fix the repairs that need done.

Mr. Kitchen said if there was any extra blacktop, Portsmouth Street could use some patching. Mr. Sheward said they will see what they can do.

Mr. Queen stated he thought they were going to do all of McCarty Lane. Mr. Sheward said they are at some point in the future.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 57-14

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ALTERNATE ROAD ACCESS PROJECT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mrs. Jones made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

In a roll call vote to suspend the rules, council voted as follows:

Eric Brown	-	yes
George Kitchen	-	yes
Loretta Jones	-	yes
Jon Hensler	-	yes
Ron Queen	-	yes
Jeff Elliott	-	absent
Brett Foster	-	yes

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

Eric Brown	-	yes
George Kitchen	-	yes
Loretta Jones	-	yes
Jon Hensler	-	yes
Ron Queen	-	yes
Jeff Elliott	-	absent
Brett Foster	-	yes

ORDINANCE 57-14 DULY ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE-NONE

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Sherry Barr

Sherry Barr, City Council Clerk

8-25-14

Date

Ronald Speakman
Ronald Speakman, Council President

8-25-14

Date