

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
September 8, 2014
7:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 25, 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 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Speakman. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kitchen. 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- present
- Brett Foster- present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Hensler. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY

Mr. Brown stated Administration had mentioned a few meetings ago, possibly having a representative of Solar ~~Power~~^{Planet} Ray attend one of the council meetings to talk about putting this in at Hammertown. Mr. Brown stated he had a few concerns about this after doing some research on it. He said Solar Power Ray gets the money for 25 years and then it belongs to the city. Mr. Brown said it can't go to the landfill, so this could be a problem. Mr. Brown said the other thing he read was they are a bird kill. He said that is a concern since it is so close to the water. He said he would like to have a name and number of someone so he can talk to them personally before they would come and speak.

BUDGET & FINANCE - No Report

POLICE, FIRE, AND TRAFFIC

No report. There will be a Police, Fire, and Traffic committee meeting September 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to go over a pan-handling ordinance. He said the officers seem to be doing a good job with the pan-handlers in town.

SERVICE

No report. Mr. Speakman asked Mr. Foster where he is at on the building meetings. Mr. Foster said he might schedule a meeting for Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

Mr. Queen asked if they had gotten any information on the more detailed study of the Memorial Building. Mr. Sheward said he had received a quote, but it was very pricey.

City Auditor

Ms. Sexton stated Ordinance 59-14 was for the Electric Bonds. She said they were able to get little better interest rate than was stated before, so it will save them approximately \$1.14 million dollars and 4 years less on the maturity. There are also no ties to the funding like there was before.

Law Director

Mr. Kirby stated he had checked out Nelsonville's littering ordinance and they had made some changes to it. They had toned it down to Mayor's Court to make it civil penalties only.

Mr. Kirby will prepare an ordinance for pan-handling for the next meeting for council to review. He will base it off of Cincinnati's ordinance.

Mr. Kitchen read an example of how he thinks an ordinance should be written to deal with the old buildings issue in the city. The ordinance would include specific time frames to get the problem resolved along with fines. If it didn't get taken care of after that, the Law Director would get involved.

MAYOR

He and Chief Eisnaugle went to the school and introduced everyone to Officer Lusk. He said he thought the new plan worked out well for everyone.

Mayor Heath wanted to inform everyone the speed trailer is out in operation again. They will be moving it around to different high concerns in the city.

He stated the Resolution 22-14 that was passed out is for the Nature's Work Grant. This is allocated to different cities. There is up to \$22,500 available. This application is due by Friday, so it will need passed tonight if possible. This money would help to make a better place for the T-ball teams to play. It will also provide money to purchase new bleachers for some of the fields. They can also repair some of the old ones.

Mr. Queen asked what account would fund the match for this grant. Mayor said it won't come from the General Fund. It will come from the Recreation Fund, CIB fund, or some other fund.

Mayor Heath said he met with the organizers and Mr. Queen to go over Recovery Night. It has been scheduled for September 26, 2014. It will take place on Morton Street right off of Chillicothe Street. He stated this event was very successful last year and they are proud they can do it again this year. Mayor Heath wanted to commend everyone for the fine job they are doing.

Halloween will be on Thursday, October 30th from 6-8 p.m. This is countywide, which includes Wellston and Oak Hill.

Service Director

Mr. Sheward stated he wanted to encourage the public to watch for buses and children since school is now back in session.

The city helped the railroad repair the Jisco West crossing. They brought in asphalt and the roller to help repair.

The water tank painting project is flowing smoothly. The bladder tanks are helping to keep things going. This should be done by the end of summer.

Mr. Sheward said he passed out the new contract with the Police Department. He would like to request an Executive session to go over

the details. The current contract expires on September 22, 2014. He would like for it to be passed before then to make it easier for the Auditor. They can take a first reading tonight.

Mrs. Jones stated she had filed a complaint with the Health Department a couple of weeks ago on the property on Chillicothe Street. She said nothing has been done with it yet. Mr. Sheward said they sent a notice to the property owner and he has not responded. He has 30 days to do something with it. They will continue to pursue it as much as the laws allow. Mayor Heath stated he did follow up with the Health Dept. regarding this property and they had suggested some other avenues that might be an option.

Mr. Hensler asked if there was anything council could do to change the ordinance and make it stronger, so they could address the run down properties quicker. Mr. Speakman said sometimes it just takes a long time. Mr. Sheward stated the council do change this if they want to. He did want to remind everyone there are two sides to every story. He said they are making progress with properties around the city, but it just takes time. Mr. Kirby said they might be allowed to act quicker if the property is a health hazard.

Mr. Kitchen mentioned another property on 245 Bridge Street. He said someone does live in it currently.

Mr. Sheward stated they would be using taxpayer dollars to clean up someone else's mess and that is not right.

Mr. Foster said maybe they could ask the Health Department to attend one of the council meetings so all of this can be discussed.

Mr. Kitchen asked Mr. Kirby if names could be published in the paper and Mr. Kirby said they could if it was factual.

Mr. Foster made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss contractual matters. He requested the City Clerk and Auditor remain for the meeting.

Executive session began at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Foster made a motion to go back into regular session at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hensler. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE 58-14

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 637, THE BARGAINING UNIT FOR THE JACKSON POLICE OFFICERS, AND TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 637 AS REQUIRED 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.

Police, Fire, and Traffic committee will hold a committee meeting on Wednesday, September 03, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this ordinance further.

ORDINANCE NO. 59-14

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ELECTRIC SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2014 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF OHIO IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,680,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFEASING AND REFUNDING THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING ELECTRIC SYSTEM REVENUE IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2006; PROVIDING FOR THE OPTIONAL REDEMPTION OF THE SERIES 2006 BONDS; PLEDGING NET REVENUES OF THE ELECTRIC UTILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SERIES 2014 BONDS AND PARITY BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN MONEYS TO THE ELECTRIC REVENUE FUND AND THE CLOSING OF CERTAIN FUNDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Hensler. 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, council voted as follows:

Brown-yes
Kitchen-yes
Jones-yes
Hensler-yes
Queen-yes
Elliott-yes
Foster-yes

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

Brown-yes
Kitchen-yes
Jones-yes
Hensler-yes
Queen-yes
Elliott-yes
Foster-yes

ORDINANCE NO. 59-14 DULY ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 22-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, TO FILE AN APPLICATION, AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL AGREEMENTS OR DOCUMENTS WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE NATURE WORKS ROUND 21 GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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

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Queen-yes
Elliott-yes
Foster-yes

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

Brown-yes
Kitchen-yes
Jones-yes
Hensler-yes
Queen-yes
Elliott-yes
Foster-yes

RESOLUTION NO. 22-14 DULY ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE-NONE

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Speakman announced November 11th, 2014 would be the Veteran's Day ceremony to be held at the new Veteran's Park. He would like to have all bleachers that are available brought to the park. He now has a "Killed in Action" list, thanks to Anthony Coyan and Mrs. Walker. They came up with another 4 Star General from Jackson county. Mr. Speakman would like to have the approval of administration for anything else they might need for Veteran's Park.

Mr. Kitchen made a motion for Administration to approve anything else needed for Veteran's Park, seconded by Mr. Brown. In a voice vote, all members agreed.


Mr. Elliott wanted to mention two trees at the corner of Sycamore Street and West Street.

Mr. Kitchen stated Mr. Brown had mentioned the property from Paul Berridge and what might be able to be done with it, maybe some tree harvesting. Mayor Heath doesn't think this would be allowed, but he will check into it. Mr. Kitchen said grants might be available to make it a nature trail or something.

Mr. Speakman appointed a committee for the wetlands, Mr. Kitchen, Chairman, Eric Brown, and Loretta Jones.

Mr. Kitchen stated council needs to take a serious look at why we can't put windows in the Memorial Building.

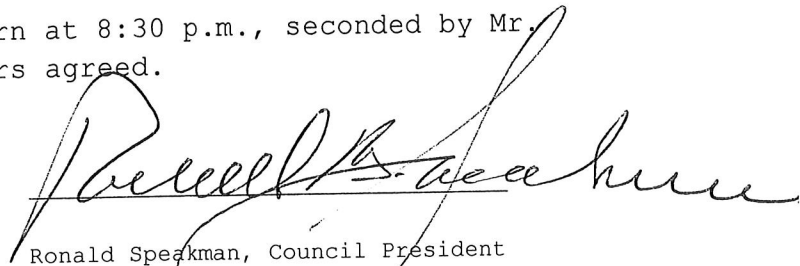
Mr. Kitchen made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Brown. In a voice vote, all members agreed.



Sherry Barr, City Council Clerk

9/8/14

Date



Ronald Speakman, Council President

9/8/14

Date