

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
July 28, 2014
7:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 14, 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

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Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 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. Elliott. The Prayer was given 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. Queen made a motion to amend the minutes from June 23, 2014 to read July 14th, 2014 for the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Queen made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mr. Hensler.

VISITORS – Kristi Moore – American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Moore informed council the Relay for Life is August 8th & 9th. She requested approval of accommodations they have used in previous years, such as street closings, etc. Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Brown. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY- Mr. Brown stated he wanted to make a correction to a statement that was made by another council member on social media, that the city took \$1,000,000.00 out of the general fund to do electrical upgrades. The money was not taken from the general fund. The transfer of \$800,000.00 from the Electric Utility Reserve Fund to the General Fund is legal. They have done it several times in the past. It was approved by council years ago.

BUDGET & FINANCE- No report.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC – No report.

Mr. Kitchen asked for a meeting to discuss the panhandling issue on August 11, 2014 at 6:15 p.m.

SERVICE –(STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS) –Mr. Foster said the Service Committee met on July 1st and council agreed they would get a more in depth study of the cost to renovate the Memorial Building in order to get a better idea of which direction they should go.

CITY AUDITOR –Mr. Reed said he went to a meeting on packer trucks. He said it was a very informational meeting. The city does not have to wait a whole year for reimbursement of part of the cost to purchase it.

Mr. Reed said they have about 3.3 million in electric bonds. He found out they can refinance them, keep the payments the same, and save about \$1.1 million dollars.

LAW DIRECTOR- Mr. Kirby said he would provide information before the next meeting regarding pan-handling.

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Mr. Queen asked if he found out anything on the flat rates for Bates Brothers. Mr. Kirby said the electric is based on usage. There is no flat fee. The only area not metered is the food trailers. It is not illegal because it is not metered. Water and electric was metered and the rest that was not metered was estimated.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath said interest income was \$1,085,000.00 in 2007 and in 2012 it was \$125,000.00. The city lost about \$4.3 million dollars.

Hillcrest Pool was closed for about 3 days last week. It was closed a little longer than it would have been due to sediment being in the line.

Mayor Heath proclaimed Phyllis Handley Day in the City of Jackson for July 15th. He felt it was very well deserved for serving on the library board for 50 years. Phyllis was a huge part of the success of the library and she should be recognized.

Mr. Queen asked if the Emergency Alert System is going to be just in the city or for everyone. Mr. Sheward said anyone with land lines should be hooked up to it. Mr. Queen said Mr. Woltz said it is just in the city limits right now.

Mr. Elliott said he had requested there be a full roll out of the system as soon as it was up and running. Mayor Heath said he will try to get Tom Woltz to come to the next meeting and go over the system.

Mr. Elliott was concerned about people driving too fast inside the city. Mayor Heath said he will talk to Chief Eisnaugle about this.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward said July 28th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. there will be another public hearing for the CDBG funding.

He said the paving project is underway. Also, the road into Manpower Park is done and ready thanks to Nuko Paving..

Mr. Brown wanted to commend the city on purchasing the small roller. This could be a big savings. Let Ray know if there are any places that need touched up.

Mr. Sheward said it is his intention to apply for a grant to redo McCarty Lane in the future. Since it is connected to SR35, they might be able to get some funding from other sources.

Mayor Heath stated he met with the owners of the new rail system to check on progress, since they have been on the job for 6 months. They went over all the crossings that are in need of work and the plans on how to fix them.

Mr. Elliott said he appreciated the work Nuko Paving did on the road at Manpower Park.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 50-14

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE INDIGENT DEFENSE CONTRACT
WITH THE JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SO AS TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL
TO INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS OF THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL**

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CODE FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2014 IN AN AMOUNT OF \$12,069.42 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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-no
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-no
Mr. Queen-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

ORDINANCE NO. 51-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE BID OF BELL EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$158,581.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 20 CUBIC YARD HEIL PT 1000 ON A FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS AS IT WAS THE LOWEST AND BEST RESPONSIVE BID SUBMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Sheward said this is for the curbside recycling. The bid was \$232.00 higher than the estimate presented earlier. The city should be able to get the money back.

Mr. Queen asked where they would have to take it to have it maintained. Mr. Sheward said Columbus would be the closest place. He wanted to know if the current one was also 20 cubic yards and he said no, it is 25 cubic yards.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 52-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE BID OF JACKSON BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2014 NAIL MILL SUBDIVISION WATER LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON AS IT WAS THE LOWEST AND BEST RESPONSIVE BID SUBMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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

Ordinance No. 53-14 duly adopted

RESOLUTION 20-14

THE DRAFT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE GALLIA, JACKSON, MEIGS AND VINTON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IS APPROVED.

THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN ADOPTED IN A REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING, AFTER DISCUSSION ONLY IN PUBLIC MEETINGS, WITH NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AND COMPLIES WITH OHIO'S SUNSHINE LAW.

Second Reading

CORRESPONDENCE – The clerk received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for Johnny Rotten, LLC, dba Johnny Raughtens. Council said they do not request a hearing.

Mr. Brown made a motion not to request a hearing, seconded by Mr. Kitchen.

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS- Mr. Kitchen said he wanted to compliment Mayor Heath on his decision on the school situation, not to pay for law enforcement to be present at the school.

Mr. Kitchen stated the Memorial Building repair costs have gotten totally out of control. Putting \$50,000.00 into the account was to improve the building. He does not think it is reasonable to spend millions of dollars right now.

The Ice House is not being taken care of. The city still owes \$152,296.00 on this building. We need to try to get more for our money.

Mr. Kitchen said if they go ahead with the more detailed study, there needs to be a cap on the amount they spend on it.

Mr. Brown said he would like to see the quote for \$25,000.00 for new windows. He wants to see how many windows it is for and what kind.

Mr. Queen said he thought it was already decided on by council to get the new study for a more accurate cost of the renovation and the steps by which it would be done.

Mr. Elliott just commented that we just need to try to make some progress.

Mr. Queen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown.

Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Sherry Barr
Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Date 7/28/14

Ronald Speakman
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**PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 14, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

The first public hearing was held in Jackson City Council chambers on July 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in regards to the CDBG grant. The second public hearing will be held on July 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the same location.

Mr. Hensler asked if the funding was in an amount up to \$500,000.00. Mr. Sheward said yes and that other grants have been applied for and some have been approved.

Mr. Queen asked if this upgrade is different than the one they did about 4 years ago and Mr. Sheward said yes it is.