

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
May 11, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 27, 2015 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, April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. President Pro-Tem Eric Brown called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hensler. The Prayer was given by Mr. Brown.

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

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 April 13, 2015, seconded by Mrs. Jones. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY- No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE- No report.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC- No report.

SERVICE –(STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS)-

Mayor Heath gave an update on the Recreation Department. He stated they have been working on the ball fields. The weather has been some factor in the progress being made. The Street & Alley department has not been able to help as much as they used to due to being short-handed. Some of the bleachers are in and being assembled and still waiting on some to come in. The boards for the bleachers at the Eddie Jones field have been bought locally and are waiting on them to get them in. They got a lot done on the Eddie Jones ball fields. The top coating should be in soon, so that can be put down. They are waiting on the fences to get in so they can be put up. All of the teams have sponsors and Mayor Heath wanted to thank those sponsors for their support.

He hopes to have all of the fields in use by the middle of May.

Mayor Heath stated the pool will open the Saturday after Memorial Day. He is working with someone at Job and Family Services to be able to offer a limited amount of passes to children who can't afford them. He wanted to thank American Legion Post 81 for their help with this also.

Mr. Queen asked if they were using the bleachers they bought for the Veteran's Day ceremony and Mayor Heath said they will probably be at the Griff field and coach-pitch field.

CITY AUDITOR- No report.

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LAW DIRECTOR-

Mr. Kirby stated the property at 174 Freeman St. will be auctioned off on May 15th at 10:30 a.m. with no minimum bid.

Mr. Sheward stated they are also checking out a property in Jackson Heights that needs taken care of.

Mr. Foster asked Mr. Sheward about the gas station on State St. to see if he had found out anything. Mr. Sheward stated he thinks the owners live in Portsmouth. He asked Mr. Sheward if he could possibly send them a letter and Mr. Sheward said he will check into it.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath stated there is a resolution in the packets that is for the city to apply for a TIGER grant. It stands for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery. This is a federal transportation grant where \$100,000,000 has been set aside for rural areas. CT Consultants will be making the application. It could be anywhere between two and ten million dollars awarded. It will be a joint application with the county. The priority for use of the money would be McCarty Lane. It could be used for transportation, roadways, walking and bicycle paths, and rail. Some of the applications are due in three weeks, so it would be great if it could be passed tonight.

It is clean-up week this week.

Mr. Brown asked about the progress on the transload station. Mr. Sheward stated they are still working on it.

Mr. Kitchen stated he has seen some activity out at the out Merillat plant.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward stated there will be an announcement coming soon regarding Taylor Lumber. They own the old Merillat building, but will be leasing it to another company. They cannot say who it is yet. They have plans for a complete assembly line.

Mr. Sheward stated the painting has started on the Apple tower and if the cover is up, they are painting. Use good judgement when parking during painting.

On June 1st, the Harding Avenue bridge project will begin. The State is the one in charge of the project. It will be closed for several weeks.

Mr. Hensler asked how many employees the new company will have. Mayor Heath thought 35-40, but they aren't ready to hire yet.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE BID OF GEIGER BROTHERS MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS OF JACKSON FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,873,850.00 AS IT WAS THE LOWEST AND BEST RESPONSIVE BID SUBMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Third Reading

Mr. Sheward stated the funding mechanism is not ready yet, but with the way the ordinance reads, it is ok to go ahead and pass the ordinance.

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. 15-15 duly adopted.

Mr. Sheward asked Mr. Queen why he voted no on the project. Mr. Queen stated the company that was hired has relatives that are elected or appointed officials and he feels that is not good practice. Mr. Sheward stated he has an official statement from the Ethics Commission approving it.

Mr. Brown stated he is glad to see a local contractor doing project to employ some local people.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-15

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SAID FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

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

Ordinance No. 16-15 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT TO BELLISIO FOODS, INC. TO CROSS A .241 ACRE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CTY SO AS TO ALLOW CONTINUED ACCESS FOR BELLISIO TO ITS WAREHOUSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

Mayor Heath stated this doesn't change anything physically.

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

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Mr. Kitchen-yes

Mrs. Jones-yes

Mr. Hensler-yes

Mr. Queen-yes

Mr. Elliott-yes

Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 20-15 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-15

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REVISING SECTION 557.04 OF THE CITY OF JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT CHARGED FOR THE CITY MOWING PRIVATE LOSTS TO A MINIMUM CHARGE OF \$250.00.

First Reading

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

Mr. Queen asked if the grass grows more than 6 inches or so before the month is up, if they would want to make it so they would come back and cut it again. Mr. Sheward said it would be hard to measure the grass. He said maybe they could increase the number of months they cut the grass. Maybe they could start in April instead of May.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-15

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE PRINCIPAL FUND FOR THE MCCARTY LANE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Reed stated this is a payback of the principal of the sewer project. It is set up bi-annually. The Purchase Order needs to be done before the 15th of next month when the payment comes out.

Mr. Hensler made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. 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 vote to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown-yes

Mr. Kitchen-yes

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Mrs. Jones-yes

Mr. Hensler-yes

Mr. Queen-yes

Mr. Elliott-yes

Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 22-15 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE CONVEYANCE OF REAL ESTATE FROM BELLISIO FOODS, INC. FOR THAT PORTION OF REAL ESTATE ON WHICH PART OF BROADWAY STREET IS LOCATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mayor Heath stated there is a small portion of Broadway St. on Bellisio's deed that belongs to the city. They want to sign it back over to the city.

Mr. Hensler asked who has been paying the taxes on the property. Bellisio's would have been while they had it.

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-no

Mr. Elliott-yes

Mr. Foster-yes

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-yes

Mr. Elliott-yes

Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 23-15 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-15

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR THE TIGER GRANT FUNDS, TO BE USED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Elliott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. 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 vote to adopt the resolution, council voted as follow:

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

Resolution No. 10-15 duly adopted

CORRESPONDENCE- None

OLD BUSINESS-

Mr. Queen asked if they had looked into the people out of the city being able to use the Emergency Alert System. Mr. Brown stated he thought everyone that uses the city utilities could use it. Mr. Sheward thought everyone could register. He said he will check into it.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kitchen wanted to know if whoever is in charge of the entry signs into the city, if they could look into making a better sign and promoting some of the history of the city to attract visitors. Mayor Heath said they will look into it.

Mr. Hensler asked since the warm weather is here, what is going to be done with the streets. He said he spoke to Judge Musick and asked him if they could use some of the prisoners to help restore the brick streets. Judge Musick said if it didn't violate any Union contracts, it would be fine. Mayor Heath and Mr. Sheward stated they appreciated Mr. Hensler checking into it and they would see what they could do.

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

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Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Sherry Barr
Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Eric G. Brown
~~Ronald Speakman, Council President~~ - *Pro tem*
ERIC G BROWN

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