

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
December 28, 2015
7:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 14, 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

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Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 14, 2015 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 Mrs. Jones. 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. Kitchen made a motion to approve the minutes from November 23, 2015 Regular Session, seconded by Mrs. Jones. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS-None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY- No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Mr. Elliott stated there will need to be some amendments made to the budget.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC

Mr. Brown stated they have placed a Stop sign by the railroad tracks on 788. There have been numerous Stop sign violations written due to people not being able to see it in time. He said it is very dangerous because you can't see the sign until you are right at it. Someone is going to have an accident. There is also an issue with a sign on Veterans Drive. A 35 MPH sign blocks the sign that says Yield. They need to fix it so all signs can be seen. Mayor Heath said he had talked to Roy Hatten about it and he is going to check these out. Mr. Sheward said there has to be 300 feet line of site. PUCO required the Stop sign.

Mr. Sheward stated the new pumper truck will start being built in January and it takes about 3 months for completion.

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

Mr. Foster asked if there has been a letter sent to the owner of the house that burned on Mound St. Mayor Heath said they will check on it.

CITY AUDITOR

Mrs. Sexton stated they would like to move the next meeting to December 29th or have an additional meeting. It was decided to have the extra meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to have an additional meeting on December 29th at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Foster. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

LAW DIRECTOR-No report.

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RESOLUTION 19-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SMALL CITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE MCCARTY ROAD PROJECT, PART 2 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. Sheward stated they are still working on funding to repair McCarty Lane. This is a second effort. He needs this as soon as possible.

Mr. Brown 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-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 follows:

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

Resolution 19-15 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-15

A RESOLUTION REPEALING AND AMENDING RES. 17-15 SO AS TO CORRECT THE ELECTION AND COMMENCEMENT DATE AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A CEMETERY LEVY AND CERTIFYING THE CEMETERY LEVY ISSUE TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Brown verified this is a renewal levy and it needs passed tonight.

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Mr. Kitchen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Brown. 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 follows:

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

Resolution No. 20-15 duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE-None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kitchen asked if they could use the \$7,000 left from the FEMA money to tear down the old gas station on Morton St.

Mr. Queen said there are still tanks in the ground there. Mr. Kitchen stated the building could still be torn down. Mr. Sheward stated the money is in the 2016 budget. He said they would have to contact the owner about this.

Mr. Hensler said he spoke to the Law Director regarding changing the Mayor's salary increase effective date from 2020 to 2016 and he said it was legal to do that. He stated there was a possible Ethics violation if the Mayor accepts the increase and he wanted to know if he was going to still accept it. Mayor Heath stated that is something the Law Director would have to address. Mr. Kirby stated if it is an ethics issue, that is something different than the city can do and doesn't have any bearing on whether the ordinance is valid or not. He stated he thinks it is a weak ethics statute. He said from a Prosecutor's standpoint, it would be difficult to prove. He said that would not be his to prove, it would be up to another Prosecutor. As far as what council did and the validity of the ordinance, it is a separate matter.

Mr. Sheward stated everyone that voted "no" on Ordinance No. 82-15, had voted "yes" to purchase the fire trucks and this is part of that loan. Mrs. Sexton said this is the final piece of recording the transactions on the city's books. This has to be made before the books can be closed at the end of the year.

Mr. Brown made a motion for reconsideration on Ordinance 82-15, seconded by Mr. Hensler.

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

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Mr. Brown -yes
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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

“Reconsidered “ Ordinance No. 82-15 duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hensler. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Sherry Barr
Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Date 12-28-15

Ronald Speakman
Ronald Speakman, Council President
Date 12/28/15