

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session
December 28, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Brown

Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Hensler

Opening Prayer..... Mr. Hensler

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 12, 2016 Regular and December 19, 2016 Special Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. President Eric Brown called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kitchen. The Prayer was given by Mr. Hensler.

Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Ondera-present
- Mr. Kitchen-present
- Mrs. Jones-present
- Mr. Hensler-present
- Mr. Queen-present
- Mr. Elliott-absent
- Mr. Foster-present

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

VISITORS

Mr. Hensler made a motion to have Judge Mark Musick moved to the last speaker and also extend his amount of time allotted to more than 7 minutes, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Whitaker Wright

Whitaker Wright was the first visitor. Mayor Heath said Mr. Wright is with CDC of Ohio. He is the liason for the CDBG Program. The city is under the county's umbrella. Mr. Wright said there is a possibility for the city to apply for a revitalization grant. It is the largest of 3 grants. The goal of the grant is to assist low and moderate-income communities with revitalization. The grants typically fund two to four projects that benefit the entire neighborhood. The maximum amount is \$500,000.00. It is a 2-year grant and the application date is June 2017. This is a statewide grant and is very competitive. They receive about 75 applications a year and funds between 40-45 applications. The neighborhood that would be considered is the perimeter that includes Chillicothe St., Earl St., Mound St., etc. (Map is attached.)

Mr. Wright discussed some of the eligible activities that could be covered and also the ineligible activities. The grant does require community participation. He said they would meet with people in the neighborhood to see what they want to see done. He went over the schedule to proceed.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to extend the time for Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Wright stated the city will need to meet with the county commissioners to let them know if they want pursue the grant.

Mr. Reed said the state will want a list of the groups wishing to participate in the project and what they are willing to do.

Mr. Queen asked if they do a demolition will it be charged back to the property owner. Mr. Whitaker stated not usually.

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Mayor Heath thanked Jan McKibben for being an active part in the CHIP and the CDBG programs.

Mr. Brown said they should turn this over to the Service Committee to discuss further.

Barbie Britton McCathren

Barbie said she would like to start a group for the beautification of the City of Jackson. They are not going to lure new jobs in without it being fixed up. She said the citizens need to do something about this and take pride in their city. Any exit you take to come into Jackson is not a pretty one. She would like to get volunteers to help with this. Barbie said she is not asking the city for any money, just their support for what she is trying to do. Mayor Heath said they will try to help in any way they can.

The other issue she discussed was the drug problem. She said there is so much of this and there are resources out there locally for addicts. There is a Drug Free Club of America where kids sign a contract to stay drug free. It provides free drug testing and counseling support.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to extend the time for Barbie, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Barbie said maybe they could have health fairs so they could get the information out for people who need it. She said she is thinking about naming the organization Cleaning Up Jackson.

Judge Mark Musick

Judge Musick said his purpose for speaking was to address the shortage of jail space in the City of Jackson. He said they have a nice Police Dept. and great equipment, but they don't have the space to jail anyone. All the city has is a holding cell where they can only be held for a few hours. The year before he became Judge the city spent \$145,000 in out of county jail keep. In 2008, it came down to \$43,000. This was pretty consistent through 2011. In 2011, House Bill 86 said the number of state prisoners was going to go down. The problem now in Jackson is theft by females, because there is nowhere to put them. Most of the time it is drug related. There has been some talk of the city providing a cell that could hold someone for 12 days. The city could enter into a transport pool with other agencies. They could add another officer to the police payroll just to do transports and help with other things when they aren't out. They currently have about 800 outstanding warrants that need to go into the computer. When they aren't in the computer, other agencies don't know they are out there. It would be too expensive to build a new jail. The State is cutting back on the amount of prisoners they are going to hold and that will force more down to the counties. Judge Musick stated if they don't do something about it, they are making a decision not to do something. He said the crimes are getting more violent.

Judge Musick said there are a couple of options to consider He said it might be an option to make a compact with some of the surrounding communities to partner with Chillicothe or Portsmouth for a few beds.

You can't do effective treatment without some jail time. Section 307.932 jail is called a Community Residential Sanction or the Community Alternative Sentencing Center. It is a marriage of detention and treatment. You can hold someone for up to 90 days. It does not involve Bureau of Adult Detention. You can use existing buildings. Subcontractors and operators are mentioned in the statute. There are some in Jackson who work very well together. They would get \$250 per day per person. He went over some of the requirements for this type of facility.

Mr. Queen stated there are some buildings empty in Jackson that could possibly work for a Community Alternative Sentencing Center.

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Mr. Brown stated there needs to be a committee appointed to discuss this issue. Those appointed were Mr. Ondera (Chairman), Mr. Hensler, Mr. Kitchen, and Mr. Queen. This committee will be listed on the agendas in the future. Mr. Brown would like for the committee to familiarize themselves with the Community Alternative Sentencing Center option.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hensler made a motion to approve the minutes from November 28, 2016 Regular Session, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY-No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Mr. Hensler stated the Budget and Finance Committee met on Monday, December 5th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the preliminary 2017 budget. The committee went over the budget line by line. Mr. Sheward provided council with a corrected Budget by Object. They will have the second reading tonight.

Mr. Sheward stated it would be helpful for the Auditor's office if they would pass the budget tonight. This would give them time to get the budget in place.

Mr. Brown said if the ordinance does not pass tonight, he would suggest having a Special meeting Monday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Queen asked about the transfers and reimbursements again. Mayor Heath stated this is for cost allocations. This is done every year.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC

Mr. Kitchen stated they had a Police, Fire, & Traffic Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. and decided unanimously to not go forward with the Dragoncam.

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

Mr. Foster stated the pool liner project is finished. Mayor Heath said they are filling it up now. They are going to do the roof and foundation of the building in the Spring. They have decided not to put a new roof on the old shelter house at this time, because it has other issues also. Mr. Kitchen said they should just tear it down. Mayor Heath and others said too many people still use it. Mr. Sheward stated they are looking at \$15,000-\$20,000 for the repairs to the main building.

CITY AUDITOR-No report.

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Kirby stated in 2015 there were 76 citations, 52 were related to speeding. So far in 2016 there have been 69 citations, 39 of them for speeding.

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MAYOR

Mayor Heath thanked Judge Musick for praising our Police Dept. and their hard work. He also thanked Barbie Britton McCathren and Whitaker Wright for their comments.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward stated they need the ordinance awarding the engineering to CT Consultants passed tonight, so they can get started on it as soon as possible. They received a few bids, but CT Consultants was the best bid and they have done work for the city before. Since the money available got moved up, they needed to proceed quicker. Mr. Ondera said the contract looks like it says they are just doing a repave of McCarty Lane. He thought they were going to do a complete reconstruct. Mr. Sheward stated from the railroad tracks to 93, it will probably just be repaved, but the rest of it should be a reconstruct.

Mr. Queen asked when and where they are going to do the creek cleaning. Mr. Sheward stated they are supposed to start tomorrow on Salt Lick Creek.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 67-16-Tabled

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL USES OF THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE RECREATION RESERVE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

Mr. Hensler made a motion to table Ordinance No. 67-16, seconded by Mr. Queen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Ordinance No. 67-16 Tabled.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-16

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS FOR JANUARY 1, 2017, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

Mr. Queen asked how the tractor and trailer is going to work for the sludge removal. Mr. Sheward stated they will have a 4,000 gallon trailer pulled by a farm tractor at the sight so they can unload the whole truckload into the trailer to be spread. Then it can go get another load while it is being spread. They are hoping this will improve the ability to spread more sludge in a day.

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

Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes

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

Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-absent
Mr. Foster-yes

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

Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-absent
Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 70-16 duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

The council clerk stated she had received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for Midway Quick Mart, Inc. for a renewal. There were no objections.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kitchen wanted the Service Committee to take another look at the shelter house and see what they can do.

Mr. Reed asked them to please get with him if anyone has any questions regarding the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brown set a meeting for December 19th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Ordinance No. 68-16.

Mr. Hensler made a motion to move the next Regular meeting to December 28th at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Queen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Hensler made a motion to have Special meetings on December 29th and 30th at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Reed said the Auditor's office does not do the budget. They do the input, but the Administration does the actual budget.

Mr. Hensler made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Queen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

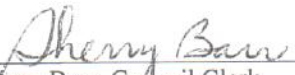
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Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

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Eric Brown, Council President

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