

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session

May 9, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Brown

Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Foster

Opening Prayer..... Mr. Hensler

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

John Peters-Utility rates and cat and dog ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 25, 2016 Regular 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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes from
APRIL 25, 2016
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 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. Elliott. 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-present
- Mr. Foster-present

VISITORS

John Peters spoke to Council again regarding the information he requested at a meeting 5 weeks ago. He has not received any answers. He requested clarification on Ordinance 27-03 Sewer Revenue uses. Ordinance 20-16 and Ordinance 21-16 are in violation of this ordinance, if he is interpreting it correctly. He asked that council take this into consideration before voting on the third reading.

Mr. Peters stated he also asked for information on Ordinance 927.11, Rendering of Sewer Bills. He said residents of Jackson are being charged a minimum charge plus their amount they use. He feels this is not correct according to this ordinance. He also stated the Utility Dept. said they increase the bill by .01 due to rounding. This doesn't sound like much, but it does add up. Mr. Reed asked him if they said if it also rounds down. Mr. Peters said he didn't know.

Mr. Peters requested to be on next meeting's agenda to discuss the issue with cats and dogs, bird sanctuary, and utilities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from April 11, 2016 Regular Session, seconded by Mr. Hensler. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY-No report. Mr. Elliott said he was asked to check out some things on the solar field. He said he would like to look at the one in Minster, Ohio. Mr. Kitchen asked if there is anywhere else they could put one. This could be discussed at a later date.

BUDGET & FINANCE-No report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC-No report.

SERVICE -(**STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**)-No report.

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CITY AUDITOR

Mr. Reed stated the open checkbook for the city is now online.

LAW DIRECTOR-No report.

Mr. Queen asked if a house is condemned and boarded up, can they be forced to tear it down. Mr. Kirby said not unless it is a hazard to the public. If it is starting to fall down or something, then the city could tear it down and add the cost to the taxes. Mr. Kirby said if there is a lot of trash around or odors, they can do something about that.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath stated this was the first day of Spring cleanup week. Everything will be picked up on the regular pickup day.

They have been getting ready for all of the summer activities and next Monday night will be the first home game. They have 32 teams. He wanted to thank the sponsors of the teams again.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward stated there was a salt usage report in the packets. They used a lot less salt this year, which will help with next year.

Mr. Sheward stated if anyone has a mattress or couches, they have to be wrapped in plastic in order to be picked up. The utility office has them available for \$2.00 each.

May 1st-May 10th is the first required mowing.

They started working on the Dickason St. bridge. It shouldn't take too long, but just be aware this street will be closed.

Mr. Sheward announced the Jackson Firefighters Association in conjunction with the City will be in charge of the fireworks display for the 3rd of July. They like to do at least a \$10,000 show, but if they get more donations, they can put on a larger display. It will be the same location as last year.

Mr. Brown stated there is some concern with the bridge on Hunt St. He said there is debris and trees that are starting to dam it up. Mr. Sheward stated he has a map from Soil and Water Conservation. They are in the process of getting a bid packet together to get it cleaned out.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 20-16

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE, AND ELECTRIC FUNDS TO THE GENERAL, COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AND ELECTRIC FUNDS FOR REIMBURSEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAXIMUS COST ALLOCATION STUDY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

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Mr. Elliott stated he was not on council when the ordinance John Peters was making reference to, went into effect. He wanted to know if anyone knew if this ordinance circumvents the part he was talking about.

Mr. Reed stated the Auditors have never had a problem with it. There is nothing illegal about it that he is aware of. Mayor Heath stated there has never been anything found wrong in 9 years. Mr. Reed stated the only problem they ever found wrong with it was there was not enough paperwork. That is when they hired an outside firm to do the study and that is what they have used since then. Mayor Heath said the Maximus formulas are what is used for Rents and Right of Ways numbers. Mr. Brown asked if any of the Rents and Right of Ways money comes from the Sewer Fund and the answer was yes.

Mr. Kitchen asked if there should be an inventory done of the poles to make sure they are getting all that is due for the Rents and Right of Ways. Mr. Sheward said there is an inventory list, but they just moved the lines from the old pole to the new pole. When a new line is added, they take care of it then. Mr. Elliott said his concern was with the last sentence of the ordinance which states the money can't be used for any other purpose. He would like for the Law Director to look at it and make sure everything is ok. Mr. Brown said back when the ordinance was written, there was probably only one entity. Mr. Reed stated they couldn't run the sewer fund without the utility office. Maximus just breaks out the Administration costs for the different entities.

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-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 20-16 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-16

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE WATER, SEWER, AND ELECTRIC FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR REIMBURSEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S RIGHT OF WAY REIMBURSEMENT PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

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-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 21-16 duly adopted.

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Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

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

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

Resolution 12-16 duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE-None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kitchen asked if they can lock up the \$100,000 they have put back for the Memorial Building. Maybe it will be put to use in the future. Mr. Reed stated it can be used for anything to fix the building. Mr. Sheward stated that some of it has already been spent on a new heater in the auditorium. He is hoping to get rid of the window air conditioners and paint the windows.

Mr. Reed said at the last meeting he was a little upset with the resolution regarding the open checkbook. He felt most of council was in favor of it. He would like to ask if council would like to make a motion stating they are in favor of open checkbook. Mr. Hensler made a motion to support open checkbook, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

The city's website will have a link to [Open Checkbook.com](http://OpenCheckbook.com).

Mr. Elliott stated the reason he tabled the resolution, was because it required the elected Auditor to do something and it was outside their ability to do it.

Mr. Reed stated it has been said that he received a raise, but he has not had one since 2002. The new Auditor will have one in 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kitchen would like to have some of council involved in Union negotiations. Mr. Brown stated he has never seen it done before, but they can check into it. Mr. Kirby will check into it.

Mr. Queen reminded everyone that Saturday is prom, so keep everyone safe.

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

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Sherry Barr, Council Clerk



Eric Brown, Council President

Date 5-9-16 _____

Date 5-8-16 _____