

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session

May 23, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Brown

Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Ondera

Opening Prayer..... Mr. Hensler

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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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

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Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 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. Foster. The Prayer was given by Mr. Ondera.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

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

VISITORS

John Peters addressed the issue regarding the charge for extra garbage picked up. He stated there is nothing in the ordinance that addresses how a customer gets charged for extra garbage. He wanted to know how they determined who gets charged. There should be something in the ordinance that states they will be charged if they have a certain number of bags or by weight. It should apply to all customers when it is determined, not just a few. Mr. Peters said the city is frauding citizens, because there is not an additional cost stated in the ordinance.

The other issue John addressed was dogs and cats running loose. He said Mr. Foster was going to check with some other cities to see how they handle it. The county dog warden only picks up dogs, not cats. He wondered if the city needs to hire a warden, so the laws can be enforced.

Mr. Peters stated there was a lot of discussion previously regarding the buzzards, but according to the city ordinance, they are a protected bird and the only one that is not would be the pigeon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from April 25, 2016 Regular Session, seconded by Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY-No report. Mr. Elliott stated he met with Bill Sheward regarding the electric infrastructure project. He will be having a Utility Committee meeting prior to the next council meeting on May 23rd, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Elliott stated he is still working on information regarding the solar field project.

Mr. Queen suggested putting something in the garbage ordinance stating they will be charged if they have over so many bags.

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BUDGET & FINANCE-No report

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC-No report.

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

Mr. Foster said the grass is really starting to grow. Mr. Sheward said the first required mowing was to be May 1st-10th. If anyone sees property that needs to be mowed, please let Mr. Sheward know and they will send a letter to the property owner. If it is not mowed, the city will mow it and they will bill the property owner for it.

CITY AUDITOR-No report.

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Kirby sent out a letter regarding condemned property. If anyone has any questions regarding this, let him know.

Rumpke contract looks ok. It is the only landfill in the county. There is one in Athens and Pike counties, but he checked on their prices and they are higher.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath stated there is an ordinance in the packet #25-16, which really needs to be passed tonight. It is to appropriate extra money for the ball teams. He would also like for citizens to avoid High St. where the ball fields are. There are a lot of children running around in this area on game nights.

Mayor Heath would like for anyone who has a yard sale, to please take down the signs once it is over. Yard sales have to be on private property.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward informed citizens the Farmer's Market area is not for yard sales.

Kyle Turner will be awarded the AMP Scholarship this year. There will be a presentation of the scholarship in the near future.

Mr. Sheward said the Dickason Street bridge is now under construction. It will be closed to traffic for a while.

The Jackson Firefighters Association in conjunction with the City, will be doing the fireworks display for July 3rd. They are asking for donations. Checks can be made out to Jackson Firefighters Association.

Mr. Sheward stated AEP is going to provide a second source of electric with another line. They have put together a budget to do this project and the cost will be about \$5million dollars to complete. There is about \$2.5 million dollars in the excess emergency electric fund and the rest will be funded by a loan. He feels they could pay off the \$2.5 million loan in 5 years with an annual debt service of \$535,000. It will be a 1.65% interest rate.

The new substation will have 2 transformers. This will allow a more even balance of the load in the city and help with eliminating disruptions with major users. Eventually, they will have two 138KV lines. Mr. Sheward doesn't feel it will raise the rates for citizens. He plans to bring legislation to the next meeting for the transfer of funds. They hope to be connected within 2 years.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 23-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO AND RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC. FOR LANDFILL SERVICES, 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-absent
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 23-16 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-16

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE REIMBURSEMENT RIGHT OF WAY FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Reed stated this is Rents and Right of Ways for the budget. It is from the Electric and Sewer.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-16

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE RECREATION FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Foster made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. 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. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-absent

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Mr. Queen-yes

Mr. Elliott-yes

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-absent

Mr. Queen-yes

Mr. Elliott-yes

Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance 25-16 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO THE MIDDLEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,180.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Reed stated this invoice was over \$3,000.00, so it had to come to council for approval. It is something that is owed and needs to be paid.

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

Mr. Ondera-yes

Mr. Kitchen-yes

Mrs. Jones-yes

Mr. Hensler-absent

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-absent

Mr. Queen-yes

Mr. Elliott-yes

Mr. Foster-yes

Resolution No. 13-16 duly adopted.

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CORRESPONDENCE-None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Queen asked if they could get an estimate on installing a fire escape for the 3rd floor of the Memorial Building. He didn't know if they needed one to be up to code. Mr. Sheward stated it has never been an issue that he is aware of.

Mr. Elliott stated he was completely satisfied with what Mr. Reed stated at the last meeting regarding Rents and Right of Ways. Mr. Reed explained what he said was that if the Sewer Dept. was an entity on its own, it would have a Collections Dept. and an Administrative Dept. The Utility Dept. and Administration handles all of it. The charges are absorbed by the city and then the Maximus study determines how much time is spent on each utility. This is the reimbursement for those costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Jones wanted to thank Roy Hatten for trimming the downtown trees and putting down mulch. She wanted to remind citizens that the land from the sidewalk to the curb is the city right of way. Any trees in this area should not be cut down. They are getting ready to plant 5 more trees and they are expensive.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Sherry Barr
Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Date 5/23/16

Eric Brown
Eric Brown, Council President

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