

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

DECEMBER 27, 2017

8:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in Regular session on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 8:30 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. President Eric Brown called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Jones. The Prayer was given by Mr. Hensler.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to excuse Mr. Ondera, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS

Elizabeth Lamerson said she works with the EPA shipping radioactive waste. She is asking council to bring the resolution back to the table for consideration. The more they have against the onsite disposal the better chance they have of getting the waste moved offsite. On December 20th, Chillicothe City Council passed the resolution. She said the DOE is not going to clean up the plumes and disposal waste that is already there.

Tracey Lamerson stated she is a teacher and a resident of Piketon. She said if council chooses to ignore the issue, it is the same as being in favor of it. She asked council to please reconsider the resolution.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hensler made a motion to amend the minutes from December 18th to read a \$2.6 million carryover instead of \$2.9 million that was written, seconded by Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Hensler made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2017 Regular Session and December 18, 2017 Special Session as amended, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Brown stated the meeting for Thursday, December 28th will be for the consideration of legislation pertaining to the Auditor's office only. If they need to have another one, it will be Friday, December 29th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY-No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE-No report.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC-No report.

There will be a Police, Fire, & Traffic committee meeting on January 2nd at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the Police Department pending contract.

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

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Mr. Hensler said Ed Henderson said there is a possible loss of income from burial sites at Fairmont Cemetery due to the location of the AEP substation. He asked if there should be a meeting to discuss this. Mr. Sheward said no meeting is needed at this point.

JAIL COMMITTEE

Wellston has a good possibility of a treatment center. This is a countywide project.

CITY AUDITOR-No report.

Mr. Kitchen asked Mr. Reed if he could look into the city's total debt at the end of 2008 and 2017. He asked for the cost of the Police Dept. over and above salaries. He also wanted to know the unemployment cost the city would bear in the event of layoffs.

Mr. Sheward said they don't even know at this point how many will be layed off. They are self-funded for unemployment. Mr. Reed said they have some calls in to get clarification on how the unemployment works.

LAW DIRECTOR-No report.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath said they are trying to get answers to whatever the city might be facing. If there is money that can be saved, they are going to save it. They are looking at all angles. They have taken a step to save the Police Dept. money. They have met with the Police Dept. and Mr. Kirby and starting January 2, 2018, as permitted by the ORC, the county will be responsible for detaining any prisoners of a criminal or traffic jailable offense. They sent a letter to the Sheriff and the County Commissioners regarding this. This could save several thousand dollars. A few other cities have started doing this also. The additional cost of this to the county will probably come out of the sales tax. This will save miles on cars and other costs. The non-jailable offenses will still be prosecuted by Mr. Kirby.

Mr. Queen asked if this will cause the county to have to hire more employees and does the Sheriff have a say so in this. Mayor Heath said it is permissible by the ORC and he had talked to the Commissioners about it briefly. The county would have to absorb the cost.

Mr. Hensler asked what the money is for the city gets from the county. Mayor Heath said that is the Community Improvement Fund. It can only be used for certain things. Mr. Hensler asked if they could keep that money to help absorb the cost. Mayor Heath said he thinks if they keep that money, they would have to do away with the whole program for the community. The townships live on that money.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward said they ran into a problem at the substation site. The ground is too wet. They will possibly have to wait until the Spring to start again.

He said he has not had any calls regarding the temporary budget. It is pretty straight forward.

Mr. Queen asked if they filled the position at the city garage, Mr. Bapst position. Mr. Sheward said they did. Greg Oliver took the position. He also asked if they filled Mr. Fisher's position. He said Tom Woltz took the position. He is doing the IT position also.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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ORDINANCE NO. 64-17

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 11-93 SO AS TO REVISE THE RULES OF ORDER GOVERNING THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, SPECIFICALLY, RULE 2 AS IT GOVERNS THE MANNER BY WHICH PERSONS MAY BE HEARD BY COUNCIL.

Second Reading

Mr. Elliott said he is not in favor of this ordinance. He does not see anything wrong with the way it is being done now. He will not be voting in favor of it.

ORDINANCE NO. 66-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO ADOPTING A TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

Mayor Heath said if this would pass tonight it would give the Auditor's office Thursday and Friday to be able to get it in place. Mr. Reed agreed and said it would need to be passed by emergency to be in place.

Mr. Hensler said he still has some of it to review, so he would like to wait until tomorrow night's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 67-17

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 637, THE BARGAINING UNIT FOR THE JACKSON POLICE OFFICERS, AND TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 637 AS REQUIRED 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. Kitchen said they had no input in this at all. They are giving a 3% increase and they don't know how they are even going to pay the old rates. He said it's nice to negotiate to give them what they need and then leave it up to council to approve it or not. Mr. Hensler said he has asked for a long time to have a committee to work with the Administration when they are negotiating contracts and this still has not been done. He said this is a backwards approach. Mr. Queen said there will only be 2 people on the Police, Fire, & Traffic Committee when they meet on Tuesday, so he was wondering if Mr. Brown could appoint another one before then. Mr. Brown said he was planning on appointing Mr. Aldrich to this committee.

Mr. Elliott said someone who represents the Rank and File negotiates and then brings it to council. That was his understanding. Mr. Hensler said he does not recall council passing legislation appointing Mr. Sheward to negotiate the contracts. Mr. Kitchen said they need to look into this. Mr. Brown said it is being done the way it always has even with prior Administration. Mr. Sheward stated council knew they were working on the contract and not a single person came to him with any suggestions. Mr. Hensler said the committee was not given in specificity, so they had no information about the contract at all. He said he did

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not have a knowledge base of what is being changed, so he cannot give input on something he does not know. Mr. Kitchen said they have never had to approve a contract under the circumstances they have right now. He feels like they should have let the old contract run until they figure things out with the financial situation. Mr. Kitchen said he talked to the Police and they are more than willing to do what is best for the city. They had a lot of suggestions.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION OF THIS BODY FOR EXPENDITURES BY THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR THAT EXCEED \$25,000.

First Reading

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

ORDINANCE NO. 69-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION OF THIS BODY FOR EXPENDITURES BY THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR FOR PURCHASE OR LEASE OF AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, TRACTORS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT NOT USED TO MAINTAIN WATER PRODUCTION, SEWER PROCESSING OR REPAIR OF ELECTRIC SYSTEM.

First Reading

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

ORDINANCE NO. 70-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION OF THIS BODY FOR EXPENDITURES BY THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR FOR CONSULTING SERVICES.

First Reading

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

Mr. Hensler said there was a detailed explanation by Mr. Kirby regarding the ordinances brought forth by Mr. Kitchen.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-17

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE JACKSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CERTAIN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

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Mr. Reed said they did allow them to move the Police to Cost Allocations. They have not set down with Mr. Yost. They work with the regional office. Mr. Brown asked Mr. Reed to see what the next step would be to get this done.

Mr. Queen asked if the \$6,000 listed in the Board of Control minutes was for the fish. Mayor Heath said they have to have the money appropriated in case they need it.

Mr. Hensler made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 p.m., seconded by Mr. Queen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.



Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Date 1-8-18



Eric Brown, Council President

Date 1-8-18