

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Regular Session

February 12, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Brown

Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Foster

Opening Prayer..... Mr. Hensler

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

Dennis Foreman to speak about the landfill.

Billy Spencer, Mayor of Piketon, to speak about the landfill.

Greg Simenton to speak about the landfill.

Scott Massie to speak about the landfill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 22, 2018 Regular Session and February 5, 2018 Special Session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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Minutes From
JANUARY 22, 2018
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in Regular session on Monday, January 22, 2018 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. Hensler. The Prayer was given by Mr. Hensler.

Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Ondera-present
- Mr. Kitchen-present
- Mr. Aldrich -present
- Mr. Hensler-present
- Mr. Queen-present
- Mr. Elliott-present
- Mr. Foster-present

VISITORS

Randy Evans stated he is a resident of Jackson and also a business owner. He said out of all the utility companies he works with in his business, the City of Jackson utility employees are by far the best. He said all of the city crews do a great job and a lot of times in undesirable weather conditions. Mr. Evans also commended council on offering to give up their pay to help the city's financial situation. He suggested council keep their pay. He said if they are doing their "homework," they are earning it. Mr. Evans said he felt there were a few who did not understand what was even going. They do not understand why Administration is taking the action they are, so they should give up their pay. They are not earning it. If anyone does not understand what is going on, they should give up their seat on council. He also said kudos to whoever caught the fact that without the Special meeting to vote on the Police contract, it would have gone into effect without the approval of council. Mr. Evans thanked everyone who voted "no" on the contract with the financial situation the city is in. It showed accountability on council's part.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hensler made a motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2018 Regular Session and January 16, 2018 Special session, seconded by Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hensler made a motion to approve the Auditor's report for December 2017, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY

Mr. Ondera stated he has been talking with Karen Young at the utility office, but has nothing to report at this time.

BUDGET & FINANCE-No report.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC

Mr. Hensler stated they had all received the year-end report for their review.

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

Mr. Foster asked Mr. Sheward if there is a procedure to move a mailbox. He said at 138 Burlington the mailbox is in a bad spot with all of the traffic on that street. Mr. Sheward said usually the postal service takes care of this.

Mr. Sheward said they did put up the additional “No Parking” sign by the cemetery that had been requested.

JAIL COMMITTEE-No report.

CITY AUDITOR

Mr. Reed said they made a trip to Columbus on January 9th and met with State Auditor Yost. They laid out the situation of the city. Another person came down and looked at the city’s situation and they are going to see if there is anything that can be done to help at no charge. Sometimes they give you guidelines, but that doesn’t mean the city can do it.

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Kirby said in response to Mr. Evans comment about the Police contract, it was no oversight on council’s part, the law gives you 30 days to act.

Mr. Queen asked Mr. Kirby if they had researched if it is ok to put the income tax on the May ballot. Mr. Kirby said they had spent a lot of time on it and he feels it is ok to go ahead with it.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath thanked Mr. Evans for his compliments of the city workers and said they were well deserved. He said Mr. Sheward is the one who helps the Supervisors and the different departments with any issues. When you have the right employees doing the right jobs with the right equipment, you get good results and that is the kind of employees the City of Jackson has.

Mayor Heath said Resolution 01-18 is so they can formally apply for the State Capital budget. This would enable them to build a sidewalk and put in period lighting around Manpower Park. They could also put in a public address system for performances. Playground equipment will also be repaired.

SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward stated there will need to be significant layoffs to make up the \$1.2 million they will be losing. He is talking to a consultant to get some guidance on how to handle everything. He expects a minimum of 13 Police Officer and 4 General Fund employees laid off. This will mean losing the drug dog services, no detectives working in the drug task force, and the loss of part-time dispatchers. There will be 10 Officers and the Chief of Police to protect the city. There will be very little dispatching. He is working on getting the 911 calls sent directly to the Officers on duty. The only solution he sees is for council to impose an income tax.

Mr. Brown asked about doing buy-outs in the Police Dept. Mr. Sheward said buy-outs will be a lot more costly. Mr. Brown asked if they had sat down with any of the Police Officers to discuss how they can help with the situation of the city. Mr. Brown said he thinks if they do it immediately, it would be an option. They have it in the budget right now. Mayor Heath said they would be glad to set down with them and Mr. Brown to see if they can work it out.

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Mr. Queen asked about laying off across the board. Mr. Sheward said if employees that are paid out of the General Fund aren't paid at least 51% of their salary from the General Fund, they aren't considered General Fund employees.

Mr. Kitchen said going to the State Auditor's office was a step in the right direction. He said they should back up a little and wait and see if they can get any money back for them. He said the Police Officers have some good ideas on how to save the city some money. He feels they should meet with them. Mr. Kitchen said he doesn't see how the people who got them in the mess can get them out without help from council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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.

Third Reading

Mayor Heath said he has some serious concerns with this ordinance. He feels they are re-writing the ORC. There were 26 items in 2017 that were approved by Administration that were between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Only 2 did not deal with the city's utilities. One was for a new cruiser and the other was for the Auditor of State. He hopes they will continue to let the Administration administrate.

Mr. Hensler said this is just kind of a check and balances system.

Mr. Queen said he doesn't see why they can't do \$25,000.00 like they used to do. Mr. Kirby said they can't go against the ORC.

Mr. Kitchen said he tried to make sure the ordinance did not interfere with daily operations of the city.

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

Mr. Ondera-no
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mr. Aldrich-no
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-no
Mr. Foster-no

Ordinance No. 68-17 failed.

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.

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Third Reading

Mayor Heath said he feels this is a little redundant. He said if they purchase a vehicle, they purchase them early so they can get the best deal. He said the amounts are in the budget when they prepare it.

Mr. Elliott also said they do have oversight and it is in the budget when they pass it. He said it seems the blame has somehow been put on this Administration, but he said it is council's fault.

Mr. Kitchen said this will not interfere with any of the utility business or its needs.

Mr. Brown said he would like to see the Make and Model of the vehicle before it is ready to be purchased.

Mr. Aldrich said he didn't know if there would ever be an emergency when buying something of this nature, so it could be of benefit to be able to review it again. Mr. Sheward said if they need a cruiser, they might not be able to wait 3 readings. Mr. Hensler said they could always pass it as an emergency in that case.

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

Mr. Odera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-no
Mr. Foster-no

Ordinance No. 69-17 duly adopted.

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.

Third Reading

Mayor Heath said this ordinance concerns him the most. He said they work with this everyday. It is Administration's responsibility to take care of these things and feels they have been very responsible in doing so.

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

Mr. Odera-no
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mr. Aldrich-no
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-no
Mr. Foster-no

Ordinance No. 70-17 duly adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 01-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING ORD. 61-17 AND CALLING FOR THE PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT OF THE MAY 9, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO, THE ISSUE OF ENACTING AN INCOME TAX AT THE RATE OF 1% FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

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

Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
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
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 01-18 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 01-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO, FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS TO MANPOWER PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mayor Heath said this money was very useful in the Markay renovation. He wanted to thank Sandra Peterson and Representative Smith personally.

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

Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
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
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Resolution No. 01-18 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO WESBANCO PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,283.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Reed said the bills came due at the time the budget was not in place. They need to be paid. When there is not a budget in place, they cannot do a Purchase Order. Any amount over \$3,000.00 has to come before council.

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
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

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

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Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Resolution No. 02-18 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,466.33 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Reed said this is for the McCarty Lane project.

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
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
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
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Resolution No. 03-18 duly adopted.

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Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Resolution No. 06-18 duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE-None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ondera said to address some of the comments Mr. Evans stated, the council's pay could not be given up due to the ORC.

In regards to the date of the Police contract, there was not an actual date in hand. They were made aware of this, so it was not going to go by the wayside and not forgotten about.

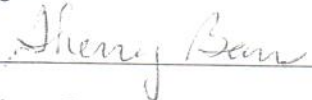
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sheward said there was a Fairmount Cemetery report and a Zoning report given to everyone.

Mr. Brown said he thinks maybe they should have an ordinance that would prevent hiring of any new employees at this time. Mayor Heath said he didn't know where they would put any right now. Mr. Sheward said if there is one person laid off, that stops them from hiring any new employees.

Mr. Ondera asked to have the resolution that addressed the waste site in Pike County to be brought back to the table, seconded by Mr. Queen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hensler. In a voice vote, all members agreed.



Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Date 2-12-18



Eric Brown, Council President

Date 2/12/18