

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Regular Session  
September 24, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Brown  
Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Aldrich  
Opening Prayer..... Mr. Hensler

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

APPROVAL OF AUDITOR'S REPORT

August 2018

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 10, 2018 Regular 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
- City Attorney
- Mayor
- Service/Safety Director

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

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*Minutes From*  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018  
7:00 P.M.  
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Jackson City Council met in Regular session on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in 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
- Mr. Aldrich -present
- Mr. Hensler-present
- Mr. Queen-present
- Mr. Elliott-present
- Mr. Foster-present

**VISITORS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Hensler made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2018 Regular session and August 30, 2018 Special Session, seconded by Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY**

Mr. Ondera said there were some unforeseen circumstances with getting the rate reduction ordinance. Mayor Heath said there are other factors they have to work with, not just putting in a number. They are trying to level off the Power Cost Adjustment. They should know after they run another couple of trials. Mr. Sheward said they want to make sure everything is correct before it goes out. Mr. Brown said they need to keep working on it, because the citizens were promised this and so far nothing has taken place.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**-No report.

**POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC**-No report.

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

Mr. Ondera wanted to know if there is something in place that requires Columbia Gas to fix the streets once they have torn them up. Mr. Sheward said there are street bonds and they do have to repair them to the city's satisfaction. Mr. Ondera said he has seen some that were not fixed that great. Mr. Brown said he has noticed them shutting service off at the main instead of at the meter. Mr. Ondera said there is one in front his house right now that is dangerous.

**JAIL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ondera said they are in the process of working on the cost of the Sally Port. The Chief of Police is checking on what all they would need. They have a preliminary cost number of about \$300,000. He said they will have to spend about \$8,000-\$10,000 to get firm numbers. The cost so far to transport women prisoners is \$53,000. He feels they could pay off the cost of the holding facility in just a few years with the money they would be saving. Mr. Hensler asked where the money would be coming from and Mr. Sheward said it would be borrowed. Mr. Ondera asked council if they are willing to spend the money in

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order to get final numbers. Mr. Queen asked if they are sure they would be able to get the money once they find out. Mr. Aldrich said he feels they need to get a hard number and then they can decide if they want to go on with it. Mr. Hensler asked if the CASC facility would take away from this facility. Mr. Brown said Judge Musick said they would go hand in hand.

Mr. Foster suggested they use the council chambers for the holding facility. There would be a lot more room.

Council agreed to move forward with getting hard numbers for the facility.

**CITY AUDITOR**

Mr. Reed said he got some proposals back for the bonds. He got a very good rate of 3.26%. He currently has some CD's that are paying 3.3%. They will need to put a new revenue in place for the money. It has to be in place before the money can be wired to them.

**CITY ATTORNEY**-No report.

Mr. Queen asked Mr. Kirby to check to see if the way the Chief of Police is chosen can be changed. He would like to have a Review Board established that would be part of the hiring process. Mr. Kirby said he will check into it.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Heath introduced Joel Wood who is with the Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition. They have been working with them for 4 years on the bike path. He said right now the bike path goes to the Appalachian Highway and ends. Mayor Heath said they still have \$70,000 left from the grant they received.

Joel said CT Consultants has most of the plans completed. They are going to lease the land to the city for \$1.00 per year for 99 years. The Ohio Valley Conservation Coalition has \$74,000 to contribute to the project. They are ready to bid this project out. The estimate for the project is \$111,500. Once it is completed, they plan to turn the property over to the city. There is wetland in the area, so there will be some mitigation. They will have to remove the woody vegetation between October and April. They would like to start on the bike path in the Spring. There are about 7 different phases for this bike path and this is just a start.

Mayor Heath said the Apple Festival starts next week. This is Jackson's signature event. It is where most of the civic groups make most of their money for the year. He wanted to thank JAFE for all they do to put this festival on.

Trick or Treat will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. It will be the same as Oak Hill, Wellston, and Coalton.

**SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Mr. Sheward said they have been busy with flooding issues. There have been no major problems.

There will be a ribbon cutting for McCarty Lane, Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. with everyone meeting at the ODOT office.

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Mr. Sheward said they are trying to get a paving project together for the cemetery. They will be using the money they received from the Electric Department to pay for the cost.

There will be another Police Officer retiring soon. They will need to take a look at how they will keep the force going with fewer officers.

Mr. Sheward said there are some new standards that have been put into place this year for the food booths at the Apple Festival.

Mayor Heath said he wanted to remind everyone to be respectful of other people's property when putting up their chairs for the parades.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 52-18**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND: POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

Mr. Sheward said the items are in the negotiated agreement, not part of the salary. Mr. Reed said this needs to be paid by the end of the year.

**ORDINANCE NO. 53-18**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO VALLEY CONSERVATION COALITION FOR PROPERTY TO BE USED AS A BIKE PATH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

Mayor Heath said a first reading is ok tonight.

**ORDINANCE NO. 54-18**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

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

Mr. Sheward said they can't bid the project until they have the money to do it.

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Mr. Kitchen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Ondera. In a roll call vote, all members agreed.

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 to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

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

**Ordinance No. 54-18 duly adopted.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 55-18**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF THE ALLEYS BETWEEN LOTS 16, 17, 25, 26, 27, 58, AND 59 OF THE JAMESTOWN ADDITION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON.**

**First Reading**

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

Mr. Sheward said they have advertised this for 6 weeks. They had one who would not sign the waiver. He has not heard anything from anyone regarding this. Mr. Queen asked if it was going to landlock a citizen's property. Mr. Hensler said he and Mr. Sheward went over and checked it out and the person has plenty of room to get to his property. The access is not impeded.

**CORRESPONDENCE-None**

**OLD BUSINESS-None**

**SIGNED IN VISITORS**

Randy Evans said what he had to say might sound negative. He read the city is going to do \$500,000 in improvements to the city parks. He said his concern is the amount of infrastructure being added when the city is in financial despair. Mr. Evans said Manpower Park has flooding issues. He felt it might be difficult to not make the drainage issues worse when they are putting in the sidewalks and lighting. He wondered if they should be doing this, when the main sidewalks throughout the city can't currently be maintained. Maybe they should be applying for grants to maintain these sidewalks. Mr. Evans asked if they really need another park that floods.

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Mr. Evans had also observed the Beaver Pike side of Hammertown Lake. There was trash everywhere and things going on that shouldn't be. He feels the money should be used on the park side.

Mayor Heath said they have been talking about these projects for months and nobody has said anything. He said they received the grant money for Manpower Park and they weren't going to waste it. He said there should not be anymore maintenance needed, since they already keep it up.

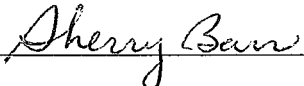
Mr. Brown said he appreciated Mr. Evans comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kitchen asked if there were any updates on the SR 93 project. Mr. Sheward said it may possibly turn into a 2 year project. He has no answers yet, but he will let them know as soon as he does. They still don't know if they will owe more on McCarty Lane.

Mr. Kitchen said the Salt Lick Village will be open all day the Saturday of the Apple Festival with free bean soup. He thinks it will be open from 1-5 p.m. during the week. He said someone donated 1800 period furniture for the cabin.

Mr. Hensler made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

  
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Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Date 9-24-18

  
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Eric Brown, Council President

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