

# JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

*Minutes From*

JULY 8, 2019

7:00 P.M.

## REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in Regular session on Monday, July 8, 2019 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. Aldrich. Prayer was given by Mr. Ondera.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

### VISITORS

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Elliott wanted clarification to the statement made by Mr. Sheward that said "they would have the option of using some of the money from the Electric Dept. if they need to." This was amended to read "they would have the option of using some of the money from the sale of the substation property if they need to".

Mr. Elliott made a motion to amend the minutes from the June 24, 2019 Regular session meeting. Mr. Kitchen seconded it. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Mr. Aldrich made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Mr. Ondera seconded it. In a voice vote all members agreed.

Andrew Esposito from Clemons Nelson was in attendance to discuss contract negotiations.

Mr. Peters made a motion, with a second by Mr. Queen, to go into Executive session with only the voting members, the city attorney, and the council clerks remaining. In a voice vote members did not all agree.

The motion was then taken to a roll call vote.

- Mr. Ondera- no
- Mr. Kitchen-no
- Mr. Aldrich- no
- Mr. Peters – yes
- Mr. Queen- yes
- Mr. Elliott – no
- Mr. Foster- no

Motion Failed

Mr. Elliott made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss Union negotiations with the voting members, the city attorney, the mayor, the auditor, and the council clerks remaining. Mr. Ondera seconded it. In a voice vote, all members did not agree.

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The motion was taken to a roll call vote.

- Mr. Ondera- yes
- Mr. Kitchen- yes
- Mr. Aldrich- yes
- Mr. Peters – no
- Mr. Queen- no
- Mr. Elliott – yes
- Mr. Foster- yes

Motion passed. Council went into Executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Ondera made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kitchen to return to Regular session.

Regular session resumed at 8:17 p.m. with a five minute break.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY**-No report.

**BUDGET & FINANCE**- No report

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

**SERVICE –(STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS & GROUND**

Mr. Foster said there was a Service meeting today, July 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. before the Regular session. The committee met to discuss changing the rates of burial plots at the cemetery. They determined that the rates should increase and will forward the information to the city attorney to draw up a new ordinance. It will come to a vote at the next Regular council meeting on July 22, 2019.

Mr. Foster also stated that he had talked to Lee Hubbard about the Land Bank. Mr. Hubbard said there are two houses on Bridge St., one on Summit, and one on Water St. that should be torn down by November.

Mr. Kitchen asked about the city parking lot up town. He said it needs cleaned up. The weeds are growing through. It also needs sealant.

**JAIL COMMITTEE**- Mr. Ondera stated that the Jail committee met on July 2, 2019 to discuss placement for the increasing number of females. It was decided that Chief Potter would speak with the Clinton County jail in Wilmington and possibly the Southeast Ohio Regional jail.

Chief Potter said that he did speak with a representative from Clinton Co. on July 3, 2019 and they are not accepting any new contracts. He has calls out to other counties. He left a message for the jail administrator in Scioto county and Pickaway Co. As of right now there are not any promising facilities.

Mr. Ondera asked about getting a contract for 1-2 females per month with the Southeast Ohio Regional Jail. We need to try for a guaranteed contract/ bed whether we need it or not.

We are still waiting on funding from Columbus for the CASC. It looks favorable and will help tremendously.

**CITY AUDITOR**- No report.

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**CITY ATTORNEY-** No report

**POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Potter said they are down one police cruiser. One was involved in an accident. No one was seriously injured in the crash. It was the cruiser with 70k miles on it. They have two that are over 100,000, and one with 87,000 miles on it.

Mr. Queen asked if the police cruiser involved in the crash was reparable. Mr. Sheward said it was a total loss and insurance would cover up to the value of the car.

Mr. Ondera asked how many miles are put on the cruisers each year. Chief Potter said around 25,000 miles per year.

Mr. Peters asked if certain cars were used for transport and some that are not. Chief Potter said they already removed the camera from the cruiser involved in the crash, and placed it in a Dodge Charger cruiser. He said the Chargers are the best for transport because they get the best gas mileage.

President Brown asked how the additional fuel tax would affect the city. It will be approximately 12 cents a gallon.

**MAYOR-** Mayor Heath stated there are park projects going on currently. They are working on the parking lot at the Mound St. Park and looking to put in a ball field.

They are starting work on the drainage portion of ManPower Park.

He also stated that the officials from ODOT will be at our next regularly scheduled council meeting on July 22, 2019 to discuss the St. Rt. 93 project.

Businesses on Main St. still want the entrance and exit on to Main St. that they currently have through this project.

Mayor Heath will be having surgery on July 19<sup>th</sup>, but hopes to be able to attend the Regular meeting.

There was a hearing on June 27, 2019 about the property at 165 Broadway St. The hearing lasted 2 ½ hours. Jackson Grandview Builders will start the process of tearing down, by first looking into whether or not it contains asbestos. President Brown stated that we are in position to move ahead with it quickly. It is best to remedy the situation so to not need another hearing. They would like to have it done by the Apple Festival, but won't be able to. However, they did state they would keep it safe.

**SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Mr. Sheward said they have completed the partial paving of the cemetery. They will do more in the future.

They are making progress with the substation. It is moving slowly because a lot of underground work. However, they are on par to be operational by the end of the year.

He said they are working on several projects at once and making progress on all of them.

President Brown asked about the membrane at the sewer plant. Mr. Sheward said it would probably be November. He stated there are some repairs to screens that must be done before the membrane.

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Mr. Queen asked whether the city or the railroad would be paying the \$44,000 for railroad repair materials. Mr. Sheward said the money comes from the railroad and into a fund. Mr. Queen then inquired about ownership. Do we keep ownership or does it go to the state?

Mayor Heath said he goes to Columbus next week to see if Ohio Rail Development Commission will pass the resolution accepting the management and operation of the railroad. Mr. Kirby said if the city conveys it to them, they will hold the city harmless from the \$890,000-\$1.2 million that potentially the city is responsible for grant money if they stopped using it as a railroad. Also, promise to give it back if they stopped using it as a railroad.

There should be an ordinance for this at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF CT CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NORTH HIGH STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Third Reading**

Mr. Peters asked about widening the bridge so pedestrians have a place to cross while traffic is still on the bridge. Mr. Sheward said it wouldn't be widened. Mr. Sheward was asked again about the process of selecting an engineer. Mr. Sheward said we have to follow the process and we can't do a cost analysis to see if someone else is better.

We either approve this engineer for the cost decided or the project doesn't move forward.

Mr. Peters asked about the materials left from the bridge such as the metal trusses. Could those be saved by the city to make a footbridge at a later date, possibly at the Mound St. Park. Mr. Sheward said we could state this in the contract and be allowed to keep what we want. However, the trusses would be very heavy without a place to store them. The underneath parts of the bridge are rusted and wouldn't be salvageable.

Mr. Peters explained that a nonprofit organization had done this in other places in the past.

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

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

**Ordinance No. 22-19 duly adopted.**

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

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

**Resolution 24-19 duly adopted.**

**CORRESPONDENCE-None.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

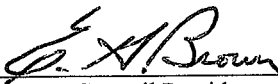
The mayor was questioned about the Huron St. Property. Mayor Heath stated the bank received an offer for the purchase of the property. Therefore, it wouldn't be given to the city.

**NEW BUSINESS-** Mr. Queen stated that National Nights Out is coming up. Usually that land is mowed once a month. He would like for it to be mowed twice a month on that side of town to cut down on insects for the event.

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ondera.

  
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Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 7-22-19

  
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Eric Brown, Council President

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