

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Regular Session

February 11, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Brown

Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Queen

Opening Prayer..... Mr. Ondera

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

Judge Mark Musick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of January 28, 2019 Regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

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REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in Regular session on Monday, January 28, 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. Peters. The Prayer was given by Mr. Ondera.

Roll call was taken as follows:

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

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

VISITORS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Ondera made a motion to amend the minutes and seconded by Mr. Elliott to read as follows:

Approval of Auditor's report was motioned by Mr. Kitchen and seconded by Mr. Ondera.
Under Utility report- The tree was at the corner of South St. and Ohio Ave.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Aldrich. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Brown said he amended the Agenda to include the report of the Chief of Police after the report of the City Attorney.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY-No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE-No report.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC-No report.

Mr. Queen commended the all law enforcement for the great job they did in handling the situation on Sunday.

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

Mr. Foster said the Service committee met at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the leasing of additional property at Salt Lick Village Park. They will need to discuss this further before a decision can be made.

JAIL COMMITTEE-No report.

CITY AUDITOR

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Mr. Reed said the attachment to Resolution 02-19 is now complete and the invoice needs to be paid by the end of the month.

The income tax brought in more than was estimated. In a 5 month period the total was \$641,000. There will be more coming after the first of the year. They are projecting \$700,000 total.

CITY ATTORNEY

Mr. Kirby said there were two consultants that expressed interest in assisting with negotiations of the Union contracts. He said Wellston has used Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff, LLP and have been very pleased. He has no first hand knowledge for Clemans Nelson & Associates.

Mr. Kirby said times for no trespassing signs will be posted in Manpower Park according to State and City laws.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Potter said they have been watching the intersection of Bennett and Oak Streets and it is a very busy intersection. There have been no offenses observed or violations. There have been no crashes there since 2013.

He thanked Mr. Queen for thanking law enforcement who helped Sunday. It is still under investigation.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath also wanted to thank all law enforcement for the great job they did with the situation on Sunday.

Mayor Heath said they held a public meeting last Tuesday to go over the updates to Manpower Park. The park will be closed from 11:00 p.m. -6:00 a.m. Mr. Kirby said they can post signs. He prepared a letter to request more of the grant money to go towards the drainage problem.

Mayor Heath said Lee Hubbard was able to get more money to use for the Land Bank.

Mr. Queen commented on a write-up that was published in the paper. He said it made him look like he is anti-police and he said he is in no way anti-police.

Mr. Peters asked if they found out the deadline for the use of the money for Manpower Park. Mr. Brown said it says it needs to be used by June 30, 2020 unless an extension is requested in writing.

SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward said they are going to dig some test holes in Manpower Park to make sure it is ok to dig. All restrooms at the parks are now locked for the winter to prevent freezing.

The Cemetery report was given out.

They have been working on a project to provide emergency power to the lift stations. If they were to lose power and they would overflow, it would be a big penalty for the city. There was an OPWC grant for this for \$146,710.00 and a \$50,000.00 0% interest loan. It was estimated to cost about \$100,000.00 more than the total of these two.

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Mr. Sheward said he echoed the comments regarding Sunday's emergency situation and thanked all law enforcement who were involved.

Mr. Queen asked if they charge the same amount for a cremation as they do a large one. Mr. Sheward said it is cheaper for a cremation. He feels it is about time to revisit the tax levy for the cemetery.

Mayor Heath said when the interest rates dropped it hurt the Cemetery Fund also. Mr. Reed said the Cemetery is losing money.

Mr. Queen asked if out of town burials are more expensive than in town and the answer was yes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 01-19

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE MCCARTY LANE RE-BUILD PROJECT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

Mr. Reed said they have not received any bills yet, but they will need paid when they come in. \$80,000 will be city money, but the rest is grant money.

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

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

Ordinance No. 01-19 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-19

Mr. Queen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Peters. In a voice vote, all members agreed with the exception of Mr. Aldrich who voted nay.

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Mr. Aldrich feels they need to be searching for the most qualified person for the job and with a salary of \$25,000 he doesn't feel that is what they will get. He feels cutting the rate of pay will hurt the position.

Mr. Queen wants someone who cares about the city and not doing it for the money. He said he has never been or never will be for the raise.

Mr. Peters asked what the shortfall will be for 2020. Mr. Reed said with the loss of people in the Police Dept, that will help the General Fund. The Mayor's salary is funded a little less than 50% from the General Fund. So you would be saving half of the \$25,000. Mr. Reed said he would guess a \$300,000-\$400,000 shortfall for 2020. Mr. Peters said he feels the timing of the raise was bad. He said at what point do they start trying to save some money. He said maybe \$25,000 is too little, but maybe it could be somewhere in between. Mr. Sheward said he needs to look at the ORC, because there are certain things as far as the job that can't be changed.

Mr. Ondera said he has discussed if the job is full time or part time. He said the first time the income tax was done it was for paving of the streets, but it did change after the loss of the transfers from the utilities. He does feel the raise should have been done incrementally, but he doesn't feel it should be taken back to \$25,000.

Mr. Sheward said a dislike for an income tax has been around for a long time. He tried several years ago to impose an income tax solely for infrastructure and he didn't even get a second on the motion. He doesn't feel the raise had any effect on it. Mr. Peters said it has been voted down twice by the citizens.

Mr. Brown said the raise was done in 2015, before they ran into fiscal problems. Mr. Queen said before the raise was given, the Auditor had said they were getting in financial trouble. Mr. Reed said the State has said they are not spending enough money on infrastructure. They have no income for the General Fund. The Memorial Building needs a lot of work.

Mr. Queen asked why the raise was given after the election. He said if they had done it before the election, maybe they would have had more candidates running. Mr. Peters asked how much the total salary and benefits for the Mayor is. Mr. Reed will provide this information for him so it is exact. Mr. Peters suggested they lower the salary and then raise it incrementally. Mr. Brown said they just need to make sure they have it so it doesn't change during a term. Mr. Sheward suggested appointing a committee to discuss this situation. Mr. Reed said he feels Budget & Finance should and any other council can be there too.

Mr. Foster said he feels all of the candidates running will be full time. He suggested making the salary \$38,000.

Mr. Elliott asked how this relates to the filing deadline for the Primary election.

Mr. John Peters said he agreed with Mr. Elliott. Republicans and Democrats would be at a disadvantage to any Independent candidates who would decide to run.

Recess taken from 7:55 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

When the meeting started again, Mr. Brown said Ms. Barr had found the correction regarding who approved the Auditor's report for December 2018. Mr. Elliott made a motion to re-amend the minutes to read "Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the Auditor's report, seconded by Mr. Kitchen". Mr. Ondera seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

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RESOLUTION NO. 02-19

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.

Second Reading

Mr. Elliott 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-absent
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Peters-yes
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-absent
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Peters-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Resolution No. 02-19 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO BRENTAG MID-SOUTH, INC. PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,714.37 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Peters said the Purchase Order is for \$50,000, but the resolution amount is for \$6,714.37. He wanted to know why the amounts are different. Mr. Reed said they use the same Purchase Order each time until the amount is used up. Mr. Reed said the invoice was lost, so they just received it. It does have a late fee on it.

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-absent
Mr. Aldrich-yes

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Mr. Peters-yes
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-absent
Mr. Aldrich-yes
Mr. Peters-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Resolution No. 04-19 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT TO JOHN T. COURTNEY dba COURTNEY & ASSOCIATES PURSUANT TO A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 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. Peters asked if this is a flat fee. Mr. Sheward said they pay a flat fee unless they request other services. Mr. Brown asked if it is \$3,000.00 for the whole year and Mr. Sheward said yes.

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

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

Resolution No. 05-19 duly adopted.

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CORRESPONDENCE-None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Elliott did some research on the sound system problem in the Council Chambers. He said they might want to see if LIVE! Technologies out of Columbus would come look at it. Mr. Reed said his son does this type of work and maybe he could look at it.

Mr. Ondera asked what council's feeling are about how to handle the Union negotiations. Mr. Sheward advised council to make a list of changes they would like to see made. He said if they are unrealistic, the firm may not take it on. Mr. Kirby will see if someone from Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff can come to talk to council at 6:00 p.m. on February 11th prior to the next Regular council meeting.

Mr. Queen asked if anyone has attended a CASC meeting lately. Mr. Ondera said he was invited to one, but did not make the meeting.

Chief Potter said as of December 10, 2018, they will be down 2 officers from the number they had when he was sworn in as a Police Officer.

Mr. Queen asked what Chief Potter thinks about the holding cell situation. Chief Potter doesn't feel it would benefit them financially to take on a jailing business. There are a lot of costs associated with it. He also doesn't think a centralized dispatcher would help, because the dispatcher does more than take phone calls. They help with reports and other things.

SIGNED IN VISITORS

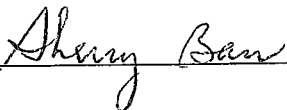
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Aldrich thanked Officer Uribe for her years of service and said she was always great to work with.

Mr. Peters suggested hiring a Code Enforcement Officer. They would oversee licensing and permit fees. They could implement rental permit fees. This way they would know exactly how many rentals are in the city and it would bring in revenue in a fair way. He said it wouldn't take a lot to get it implemented. They could transfer someone out of another department to take care of it. Athens has this and it brings in a substantial amount of money for the city.


Mr. Kirby said the building codes are adopted by the State. They could do rental inspections and adopt a code for that.

Mr. Ondera made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m., seconded by Mr. Queen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.



Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Date 2-11-19



Eric Brown, Council President

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