

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Regular Session

May 28, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Brown

Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Ondera

Opening Prayer..... Mr. Ondera

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from May 13, 2019 Regular session , May 15, 2019, and May 20, 2019 Special sessions.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

"Amended"

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes From
MAY 13, 2019
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REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in Regular session on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Jackson City Council Chambers. President Eric Brown called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Prayer was given by Mr. Brown.

Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Ondera-absent
- Mr. Kitchen-present
- Mr. Aldrich -present
- Mr. Peters-present
- Mr. Queen-absent
- Mr. Elliott-present
- Mr. Foster-present
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Mr. Elliott made a motion to excuse Mr. Queen and Mr. Ondera, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS

Mr. George Davis, representing JAFE, requested the use of streets and sidewalks during the Apple Festival. He also requested the use of Manpower Park on that Saturday. The contract went from a 3 year contract to a 5 year contract. This time they are requesting an extra block. Attached to the minutes is a detailed outline of the streets being requested.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Aldrich made a motion to approve the Auditor's report for March 2019, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes from April 22, 2019, seconded by Mr. Peters. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY

Mayor Heath said they have 2 garbage trucks out of service. One was in an accident and the other one caught on fire.

Roy Hatten said the cause of the fire was due to a battery wire. He said one garbage truck was already budgeted for. He said it could take 30-45 days to get the new truck. If they purchase a second truck, it should be here by June or July. They will be getting \$26,000.00 for the trade-in of the old truck. The price for the new truck was a national bid price. Mr. Hatten will check on the insurance tomorrow.

Mayor Heath said they will need to have Special meetings on Wednesday, May 15th and Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m., so they can get the legislation passed.

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Mr. Elliott said there are a couple of sewer requests to consider. One is for an electric meter at 211 McKitterick Avenue and the other is for a sewer tap at 107 Cambrian Ave. Mr. Riegel said there is sewer available on Cambrian Avenue. He didn't see an issue with either of the requests.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Mr. Elliott said there will be a Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on May 28th at 6:00. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a cemetery replacement levy and street and alley levy. The deadline for these is August 7th. Mayor Heath said they will get additional money from the gas tax.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC-No report.

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

Mr. Foster said they need gravel for the parking lots on High Street.

Mr. Foster asked if there could be crosswalks put it on High Street. Mr. Hatten said it would need to meet certain codes.

Mayor Heath said Ordinance 18-19 will make the fee for Umpires one tier at \$25.00 per game. This should not have any financial effect. They would like to make it retroactive, because the season has already started.

JAIL COMMITTEE-No report.

CITY AUDITOR

Mr. Reed said they are down 6.5 people out of the General Fund. They have had \$300,000.00 additional interest income and \$289,000.00 income tax money to go toward the Police Department. There will be another \$320,000.00 for 2020 to the Police Department. Cemetery Fund loses about \$67,000.00 per year.

The Street & Alley Department will need \$150,000.00-\$190,000.00 out of the General Fund. Still at the end of 2020 the fund will still be in the black. At the end of 2021 it will be \$227,000.00 in the red. The estimated gas tax is \$140,000.00 for Street & Alley.

There is still no money for infrastructure.

CITY ATTORNEY-No report.

Mayor Heath said the building on Broadway Street is proceeding as an unsafe structure. A letter has been sent to the property owner. The owner has 30 days to tear it down or fix it to code.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Potter said the activity has increased with the warm weather. He said they had 315 call records in March, 402 calls in April, and 226 so far in May. He said there has been an increase in drug offenses: 20 in March, 31 in April, and 12 in May.

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He said they had 23 officers at the beginning of 2018 and now they have 18. Three officers were promoted to Sergeant: Officer Masters, Officer Grimes, and Officer Taylor.

They have not hired any new people. Chief Potter thanked Mr. Kirby, the Auditor's office, and the Health Department. He also said they are working well with the county.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath said they will be having a Landbank meeting Tuesday. He said they have bids to tear down the Mound Street and Bridge Street properties.

Resolution No. 18-19 is to work with ODOT on paving a portion of Beaver Pike that is inside the city limits. It will be no cost to the city.

Resolution 21-19 is to run electric to the lift stations.

Joan Waugh spoke regarding a new system for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They are required by Ohio EPA to remove nutrients before it enters the creek. They have to remove phosphorous. They use alum to do this. She did a study to see how much they use. The HACH system monitors the alum. In the first year it should save the city \$78,000. She is thinking probably around \$50,000. The system will cost \$128,000. The cost of alum goes up every year.

Resolution No. 23-19 is for a Small Cities Grant application to re-pave Broadway Street from Water Street to Route 35.

Mayor Heath said the bids for the drainage repair at Manpower Park will be opened May 17th.

Tom Woltz adjusted the traffic lights at Main Street and the Appalachian Highway to help with traffic flow.

The pool opens May 25th. The prices will remain the same.

Ball season has started, so all motorists should take caution when driving around the ballfield areas.

May 10th is the deadline for mowing. Mayor Heath said if anyone sees high grass that needs mowed, please report the address to the Mayor's office.

Mayor Heath said as far as he knows the Landbank is just for residential, but if that changes, they can look at doing the building on Broadway Street.

SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR-absent

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 12-19

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND AMEND ORD. 45-12 TO ESTABLISH A BASE HOURLY RATE FOR THE POSITIONS OF CHIEF AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

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Mr. Elliott made a motion to bring Ordinance No. 12-19 back to the table, seconded by Mr. Foster. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Reed said this does not affect the Assistant Chief at all.

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

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

Ordinance No. 12-19 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-19

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND AMEND ORD. 92-99 TO ESTABLISH THE PERSONNEL IN THE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND REMOVING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF.

Second Reading

Mr. Peters made a motion to amend the ordinance to read "from now until January 1, 2020", seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-19

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE VISITORS CENTER FUND: VISITORS CENTER EXPENSE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 18-19

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REVISING ORDINANCE 18-17 SO AS TO MODIFY THE RATE OF PAY TO \$25.00 PER GAME FOR ALL PERSONS SERVING AS BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL UMPIRES FOR THE JACKSON RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Peters asked if there is a recreation endowment. Mayor Heath said there is one from Brook Jones. It was for \$500,000.00. It is only for Arts type of recreation. He said they try to keep the original amount and just use the interest it earns. They are maybe going to do something with it in October.

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Mayor Heath said Robin Poetker has dealt with the census before. It is important to have an actual count for Federal money.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE O.P.W.C. FOR FUNDING FOR A PROJECT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY POWER TO ALL WASTEWATER LIFT STATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR A GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR VESTS FOR THE JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Chief Potter said the 4 vests would be for the newer people.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SMALL CITIES GRANT PROGRAM TO REPAIR AND RE-PAVE BROADWAY STREET FROM WATER STREET TO ROUTE 35 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Peters said there is not much sense in doing it until Bellisio's is done with their projects. It will just tear it up again. Not sure when the paving will be done.

CORRESPONDENCE-None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brown said maybe they can use Chillicothe's Abatement Board as a guide. It looks like they might only need 6 or 7 on the Board.

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Mr. Peters asked about the status of the property tax situation. Mr. Reed said the taxes have to be paid in full. He has a list for 2018.

Mr. Reed asked if they had received anymore resumes for the Clerk's position. Mr. Brown said it will be advertised in the papers and the resumes will be included in the packets for May 28th meeting.

SIGNED IN VISITORS

John Peters said they need to look at the handicap part on Broadway Street before they do the paving. This is regarding Ordinance 23-19.

Resolution 20-19. It is to get a committee together to get an accurate count. They need to report what is requested on there.

He said the timber on Veteran's Drive that was donated to Hocking College was worth approximately \$4,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr Aldrich said it is Police Memorial week. Blue lights and blue ribbons should be displayed in support of them.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kitchen.

Sherry Barr
Sherry Barr, Council Clerk

Eric Brown
Eric Brown, Council President

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