

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL  
*Minutes From*  
October 28, 2019  
7:00 P.M.  
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 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, and the 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. Ondera made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on September 23, 2019 and the special meeting on October 2, 2019. It was seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote all members agreed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UTILITY-** No Report.

**BUDGET & FINANCE-** No Report; Mr. Elliott said they are waiting on the information from the city.

**POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC-** No Report; Mr. Foster asked about David Ave. again. We discussed in past meetings the need to prohibit parking on one side of the street on David Ave. There isn't room for cars to get by. From Cross Street to Beaver Pike it is very crowded. Mr. Kitchen said he would look into it again.

**SERVICE – (STREET & ALLEY, RECREATION, BUILDINGS, & GROUND)** Mr. Foster reported that the white house on Water St. has been torn down. The white house on Water St. has had some paperwork issues. Hopefully, it will be torn down by the first of the year. There are two houses on Bridge St. that will hopefully be torn down in the next month or so.

There have been some complaints about Broadway St. Several council members said it has been worked on, and is much smoother now.

Mr. Foster asked if they should discuss the cemetery issue with the passed ordinance or call a special meeting. Mr. Sheward said he could be prepared to discuss it at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**JAIL COMMITTEE-** No Report

**CITY AUDITOR-** No Report

**CITY ATTORNEY-** No Report

**POLICE CHIEF—** Mr. Potter said they have been pretty steady. There were 490 calls in September and so far for October, they have 423 calls. There are 32 people in jail. The police are trying to be as prompt and efficient as possible. The jobs are time consuming, requiring a lot of follow-up. He appreciates everyone's patience. Mr. Foster asked how many of the inmates are female. He said at least five.

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**MAYOR:** - Mayor Heath said that he understands everyone's frustration with 165 Broadway St. Mr. Cooper said a good portion of the back has come down. The front was supposed to have begun being worked on last week. Some of the block has been taken down on the side closest to Elizabeth's Flowers. There is nothing in legislation that says it must be torn down by a certain date. We just have to be patient as they work, and hope it is remedied by the end of the year.

The gas station on the corner of Bridge St. and State St. is also in the process of being torn down. There are still tanks underground. When it is all done, the land should be covered with grass and just be an empty lot.

Work on Manpower Park is taking much longer than anticipated. The drainage issue was much worse than thought. They are having to do the project in phases and it has pushed everything back.

The Mound St. Park is being used every evening with the local kids. The senior citizen employees are using the shelter house. They are getting a two-person swing and some Corn Hole games put in.

The new addition to the bike path was being paved today.

Mayor Heath talked with Mayor Leonard from Oak Hill and Mayor Pelletier from Wellston and they decided to not change Trick or Treat. The predicted weather for Thursday is rain. The mayors feel it would be too difficult to change the date and get the word out. We are keeping Trick or Treat on Thursday from 5:30-7:00pm.

**SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR** – Mr. Sheward said he gave all members a newsletter from AMP. They had a conference in Columbus recently. Jackson received an improvement award for the electric department.

Mr. Sheward said that the contractor from the ManPower Park rehab replaced the steps into the gazebo at his own expense because they needed it.

Mr. Peters asked what the 50k for the electric dept. that was in the Board of Control minutes from the Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> meeting was for. Mr. Sheward said this money was for the supplier where we get all of our supplies. These supplies are all the components we need for the electrical system. We must have sufficient parts on hand to fix everything.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ORDINANCE NO: 49-19**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN THE CEMETERY FUND AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**First Reading**

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adopt the ordinance with a second by Mr. Odera. In a voice vote all members agreed.

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Mr. Sheward said we are moving money from an area that we don't need in the cemetery to an area we do need.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to suspend the rules with Mr. Aldrich seconding it. A roll call vote was taken to suspend the rules, and the results are as follows:

Ondera – Yes  
Kitchen – Yes  
Aldrich – Yes  
Peters – Yes  
Queen – Yes  
Elliott – Yes  
Foster – Yes

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the ordinance, and the results are as follows:

Ondera – Yes  
Kitchen – Yes  
Aldrich – Yes  
Peters – Yes  
Queen – Yes  
Elliott – Yes  
Foster – Yes

**Ordinance 49-19 Duly Adopted**

**ORDINANCE NO: 50-19**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE RAILROAD FUND  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**First Reading**

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

All money that has been paid to the city by the railroad operator was paid with the intent that it go back to the operator for improvements and maintenance.

Mr. Ondera made a motion to suspend the rules with Mr. Kitchen seconding it. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

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Peters – Yes  
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Foster – Yes

**Ordinance 50-19 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION NO: 32-19**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO AND RUMPKE OF OHIO, INC., FOR LANDFILL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Third Reading**

Mr. Sheward said there are no funds available for day to day operations. We can get grants for additional recycling bins. But we still have to pay to haul the recycling items to Chillicothe. It will be up to council whether we continue to recycle. This doesn't change the fact that we have a contract with Rumpke to haul away our trash. They are our only option.

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution and the results are as follows:

Ondera – Yes  
Kitchen – Yes  
Aldrich – Yes  
Peters – Yes  
Queen – Yes  
Elliott – Yes  
Foster – Yes

**Resolution 32-19 -Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 36-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO ACCEPT THE BID OF NEW RIVER ELECTRICAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$950,033.35 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CITY'S SUBSTATION PROJECT AS IT WAS THE LOWEST AND BEST RESPONSIVE BID SUBMITTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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There were 2 bids. This was the lowest. This if the final part so we can connect and switch to all substations.

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Peters – Yes  
Queen – Yes  
Elliott – Yes  
Foster – Yes

A roll call vote was taken to adopt the resolution, and the results are as follows:

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Aldrich – Yes  
Peters – Yes  
Queen – Yes  
Elliott – Yes  
Foster – Yes

**Resolution 36-19 Duly Adopted**

**RESOLUTION 38-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON  
AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE SHELBY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND  
SHERIFF TO PROVIDE HOUSING OF JACKSON PRISONERS IN THE SHELBY COUNTY  
JAIL AS NEEDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**First Reading**

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to adopt the resolution with a second by Mr. Aldrich. In a voice vote all members agreed.

This is a new jail contract. We need to keep options open as to where we can take prisoners. This is over two hours away. Chief of police is working to find places for prisoners, but need more options.

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Foster – Yes

**Resolution No. 38-19 Duly Adopted**

**CORRESPONDENCE-** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Peters asked if we are keeping the façade of the building at 165 Broadway St. According to an ordinance in 1995 there are established guidelines for historical structures. And we can't demolish some properties without going through a process. The ordinance says there is a fine for violating the ordinance. Mayor Heath said that ordinance was made to get a grant for revitalization and is not sure it pertains to this building. Mr. Peters suggested we find out for sure.

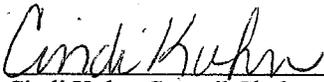
**SIGNED IN VISITORS TO SPEAK – Eric Cash**

Mr. Cash expressed his concern for our police force. He said he recently heard we lost 1/3 of our police department. He believes when we cut our department it invites criminals into the area. Mayor Heath asked Eric to call his office and set up an appointment to discuss these concerns.

**NEW BUSINESS** Mr. Reed said the police chief needs a fund set up for money that is awarded to the police department. The fund they have now has had a zero balance since 1994 and has the word Federal in the title of the fund. He would like an ordinance to remove the word federal or set up a completely new fund without Federal.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 PM.

  
Cindi Kuhn, Council Clerk

Date 11/25/19

  
Eric Brown, Council President

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