

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session
October 24, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

Keith Denney of Elks Lodge-Donation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 26, 2016 Regular Session
October 11, 2016 Special Session

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Utility –Elliott (Chairman), and Foster and Ondera
- Budget & Finance – Hensler (Chairman), Elliott, and Ondera
- Police, Fire, & Traffic – Kitchen (Chairman), Queen, and Jones
- Service – (Street & Alley, Recreation, Buildings & Grounds) Foster
Chairman), Queen, and Hensler
- City Auditor
- Law Director
- Mayor
- Service/Safety Director

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL
Minutes from
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. President Eric Brown called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Jones. The Prayer was given by Mr. Brown.

Roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Ondera-present
- Mr. Kitchen-present
- Mrs. Jones-present
- Mr. Hensler-present
- Mr. Queen-present
- Mr. Elliott-present
- Mr. Foster-present

VISITORS-Nathan Kitts from Rowdy's Smokehouse

Mayor Heath stated Mr. Kitts contacted Kaley Fulks recently and said he had a donation for the Hillcrest Pool. He said it is an AED machine which can be used in case of a medical emergency. Mayor Heath thanked Mr. Kitts for the donation and also Kaley Fulks, Ally Irwin, and Jackie Lowe who were also in attendance for the great job they did at the pool this summer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting on September 12th and the Special meetings on September 13, 2016. Approval was seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY-No report.

Mr. Foster said there seems to still be a problem with furniture being set out for the trash. It is still not being wrapped like it is supposed to be. He asked if there could be something put on the utility bills to let citizens know how to handle this. Mr. Sheward said they are very limited on the space they have on the utility bills. Mr. Sheward stated they will keep working on the problem.

BUDGET & FINANCE-No report.

Mr. Sheward stated they are in the process of working on the budget for next year.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC

Mr. Kitchen stated the committee met at 6:00 p.m. on September 26th to discuss the raises for the Fire Department and also policy changes.

There will be an increase to the Fire Chief and Asst. Fire Chief. The call out amount increased also. The call out amount would increase from \$10/hr. to \$11/hr. The Fire Chief salary will go from \$619/month to \$465 per pay (X 26 pays) and the Assistant Fire Chief will go from \$562/month to \$365 per pay (X 26 pays).

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Policy changes will be as follows:

Anyone living within a 4 mile radius can apply for a firefighter position.
They are required to maintain residency in the service area.
They have 30% attendance record for call outs, training details, and work details.

Mr. Kirby will need to prepare an ordinance for the meeting on October 24th in regards to this information.

Mr. Sheward stated this is a sustainable increase.

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

Mr. Foster stated on the corner of Orange St. and Star St. or somewhere in that vicinity, there was a house with a lot of shrubs grown up. They have cut a lot of it down and it looks much better.

Mr. Queen stated after the Apple Festival, the schools have trouble finding a place to put their floats. Would there be any city buildings or anywhere anyone knows of they could store them. Mr. Sheward stated he couldn't think of anywhere, but he will let him know if he thinks of anything.

CITY AUDITOR-No report.

LAW DIRECTOR-No report.

Mr. Kirby stated they have been working on getting the railroad transferred to the Ohio Rail Commission. They received the appraisal and the survey. Hopefully, there will be an Ordinance in October authorizing the transfer. There was an ordinance a while back to keep the railroad as a going concern for the good of the community and economic development. The grants stated if the railroad was ever sold to a third party, the city would have to pay back \$819,000. Those grants came from ODOT, so they won't have to pay it back. The appraisal stated it has no value as a going concern. If anyone has any questions before the next meeting, please give him a call. Mr. Sheward stated the ordinance will have to be passed at the next meeting in order to meet the November 1st deadline.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath thanked the Jackson Area Festival & Events for the great job they do on the Apple Festival.

Mayor Heath said he had some good questions from citizens at the Apple Festival. The citizens said they need to get more information out about what it will be used for. He brought up a post that Mr. Queen posted on Facebook regarding his opposition to the employee's contract. He stated "raised utilities because they were in financial trouble. Nothing against the employees, but people are struggling." Mayor Heath said when he became Mayor, the utilities were in financial trouble, because after a study was done, it was found they were not charging enough. Now, the rates are at a cost that is fair for everyone and they are doing well. The employee's raises have very little bearing on the utility rates. There are several avenues people can use to get help if they are struggling, such as, Job and Family Services, Jackson Vinton Community Action, and many others.

Mayor Heath said another post Mr. Queen had on Facebook was as follows: "Another sewer rate increase is coming in the form of a 57% increase." Mayor Heath asked Mr. Queen where he got that information from, since no other councilmen knew about it. Mr. Queen said that was from the previous time.

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SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward said the Firefighters Association will be having their bean dinner this weekend.

A while back council was asked to approve legislation for a grant proposal to supply hot spots for internet in different parts of the city. The grant was approved and he will let us know where they will be when he finds out.

Mr. Sheward said the Aaron Fox 1927 fire truck was in the Apple Festival parades. He wanted to thank Randy Spohn for all of his hard work in getting it running again.

Apple Festival clean up went very well again this year. The court system helped with the clean up also. They wanted to thank Judge Musick for making this happen.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 43-16

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES THERETO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

Mr. Queen asked for a copy of the codified ordinances. Mr. Brown stated the one online is the most up to date copy.

In a roll call vote, council voted as follows:

Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 43-16 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 46-16

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES OAPSE/AFSCME LOCAL 4, ALF-CIO AND ITS LOCAL #410, THE BARGAINING UNIT FOR CERTAIN FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, AND TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BARGAINING UNIT AS REQUIRED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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In a roll call vote, council voted as follows:

Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 46-16 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-16

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE RECREATION RESERVE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Third Reading

Mayor Heath stated this just puts the money in place in case they do decide to put a new liner in. This is from the Tree Harvest Fund. They are opening bids on October 4th. There would be a committee meeting held to discuss them and then possibly have a Special Council meeting if they need to. What is not used, will go back to the Tree Harvest Fund.

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

Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 49-16 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 52-16

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GARBAGE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mr. Reed stated this needs to be put in place for the packer truck. This allows them to get the 1.79% interest rate. This will need to be passed tonight in order to get this rate.

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

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Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-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-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

Ordinance No. 52-16 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 17-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A FEDERAL LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT FOR PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS AT MANPOWER PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

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

Mayor Heath said they researched this and it looks like it would help them with the playground equipment at Manpower Park. It is a 50/50 grant, so the city would have to come up with the half of the cost. It could come out of the Tree Harvest Fund. It is due April 1st, so he would appreciate it being passed tonight. Mr. Hensler stated he was at a meeting last week and said there might be more money available to help with the other 50% from other resources.

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

Mr. Ondera-yes
Mr. Kitchen-yes
Mrs. Jones-yes
Mr. Hensler-yes
Mr. Queen-yes
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

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