

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Session
May 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Brown
Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Queen
Opening Prayer..... Mr. Ondera

ROLL CALL

VISITORS

Michael Americo Valdez ,U. S. Census Bureau Representative, to speak about 2020 census.

George Davis representing JAFE to request using the streets for the Apple Festival.

APPROVAL OF AUDITOR'S REPORT

March 2019 report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from April 22, 2019 Regular session.

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

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JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes From

APRIL 22, 2019

7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION

Jackson City Council met in Regular session on Monday, April 22, 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. 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. Ondera made a motion to excuse Mr. Kitchen, seconded by Mr. Aldrich. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS-None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2019, seconded by Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY-No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE-No report.

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

Mr. Foster said they are working on the backstop.

POLICE, FIRE, & TRAFFIC-No report.

JAIL COMMITTEE-No report.

CITY AUDITOR

Mr. Reed said they have started the paperless process. The whole office will be able to track everything online.

Mr. Ondera asked what the process is for RITA's follow-up. Mr. Reed said they have the right to look at all tax returns.

CITY ATTORNEY-No report.

POLICE CHIEF-No report.

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Mr. Sheward said the speed machines on the ramps at 32 & 93 not only track speed, but also count traffic for traffic flow studies.

MAYOR-absent.

SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward said this is the week for Spring cleanup trash pickup.

He said last Thursday they were invited to go to Wal-Mart and hear about the major renovation they will be starting soon. It will be a \$4,000,000.00 project.

Mr. Peters asked about the Electric for PSE Engineering that was listed on the April 17th Board of Control minutes. That is who does the engineering for the electric.

He also asked about the \$20,000.00 for correctional facility. Mr. Sheward said this is for other bills that might be coming in.

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

Mr. Peters asked how others felt about abolishing the Assistant Chief position. Mr. Queen made a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Aldrich. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Ordinance No. 12-19 Tabled

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.

First Reading

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

In regards to the contract, is there a chain of command? Mr. Aldrich said it is the Chief, Assistant Chief, Senior Sgt., etc. Chief Potter said he is hoping to be able to review the policies and procedures to get more knowledge about how things work. They are currently down 3 Sergeants. Chief Potter says he feels the Assistant Chief is a very important position. He feels it is premature to abolish the position. Mr. Sheward said the departments are Unionized. One Union member cannot investigate another Union member. The Assistant Chief has the authority to do the Chief's job if he is not there. Chief Potter said the Assistant Chief can still be out on the road.

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Mr. Elliott said not hiring an Assistant Chief is very political.

Mr. Sheward said if the position is not there, they cannot move someone into it.

There should be 2.4 Officers for every 1,000 citizens. That means Jackson should have 14.4 Officers. Chief Potter said in 2009 they had 15 Officers on the schedule. Currently they have 9 Officers and 1 Sergeant. They have not filled one position yet.

Mr. Peters said he did not see the political point of it.

Mr. Queen asked how much shortfall they will have next year. Mr. Reed said they have gained about \$300,000.00 in interest and \$200,000.00-\$300,000.00 in income tax. Street and Alley and Cemetery will need money next year. They will probably have about a \$400,000.00-\$500,000.00 shortfall next year.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-19

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

First Reading

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

Mr. Peters asked what this is. Mr. Reed said it is Travel and Tourism-Bed Tax. A certain percentage is to be used for tourism. They make application for use. They are able to spend what was collected the prior year.

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-no
Mr. Elliott-yes
Mr. Foster-yes

RESOLUTION NO. 14-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHERN HILLS ARTS COUNCIL, AN OHIO NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION, FOR THE LEASE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MARKAY CULTURAL ARTS CENTER LOCATED ON EAST MAIN STREET AND OWNED BY THE CITY AN DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

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RESOLUTION NO. 15-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO WITH SUEZ, FOR A MEMBRANE TRAIN REPLACEMENT CASSETTE FOR AN AMOUNT NO TO EXCEED \$267,762.00 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. Sheward said this is for the sewer plant operation. It is the main part of the functioning of the plant. It has a 13-14 year lifespan. They are trying to replace one per year. It is a very technical piece of equipment. They negotiated the price down. Mr. Queen asked if they should have included this in the upgrade. Mr. Sheward said they did not need it then.

Mr. Peters asked if it has a warranty. Mr. Sheward said it would have a short warranty.

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
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. 15-19 duly adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Barr said she received a request from the Department of Liquor Control for a change of stockholders for Rowdy's Smokehouse Barbecue, LLC

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

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Mr. Brown said he received one more application for the Council Clerk position. The paper has also been notified to publish it.

Mr. Elliott wanted to say he was not pointing at Mr. Brown when he said the Assistant Chief issue was political.

He would also like to bring back the ordinance regarding the property on Huron Street. They would need 4 people to request it. Mr. Foster, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Ondera, and Mr. Aldrich all said they would like for it to be brought back before council.

Mr. Ondera would like to see the Abatement Board established.

Mr. Ondera said he would like to see a list of delinquent properties to give to the Prosecutor. Mr. Reed said he has a list of the properties for 2018.

Mr. Aldrich said he would like to recognize everyone who helped with the Trout Festival and all who supported it.

SIGNED IN VISITORS

NEW BUSINESS

Taxes have been put on Steve Boggs property for the city mowing his grass. He has someone who mows it. Mr. Sheward said they will check on this.

Tim Matchett asked what the mowing dates are. They are 1st-10th of May, June, August, and September.

Mr. Aldrich made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ondera. In a voice vote, all members agreed.



Sherry Barr, Council Clerk



Eric Brown, Council President

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