MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
January 16, 2019
6:00 PM

Members Present: Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilwoman Kari Storey, Councilman Michael Davidson, Councilman Mark Hackman, Councilman Dave Hall, Councilman John Nolting, Councilwoman Ann Cain
Members Absent: None – All Present

The Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Councilman Brian Thompson called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00PM.
Sheriff Meyer performed the swearing in of the Council.
Councilman Michael Davidson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 regular meeting. Councilman Dave Hall seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:
Councilman Hall provided an update on the Jackson County EMS runs for 2018, stating that the Overdose runs almost doubled from the prior year.

Election of Officers for 2019
Councilman Thompson then opened Nominations for the Office of Council President.
Councilman Mark Hackman made a motion to appoint Councilman Dave Hall as President. Councilman John Nolting seconded.
Motion to close nominations for Council President was made by Councilman Michael Davidson, seconded by Councilwoman Kari Storey and approved with seven (7) yes votes. Vote for Dave Hall as President, Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Hall then opened up Nominations for the Office of Council Vice President. Councilman Davidson made a motion to appoint Councilman Brian Thompson as Vice President. Councilman Hackman seconded. Motion to close nominations for Council President was made by Councilman Nolting, seconded by Councilman Thompson and approved with seven (7) yes votes. Vote for Brian Thompson as Vice President, Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

New Business

Jim Plump, along with JR Cummings and Jessi Wheeler for 2JWC Holdings LLC, appeared before Council to ask for the approval of a 10 year Real Property abatement for Brownstown Quality Tool. This abatement is for the renovation of the current structure and to add on to the current structure. Councilman Hall then read Resolution #1, Council Bill #1 by Title Only-A Resolution approving a Tax Abatement for 2JWC Holdings LLC. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 10 year abatement. Councilman Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.
Jim Plump, along with Mark McKinney - General Manager of Jackson County REMC, appeared before Council to ask for the approval of a 10 Real Property Abatement. The abatement is for the renovation of the current office and add 6,000 square feet of office space for the new fiber division - Jackson County Connect. Councilman Hall then read Resolution #2, Council Bill #2 by Title Only - A Resolution approving a Tax Abatement for Jackson County REMC. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 10 year abatement. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, Councilman Hall abstained, motion carried.

Jim Plump, along with Marshall and Drew Royalty with Royalty Investments LLC, appeared before Council to ask for the approval of 2 Abatements. 1 Real Property and 1 Personal Property. These abatements are a result of a fire that occurred at Crane Hill Machine. The real property abatement is for a 36,000 square foot building. The personal property abatement is an investment in the machinery. Councilman Hall then read Resolution #3, Council Bill #3 for the Real Property Tax abatement. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 10 year Real Property Tax abatement. Councilwoman Kari Storey seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Hall then read Resolution #5, Council Bill #4 by title only. Councilman Thompson made the motion to approve the 10 year Personal Property abatement. Councilman Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette then appeared before Council with the following:
- The 2019 budget only was approved with $1,000 in legal services for his department. However, an additional will be needed due to lawsuit work. Council asked Barnette to come back when he has a more specific amount needed.
- Cell Phone Reimbursement – During the building process of the Judicial Center, Barnette cell phone was being paid from Rainy Day. After discussion, Council recommended paying this from Plan Commission account 32410.

Chief Public Defender Alan Marshall came before Council to discuss the following:
- Councilman Thompson, Councilman Hall and Alan Marshall met with the Public Defender Commission to discuss options for the number of cases in Superior Ct II. After the options were discussed, Councilman Thompson made a motion for an additional $16,000 in the Supplemental Public Defenders fund to hire Pete Walker to handle some of the cases. Councilman Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.
- Councilman Nolting followed with a motion for an additional appropriation to the general fund for $3,027 to be added to the Chief Public Defenders salary for 2019. Councilman Hall seconded. Seven (7) yes vote, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented the 2018 100R for Council review.

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amount, approximately $70,000 will go back to the State. Councilman Thompson made a motion that the remainder should go back to the Rainy Day Fund. Councilwoman Storey seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Council:
- Started a Highway Facebook page today
- Working with Conner Barnette and Commissioner Markel for the posting of the GPS tracking onto Facebook.
- The Community Crossings Grant applications are done. If approved, the County would need to match up to $333,333.33. Councilman Nolting made a motion that this match would come from Fund 1186, the Rainy Day fund. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Carothers presented Council with the December 2018 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report. Sheriff Carothers also presented Councilman with the July 1 – Dec 31, 2018 Commissary Report. The beginning balance in Commissary on July 1, 2018 was $237,677.53, ending with a balance on December 31, 2018 of $38,137.09. Sheriff Carothers also presented the annual meal expenditure report for 2018.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then presented the 2019 Salary Ordinance for approval. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve with the change in Public Defender Salary from earlier in this meeting. Councilman Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Davidson made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Storey to the Extension Board. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to appoint Councilman Hackman to the Emergency Management Council. Councilman Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Davidson then asked for Council permission to write a letter of support for the Jackson County History Center Grant, which would replace windows. The Grant would require not money from the county. Council allowed Davidson the discretion of writing this letter.

Councilman Thompson then asked about the possible new GO Bond. Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that she has not received any initial paperwork to start this bond. The funds that remain in the 2016-2018 GO Bond have moved to 2019. Auditor Hohenstreiter asked to move $25,000 left in Veteran’s office vehicle purchase to other services and charges. Councilwoman Storey made a motion to approve. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson then asked if there was a registration deadline for the 2 day Opioid Training in February.
Councilman Thompson made a motion to move the October 16th Council meeting to October 9th. Councilman Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to begin holding the Council meetings in the previous Circuit Court room. Councilwoman Cain seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then asked to purchase two (2) scanners for the Auditor’s office from remaining GO Bond funds. Councilwoman Storey made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed $1,000. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 6:00PM.

Signed this 20th day of February, 2019.

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Michael Davidson  David Hall

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Mark Hackman  John Nolting

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