

Jackson City Council
Minutes
Regular Meeting of September 10, 2012

Patrick Crew, Mayor
Connie Gonsalves, Vice-Mayor
Wayne Garibaldi
Marilyn Lewis
Keith Sweet

Michael Daly, City Manager
Scott Morrison, Police Chief
Marc Crain, Fire Chief
Gisele Cangelosi, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Crew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Crew called for a moment of silence in honor of Ernie Cain.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Moved by Councilmember Lewis, and seconded by Vice-Mayor Gonsalves, and unanimously carried to approve the City Council Agenda dated September 10, 2012 as presented.

2. PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Ceala White, Bright Ave, was present to express the following concern: there has been a lot of crime in Jackson the last few weeks, several street lights out and no police presence in her neighborhood. Police Chief Morrison concurred there has been a lot of crime in Jackson and the department is working on the situation. He state the Police Department has an open door policy and requested she come to the station to further discuss this situation. City Manager Daly stated could call in the streetlight outages either to PG&E or City Hall.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR.

- a. Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2012.
- b. Approval of Expenditure Report for September in the amount of \$ 71,456.27.
- c. Approval of Salary related items for August in the amount of \$278,859.09.
- d. Accept July 2012 Treasurer's Report and Sales Tax Report.
- e. Receive Jackson Police Department Monthly Report for August 2012.
- f. Receive Jackson Fire Department Monthly Report for August 2012.
- g. Receive Building Department Monthly Report for August 2012.
- h. Approve Special Event Request – F.A.C.T. Jackson Mid-Town 5K/Run/Walk & 10K on Sunday, October 7, 2012.

Moved by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Vice-Mayor Gonzales, and unanimously carried to approve except for.

Councilmember Sweet abstained on the approval of Check 236471 in the amount of \$570.79.

Mayor Crew abstained on the approval of Check 236459 in the amount of \$1,239.24.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Fire Chief Crain also reported on the following:

1. The Department responded to 132 calls last month, 95 medical calls, 19 public assists, 9 fire related, 1 hazardous materials, 8 traffic accidents and 27 of the calls or 20 percent were outside of the city limits for automatic aid to the AFPD. Percentages of ems calls are up and the trend
2. Preparing for October Fire Prevention School – more information to come.
3. Preparing for the recruiting drive for volunteers – working on drafting qualifications first.

Police Chief Morrison reported on the following:

1. The Department responded to 635 calls for service for the month of August.
2. An arrest was made with regards to the parolees camping out at the Kennedy Dam area.

City Manager Daly reported on the following:

1. Jackson Revitalization Committee meeting will be held Thursday, September 13.
2. Court Street Improvement Project will start construction on September 24.
3. Kennedy Tailing Wheels Preservation Project bid opening is October 17.
4. Award of Bid – Vista Point Improvement Project Vista Point Improvement Project will be presented at the next meeting.
5. Spoke with General Manager Mancebo regarding the letter submitted concerning potential impact on City of Jackson Water Rates from AWA Proposed Water Rate Increase.
6. E-Billing for Water and Sewer billing is now available – more information is provided on the City's website.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS.

Councilmember Garibaldi attended the Annual Big Wheel Race in Amador City September 8.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

For the record: Action minutes provide the necessary documentation of City Council actions and audio recordings are retained for those desiring more detail on particular agenda item discussion. These audio recordings provide an accurate and comprehensive backup of City council deliberations and citizen discussion.

6. Downtown Parking Policies.

City Manager Daly reported the purpose of this agenda item is to begin the discussion process for determining how parking in the downtown area should be managed. On the Friday before Memorial Day, 2008, the City implemented a pilot program to encourage additional visitors in downtown Jackson- covering the parking meters on Main Street. After the trial period of three months until Labor Day, the program was extended through Serbian Christmas. The meters have remained covered due to the economic difficulties facing the region and popularity of the program with merchants.

There are 52 parking meters on Main Street covered by this program. Parking spaces in City parking lots are not included in this program. The estimated revenue loss from the covered meters is approximately \$35,000 per year. During the last complete fiscal year of operation (FY 06/07), the meters brought in a total of \$46,445 in coin, with another \$19,078 in parking citations. In FY 07/08, when the meters were covered at the end of the fiscal year on the Friday before Memorial Day, the meter revenue was \$41,285 and fines totaled \$14,987. In FY 10/11, the totals were \$15,991 (meters in parking lots) and \$4,797 in fines.

Aimed at minimizing merchant parking on Main Street, the City offers a program to allow the merchants to purchase a parking permit to park in off-street parking lots. Permit holders do not have to "feed the meter" and are not subject to time limits. The cost of the parking permits are \$20 per month in either the North Main Street parking lot or Summit/California Street parking areas, or \$35 per month in the garage under the Civic Center. For this current calendar quarter, seven permits were purchased for the \$20 lots, and 14 permits were purchased for the Civic Center garage. 7 in other lots.

This year's parking fund is projected to require a subsidy of \$32,787 from the General Fund in order to provide the maintenance and operational funding required to sustain its expenditures (totaling \$61,537). The expenditures from this fund are for maintenance and operation of parking facilities, including Public Works crew time spent on additional street sweeping and maintenance of the downtown area, as well as the lighting for parking facilities, and for downtown parking enforcement. The parking enforcement costs are approximately \$11,000.

The Jackson Revitalization Committee has briefly discussed options for parking over the past few years, but determined that this item was more appropriately discussed at the Council level. One idea floated at the Jackson Revitalization Committee was to design a program to allow merchants to "adopt a meter" to offset some of the lost revenue.

Moving forward, there are generally three primary options. These include 1) completely removing the meters and poles, 2) keeping the meters in place with covers, but obtain sponsors for each meter cover to help offset the lost revenue, and 3) remove the covers and re-activate the parking meters.

It is recommended that the Council open this item for discussion, then either direct staff to provide recommendations based on the discussion or set up a workshop with the downtown merchants to provide another opportunity to participate in this conversation.

Mayor Crew opened the public discussion. The following individual spoke regarding the Downtown Parking Policies: Jack Georgette and Thornton Consolo. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Crew closed the public discussion.

Mayor Crew inquired if Measure E Transient Occupancy Tax funds could be used to offset some of the lost revenue.

After considerable discussion among the City Council and staff, staff was directed to research whether the City's Measure E Transient Occupancy Tax funds could be subsidized to covered meters and to place an item on the agenda to consider forming a committee to develop recommended policies for managing the downtown parking spaces after the holiday free parking period.

7. Ordinance to Prohibit Dogs on Aime Field at Detert Park.

City Manager Daly reported the baseball field at Detert Park, dedicated as Aime Field, is undergoing a complete renovation. A new soil base and turf will be installed in the near future and although the field was previously posted to not allow dogs on the field, the City's current ordinance does not specifically prevent such use at this facility. In order to protect the grass on this field from burns caused by dog urine (and other litter from dog feces), language is proposed to tighten the City's Municipal Code to specifically prevent dog owners from using this area for a dog run. The City is looking into development of a formal "dog park" at Kennedy Tailing Wheels Park, and this type of facility may

also be incorporated into the future uses of the Oro De Amador Park when it is developed for recreation use.

Mayor Crew opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Crew closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice-Mayor Gonsalves, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, and unanimously carried to approve first reading of the Ordinance 673 by title only, Prohibiting Dogs on Aime Field at Detert Park.

8. CLOSED SESSION – This item was cancelled

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9).

Name of case: Orescan v. City of Jackson, 12-CV-7862.

Adjourn 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



Gisele L. Cangelosi, City Clerk

Date Approved: September 24, 2012