

Jackson, Minnesota
July 2, 2019

The Jackson City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2019 with the meeting called to order by Mayor Wayne Walter. On the roll call, the following persons were present: Mayor Wayne Walter, Aldermen Matt Madden, Larry Anderson, Jeffrey Gay and Dave Cushman, City Administrator Matt Skaret, City Attorney Brad Anderson, Community and Business Development Specialist Thomas Nelson of Community and Economic Development Associates, Jackson County Sheriff Shawn Haken, Street Superintendent Phil Markman, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Tony Oxborough, Chelsea Honnette of the Splash Pad Committee, Luke Ewald of Des Moines Valley Public Health and Human Services, Jackson Fire Department First Assistant Chief Dave Bond, City Clerk/Council Secretary Dave Maschoff, Justin Lessman of the Jackson County Pilot and Dave Schmidt of KKOJ/KUXX Radio. (Aldermen Brandon Finck and Donnie Schoenrock were absent.) (A quorum of the City Council was present.)

SHERIFF SHAWN HAKEN – PRESENTATION ABOUT THE JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Shawn Haken gave the Mayor, City Council and all those attending an informational presentation about the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department.

Sheriff Haken said he gives an orientation about the Sheriff’s Department to new County Commission members. He said he spoke with City Administrator Matt Skaret about providing an orientation program for the Jackson City Council as well.

During his presentation, Sheriff Haken explained how the Sheriff’s Department is structured with their deputies and staff. He said the Sheriff’s Department has a total staff of 38.

Sheriff’s Haken outlined the law enforcement coverage that’s provided to the City of Jackson through the agreement between the City and Sheriff’s Department.

Sheriff Haken said the Sheriff's Department has a new computer software program. He said the new program has been beneficial in providing information on the number and types of calls for service that have occurred each month within the City limits of Jackson. Haken mentioned that monthly statistical information is provided to the City Council each month.

Sheriff Haken also explained the work of the H.E.A.T. Team which involves law enforcement agencies from around the area that are called upon in certain situations. He said nine Police Departments from Southwest Minnesota, seven Sheriff's Offices from Southern Minnesota, seven Police Departments from Iowa and two Sheriff's Offices from Iowa are members of the H.E.A.T. Team. He said the H.E.A.T. Team is made up of 25 law enforcement officers that cover an area of 5,000 square miles with a population of 122,000. Haken said the H.E.A.T. Team is funded through dues paid by the counties and cities served by the team.

Sheriff Haken said in addition to the Sheriff Department's full time staff, the Sheriff's Reserve is a group of volunteers that's also available to help when there is a need.

Sheriff Haken said the Sheriff's Department also provides presentations to elementary, middle and high school students in Jackson County. He said the Sheriff's Department also provides patrols before and after school during the schoolyear.

Sheriff's Haken said the Sheriff's Department also works with the Chamber of Commerce and a number of community organizations.

As far as public safety issues, Sheriff Haken said illegal drugs and scams are the two issues the Sheriff's Department deals with. He said meth and the abuse of prescription drugs are the biggest drug issues they deal with. Haken said drug abuse problems also causes child protection issues along with other crimes that are byproducts of illegal drugs. He said mental health issues are also something the Sheriff's Department deals with. Regarding scams, Haken said the Sheriff's Department receives calls about scams every day.

Sheriff Haken also talked about trends he's seen at the jail. He explained a urine sample is taken for medical reasons when someone is booked into the jail for alcohol or drugs in case the person has a medical issue. Haken explained if the person has to be rushed to the Emergency Room the deputy can tell the doctor that their issue may be linked to a certain drug because it showed up in the urine sample.

Haken when he started in law enforcement 20 or 25 years ago people booked into the jail was sometimes due to drinking too much alcohol. Haken said about ten years ago that switched completely over to all drugs. He said 80 percent of the people who came into the Jackson County jail in 2018 tested positive for some sort of drug. Haken said meth by far is the most common drug that people test positive for. He said people testing positive for meth and marijuana are a close second. Haken said marijuana is the third most common followed by opioids.

Haken said there are a lot of ordinance issues to also talk to the City Council about. He said he would like to meet with the Council at another time to discuss some of the issues the Sheriff's Department runs into regarding parking during snowstorms or in the summer.

Sheriff Haken said the Sheriff's Department is also looking to get better. He said in his opinion if they're not looking to get better as a Sheriff's Office, they're not doing it right. Haken invited the Mayor and City Council to let the Sheriff's Department know if they have questions, concerns or ideas.

Mayor Walter said he's very glad that the City partnered with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services. He said he was involved in the discussions when the City made the decision to contract with the Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement services for the City.

Sheriff Haken said the partnership was financially beneficial along with other advantages for the City and the County.

Mayor Walter thanked Sheriff Haken for his presentation and invited him to come back sometime and talk about ordinances.

City Council members also thanked Sheriff Haken for his informational presentation.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Walter called the July 2, 2019 regular meeting of the Jackson City Council to order. He said the roll call showed Aldermen Donnie Schoenrock and Brandon Finck was absent.

There were no Public Hearings, no Bid Lettings and no Open Forum.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Walter asked for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda.

ANDERSON/GAY moved and it was unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

There were no unscheduled guests who attended the meeting.

CHELSEA HONNETTE WITH AN UPDATE ON THE APPROVED LOCATION FOR THE SPLASH PAD

Honnette explained she had met with the Jackson County Central Schoolboard and was able to seek approval to locate the splash pad at location "C" near the softball fields at the high school. Honnette pointed out the location on the maps she distributed to the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Honnette said as the different options of A, B and C were reviewed; they came to the conclusion that location "C" was the best spot for the splash pad based on the location of utilities and a restroom that's already located at that spot. She said the location will work out very nicely for the splash pad.

Honnette said the Splash Pad Committee had met with City staff and made sure all of that was exactly what they were looking for.

Honnette explained she wanted to inform the Mayor and City Council that the Splash Pad Committee has a location chosen for the splash pad. She said the Committee is actively moving on ordering the components for the splash pad. Honnette said it appears construction will be taking place this fall.

Honnette said the Splash Committee will work with the City Council's representative Alderman Donnie Schoenrock and the Schoolboard's Facilities Committee to work through the maintenance contract that needs to be done. She said both parties agreed in good faith to negotiate and move forward with finding a location but now the next steps are to work through those finite details. Honnette said the Splash Pad Committee will meet with Alderman Schoenrock and the members of the Schoolboard Facilities Committee. Honnette said she will schedule a meeting with both parties as they continue to make progress on the project.

Skaret asked to be notified when the meeting will be held to discuss the maintenance agreement.

Honnette said she would let Skaret know when the meeting will be held.

Honnette asked if anyone had any questions.

Skaret asked how the Splash Pad Committee's fundraising efforts are going. He asked if the Committee had the funds they needed for the project.

Honnette said the Splash Pad Committee is in very good shape regarding their fundraising. She explained the Committee will do one final fundraising push for the items they would like to have at the splash pad. Honnette said the Splash Pad Committee is in very good shape with their fundraising due to a lot of generosity within the community and through the grants that have been gifted to the project.

Mayor Walter thanked Honnette and the Splash Pad Committee members for all the hard work they have done on the splash pad project.

Honnette thanked Mayor Walter and the City Council. She said the opening of the new splash will be so exciting.

EDA HOUSING STUDY/COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Community and Business Development Specialist Thomas Nelson reported the 2019 Housing Update has been completed. He said the report is 114 pages in length.

Nelson said the study was conducted by Community Partners Research Incorporated. He said the last time the study was updated was in 2013 by the same company. Nelson explained Community Partners Research Incorporated has conducted previous studies before in Jackson so they had a working knowledge of the community. He noted Community Partners Research, specifically Steve who did Jackson's research has done around 500 studies in his lifetime with a number of communities. Nelson said Steve has a lot of knowledge about the community, different types of programs that are available and has a lot of different comparisons that were good not only in the study, but also in the dialogue.

Specifically in methodology for the study, Nelson said information was used from the U.S. Census Bureau, State Demographer, private data company ESRI, records from the City of Jackson, multiple different interviews done with City staff, EDA, HRA and other community leaders as well with people familiar with housing conditions such as bankers, realtors and property managers. He said previous housing studies were also used in the current study as well.

Nelson said one of the limitations he wanted to point out early on before explaining the demographics is that the census information is fairly old but the study was able utilize other sources for that data such as the State Demographer and the like.

Regarding demographics, Nelson pointed out ESRI and U.S. Census showed the population in Jackson decreased slightly from 2010 to 2017. That being said, Nelson noted the State Demographer showed the City of Jackson had an increase in population during the last couple of years. With that information, Nelson said the study concluded the population in Jackson has stabilized. He said Jackson has been fairly stable for our current population growth.

Nelson said while the population has been stabilized, the number of households in the community have increased slightly. He explained in general you do see trends throughout the entire country showing fewer children per household in population statistics so generally you're seeing some of the number of households continue to decline. Nelson said the largest areas where there growth was seen was in the baby boomer generation and also people in their 30's which essentially are the children of the baby boomer generation.

Looking at the statistics regarding renting housing verses owning housing in the community, Nelson said there are 33.7 percent who rent compared to 66.3 percent that own. He said obviously ownership being the more desirable of the two which is good to see.

Nelson said the study showed a decrease as far as income goes. He said over all, the income has increased over the last ten years in the community.

As far as families go, Nelson said Jackson is on par for households in general with Jackson County which increased about 17 percent. He noted when you look at family households, that was not quite on par with the County.

Nelson said family unit incomes increased slightly less at a lower rate than the single person households or any of the households as a whole. He said ultimately the study shows those incomes are increasing. Nelson said the study showed a decrease in the number of people in Jackson in the lowest income brackets. He said obviously that's something the City wants to see people continue to move up into the higher income brackets in the community. Nelson pointed out generally 30 percent of income or less is considered acceptable for expenses being utilized for housing. He said we have in the community 36.4 percent of households who are at 30 percent or above for the amount they are spending on their housing. Nelson said that's comparable to other counties. He said that's not bad, but it's still something that they would like to see continue to decrease. Nelson said as that number gets better; people will have the ability to spend more on other areas as well.

Switching over to home sales, Nelson reported 2018 sales came back up after the past couple of years. He noted there was a peak in home sales in 2014 with 51 sales. Nelson said there were 38 home sales in 2015, 41 sales in 2016, 34 sales in 2017 and back up to 37 sales in 2018. He noted the study showed the median household sale, excluding any foreclosures or any transfers between family members, was at \$98,600. Nelson said the lowest price was \$36,000 and the highest price was at \$275,000. He said important things to know with that is it really has to do with the ability to have new housing being built in the community. Nelson explained if you have a community where there are no sales above that \$200,000 mark; it's going to be really hard to see new houses being built in that community just because immediately once you build, the house is going to be worth so much lower. Nelson said the \$100,000 mark is a good level, but the bigger thing is that it's not up there where you're seeing a boomtown such as a lot of the metropolitan areas where you see all those houses that are going to be sold are going to be in the high bracket and more homes will be built.

Nelson noted in 2018, twelve of the 37 houses sold in Jackson were over \$175,000 in sale price. He said that is in a bracket that would be acceptable for building new. Nelson said there are opportunities there and definitely some good things to see for housing being built. He said building permits have averaged two per year.

Regarding rental occupancy, Nelson noted for market rate housing, 21 units out of 203 were vacant in Jackson. However, he pointed out 12 out of 18 were full with 14 out of 21 vacancies being in a single property. Nelson said the vacancy rate for tax credit rentals was at 9.5 percent. He noted that percentage rate has since gone down since the statistics were gathered. Nelson said the 168 subsidized rental units in Jackson were all full with a waiting list. He noted the occupancy rate for the Jackson Pines was 75 percent and the occupancy rate at the Good Samaritan Center was 86 percent.

Nelson said the housing study applauded the City for a community with a lot of proactive creative programs at the City level to develop housing within the community.

Nelson explained the housing study's recommendations for additional rental and single family housing during the next four to five years. He said the EDA will be reviewing the recommendations. Nelson said the information from the study will also assist the Economic Development Office in working with developers to promote opportunities in the future.

Nelson said the full Housing Study report is available on the City of Jackson's website under the Economic Development tab.

Mayor Walter said Nelson did a very good job and thanked him for his report.

BIKE SHARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION – LUKE EWALD

Ewald said he wanted to give the Mayor and City Council a summary of where the Trails Committee was at with the Bike Share Program and make a request.

Ewald reported the Bike Share Program started in 2017 as a collaborative effort between the Cities of Mountain Lake and Jackson. He said the cost for the program was split between the two communities through the use of donations, grants and funding assistance from public health and partnering with local health agencies.

Ewald said the cost was \$11,000 for eight bikes which were split between Jackson and Mountain Lake. He said the Bike Share Program is to create a more bike friendly community for both communities. Ewald said that's something the Jackson County Trails Committee has been doing for the past 20 years to make the community a more walkable and bike able community. He explained this would be a public system rather than private system.

Ewald explained the bicycles can be checked out using your cellphone with a blue tooth app. He said a debit or credit card will be needed to rent the bikes. Ewald said the use of the bikes can be free but if a bike would become missing, there would be information available through the debit or credit card of who used the bike so it could be returned. Ewald noted the bike racks are operated by solar power and the cellphone is used to unlock the bicycle from the rack. Ewald said the technology helps to keep track of the bikes. To return the bike, Ewald said you simply push the bike into the bike rack bracket.

Ewald said there are two bikes located at the Jackson Motorplex and two bikes will be stationed at the library once the bike rack is installed. He said it's up to the City to decide what they want to charge as a per hour rental fee.

Ewald said marketing to inform people about the Bike Share Program has started through a \$500 mini-grant the Trails Committee received. He said he's also been working with the local radio station and newspaper to inform citizens about the bikes.

Ewald said a maintenance log of the bikes will be kept. He said it's hoped the bikes can be located at Memorial Park when that's completed. Ewald said the bikes will be kept in storage during the winter at the City/County Maintenance Facility.

Ewald noted the bikes are meant for adults and not for children. He said those using the bikes have to be 18 years of age or older. Ewald said those using the bikes need to return the bikes back to the bike rack where they were taken.

From a liability standpoint in case someone would get injured, Ewald said the Trails Committee would like to donate the bikes to the City. He noted there is a liability waiver that bike users need to sign through the cell phone app before they use the bike. Ewald said the liability waiver can be changed to meet the needs of the City. He said the City could be the administrator of the bikes.

Ewald said there have been some concerns about liability. He pointed out that the Bike Share Program is being used in other communities and those communities don't seem to have insurance on the bikes and claim they haven't had any issues.

Ewald said the Trails Committee was asking if the City would take the Bike Share Program bikes as a donation to the City.

Skaret said the bikes would be a donation and the City would be responsible for operating, maintaining, fixing and eventually replacing them. He said it would be the City's responsibility and that's where the rental fees would come in.

Ewald pointed out the bikes are very durable and there's minimal maintenance needed. He said communities that have them report minimum maintenance other than checking the bikes once a year. Ewald noted the bike racks are solar powered and if there's a problem with the rack, the City will receive an email that there's a malfunction. Ewald said the software is very easy to use for the administrator of the Bike Share Program. He said if the bikes are popular, the Trails Committee can also work on seeking additional bikes.

Alderman Anderson asked what Mountain Lake is doing with their Bike Share Program.

Ewald said Mountain Lake is still setting up their program and working out the details. He said they plan to operate their Bike Share Program through the City.

Cushman asked what happens if the City owns the bikes and someone signs the waiver and uses one of the bikes and has an accident on the trail and injures themselves or property.

Skaret said if the City owns the bikes they would be insured under the City's insurance policy. He said the claim would be filed under the City's insurance policy.

Cushman asked what does that do to the City from a risk management cost. He asked if the City's insurance premium will go up.

Skaret said the increase in the insurance premium would be very negligible. He said it would be similar to someone getting injured on a piece of playground equipment which would be covered by the City's liability policy.

Cushman asked about the life expectancy of the bikes.

Ewald noted Sam Espey thinks the bikes will run for a while because of the way they're built. Ewald said there would be normal maintenance for bike chains and tires.

Attorney Anderson asked if the Trails Committee wants to donate the bikes to the City or the City donate the bikes, for example, to an LLC who would assume responsibility and liability for the use of the bikes.

Ewald explained the Trails Committee purchased the bikes and they were looking at giving the bikes to the City as a donation.

Attorney Anderson asked about what if the Trails Committee kept the bikes and what if there was some unfortunate accident and somebody sued.

Ewald said the Trails Committee would then look to purchase their own insurance. He said there are a few companies that offer insurance coverage for these types of bicycles that they could insure with. Ewald said he hasn't talked to any of those companies yet about how much that would cost per year. He said there are a few places in the Twin Cities that offer bike share system insurance for the year.

Alderman Anderson asked if there's some Bike Share Programs that don't have insurance.

Ewald said that's what he's been told.

Attorney Anderson asked if any of the Bike Share Programs do something where the ownership of the bikes is in a company that has no assets so they have nothing to lose.

Ewald said that was a good question.

Attorney Anderson said the Bike Share Program might get a donation from the City to help support the operations but the actual ownership and potential risk exposure is still with a company that owns the bikes and has no pockets.

Ewald said he saw Attorney Anderson's point.

Alderman Anderson asked Ewald if he's researched what insurance would cost.

Ewald said he has not. He said he wanted to bring the proposal of donating the bikes to the City first and the second step would be looking at obtaining insurance if this proposal did not work out.

Attorney Anderson asked Ewald how many of these types of Bike Share Programs are there in Minnesota.

Ewald said he thinks there's quite a few in the Twin Cities. He said similar programs are also in Sleepy Eye, Willmar and Rochester.

Cushman asked who on the City staff would be responsible for the Bike Share Program if the City would administer it.

Skaret said it would be himself and maybe one of the other people in the office. He explained the Bike Share Program payments would be linked up to the City's bank accounts so the rental fees would go into the City's bank accounts.

Ewald noted the City can set whatever amount for the rental fees they would like.

Madden asked who would be responsible for making sure the bikes are well maintained and getting them fixed when needed. He asked is there someone who is an expert that can even tell when there is something that needs to be fixed.

Skaret said the bike rental fees the City collects would be used to maintain and repair the bikes.

Ewald noted that with the cellphone app, the person renting the bike can email or text the bike administrator and explain what's wrong with the bicycle.

Gay asked if the cellphone app will show how many times the bike has been rented to provide a better idea of which bikes may need to be inspected or serviced.

Ewald said the bikes will be numbered one through four and you'll be able to tell how many times a particular bike has been rented and used.

Alderman Anderson said he would feel more comfortable if Ewald would check out what it would cost the Trails Committee to insure the Bike Share Program.

Mayor Walter commented about the Trails Committee keeping the bikes and setting up the Bike Share Program the way other communities have set it up. He noted the Trails Committee would have limited liability exposure. Mayor Walter said the Trails Committee's insurance or the person's insurance renting the bike would cover any incident. Mayor Walter said he's not in favor of the City being the owner of these bikes.

Cushman said what scares him is that the bikes are mobile. He said just because somebody rents a bike doesn't mean they're experienced or an expert bicyclist. He said that's his concern. Cushman said it seems like a simple process but when you start peeling it back it brings up some questions.

Gay said he sees the value of the Bike Share Program for people to be able to do errands like going to the grocery store and the like. But, Gay said the liability is a concern. He said people find fault in places we would never think to look.

Alderman Anderson said he likes the program and thinks it's great but he's not sold on the fact the City needs to get into ownership of bicycles and liability for that program. He said he's just not sold on that yet.

Madden said he doesn't want the Bike Share Program to turn into a burden for one of the City Departments or whoever has to take care of the bikes.

Ewald said Sam Espey has indicated he would help with the maintenance of the bikes.

Cushman said it sounds like the City Council needs more information. He said the City Council isn't saying no and they're not saying yes but need to be fed a little bit more information.

Gay suggested Ewald should find out which communities have had the Bike Share Program for quite a while, like Minneapolis, who can give a better background as far as what might go wrong or has gone wrong.

Mayor Walter said what it sounds to him is that a motion is needed from the Council it to table this matter to a future date until more information is available.

CUSHMAN/ANDERSON moved and it was unanimously carried to table the request from the Jackson County Trails Committee for the City to take ownership of the Bike Share Program bikes contingent upon more information being gathered.

Mayor Walter thanked Ewald for attending the meeting.

SOUTH HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS PAY APPLICATION NO. 2

Skaret explained Engineer Greg Mitchell of Bolton and Menk was unable to attend the City Council meeting because he's on vacation. He said the City's portion of the South Highway Improvements Project Pay Application No. 2 is \$228,044.22.

Skaret said the South Highway project is coming along. He reported the force main has been completed and has been hooked up to the Number 2 Lift Station. Skaret said that's going to help out immensely with the City's flow capacity. He said hopefully that will result in fewer emergency situations when the system is inundated with flows.

Skaret said work has also been underway on the regular sanitary sewer line and storm sewer. He noted there has also been work on a culvert on the east end of the project.

Skaret said Engineer Greg Mitchell recommends payment of the City's portion of Pay Application No. 2.

MADDEN/ANDERSON moved and it was unanimously carried for the City to pay their portion of the South Highway Improvements Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$228,044.22 to GM Contracting Incorporated of Lake Crystal, Minnesota.

AMI PRESENTATION ON JULY 16TH AT 6 P.M.

Skaret explained this agenda item was for informational purposes. He said after receiving seven proposals, hearing three presentations from what the Committee considered the top three, and doing reference checks and further research the AMI Metering System Committee has made a recommendation to the Utilities Commission and the City Council to approve a proposal from Core and Main/Sensus of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Skaret said representatives from Core and Main will be in attendance at the July 16th Council meeting to give a 30 minute presentation on their system and answer any questions the Councilmembers may have. He noted the July 16th City Council meeting will start early at 6 p.m.

MEMORIAL PARK PAY APPLICATION NO. 1

Skaret reported the Memorial Park project has begun. He said the City has received Pay Application No. 1 for the project.

Skaret said the contractor has basically mobilized and is starting to move some dirt and has done some of the trail removals.

Skaret said there are going to be some changes to the project. He said there will probably be a change order at the next City Council meeting.

Skaret explained there was some disconnect between the architect and the City. He said there are some changes being made to the plan to make it work. Skaret said more information will be coming on that.

Skaret said the total for the Pay Application to Svoboda Excavating right now is \$22,244.

CUSHMAN/MADDEN moved and it was unanimously carried to approve Memorial Park Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$22,244 to Svoboda Excavating of Jackson.

Other:

Alderman Dave Cushman

Cushman said he was wondering how the bus service worked out for the City during the Jackson Motorplex Nationals.

Street Superintendent Phil Markman said he attended all three nights of racing at the Motorplex. He said he heard people talking about the bus service and didn't hear anything negative about it. Markman said he hasn't had the opportunity to talk to Motorplex Manager Doug Johnson since the Nationals ended.

Markman said he saw a lot of people around town during the days of the Nationals. Markman said he talked to the manager at Sunshine Foods who said they had an increase in business over last year's Nationals.

Markman said the Nationals will be a four day event next year with the World of Outlaws racing three of the four nights. He said the Motorplex hasn't made an announcement yet of what the Wednesday night races are going to be.

Markman noted there have been a lot of positive comments about the Jackson Nationals on the internet racing sites he's looked at.

Markman said the only complaint was the hot weather. He said the racing was fantastic.

Cushman said the reason he brought it up was maybe the City Council should have a discussion at an upcoming meeting about what Jackson could do to help the event.

Cushman said we always talk that we want to be like the Knoxville Nationals. He said the City of Knoxville has to be a part of that and the City of Jackson should be willing to help facilitate things whatever that may be. He said there could be a lot of great ideas. Cushman said now would be a time to start working on those ideas a year in advance of the next Jackson Nationals.

Markman said he had spoken to Chamber Director Sharon Henning about possible events for next year. He said he also gave Tom Nelson in the EDA office a program from a previous Knoxville Nationals to see some of the things Knoxville does.

Cushman said there may be little things that could be done to promote the Jackson Nationals. He said there may be people in Jackson who would be interested in renting their house out or having a camper park in their driveway during the Nationals. Cushman said a list could be compiled of those interested in doing that.

Markman noted there are residents in Knoxville who rent their homes out or allow camping on their property during the Knoxville Nationals.

Cushman said there can be a discussion about some ideas to try and make the Jackson Nationals a great event.

Markman noted there were more businesses this year that had put up banners and flags welcoming race fans to Jackson. He pointed out race fans patronize businesses that support racing. Markman said the more we can do as a community will help the Jackson Nationals just get better.

Alderman Anderson said all the hotels and campgrounds in Jackson were filled. He said people were staying in surrounding communities because accommodations were booked up in Jackson.

Alderman Anderson asked if there was increased business at the Jackson Liquor Store during the Nationals.

Skaret said it was a very busy weekend at the Liquor Store.

Alderman Larry Anderson

Alderman Anderson informed the Mayor and City Council that the Park Board will be meeting on July 9th and will deal in-depth with the renovation of the Ashley Park Shelter House.

In addition to that, Skaret said the Park Board will also need to talk some more about Memorial Park.

City Administrator Skaret

Skaret said he didn't have anything additional for the City Council other than to wish everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Mayor Wayne Walter

Mayor Walter thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, ANDERSON/CUSHMAN moved and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

David A. Maschoff, Council Secretary

Wayne Walter, Mayor

