

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2014

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Councilmembers Charles “Pepper” Bray; Ernest Brooks II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; and Charles Rahm present. Councilmember Randy Wallace was absent. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Scott Conger gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the September 2, 2014, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist extended an invitation for public comment to anyone present who wished to express comments related to any new business item on the meeting agenda.

Mayor Gist presented the following proclamations:

- American Cancer Society Paint the Town Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Month to Peggy Donaldson;
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month to Daryl Chansuthus; and
- National Night Out to Lieutenant Byron Taylor of the Jackson Police Department.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed alley running between 24 & 30 Morton Street, just west of South Highland Avenue.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed alley between Holly Street and Clayton Street, just south of Carroll Street.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed alley running south off of Arlington Avenue between Campbell Street and Pleasant Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

The consideration of adopting a resolution to rescind the commitment to deed five (5), more or less, acres of property, located south of Highway 70 Bypass between Phillips Street and Cartmell Street, to Connections Preparatory School was tabled at the last meeting for thirty days. Councilmember Buchanan moved to take the consideration of the resolution from the table. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion and the vote on the motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Foote moved to postpone the consideration of the resolution until a future date. Councilmember Cisco seconded the motion and the vote on the motion carried 7-1, with Councilmember Buchanan voting nay. Mayor Gist advised that the organizers of Connections Preparatory School indicated at the last meeting that they would like to have an opportunity to re-apply with the Jackson-Madison County School Board to become a charter school before the city makes a decision regarding the property and the Southwest Human Resource Agency indicated that they were still in the process of working on an application to secure funding for constructing homes on the property. Mayor Gist also advised that he would stay in contact with the organizers of Connections Preparatory School and the Southwest Human Resource Agency to see how each group was progressing.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a memorandum of understanding/mutual assistance agreement between the City of Jackson, Tennessee, and Jackson State Community College to clarify roles and responsibilities regarding law enforcement and jurisdiction in and around the college campus.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to submit the 2013-2014 Jackson Housing Authority Community Development Comprehensive Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Mid-South Business Construction for the asbestos removal and demolition of West Jackson School located on McCowat Street.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Younger Associates, Sodium Halogen and the CO for the city's website design and development.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Jo Alred to the Jackson Housing Authority Board.

On the motion of Councilman Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Tim Wilson to the Jackson-Madison County Airport Authority Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Dr. Jerry Woods to the Ned R. McWherter West Tennessee Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-42191-290	2014 Byrne Jag Sheriff	0	32,637.00	32,637.00
110-42191-900	2014 Byrne Jag Grant		32,637.00	32,637.00
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-33190	2014 Byrne Jag Grant		65,275	65,275

The City has received the 2014 Byrne Jag Grant. It will be equally split between the City of Jackson Police Department and the Madison County Sheriff's Department. The city's portion of \$32,637 will be used to purchase 6 ballistic vests, 80 MOLLE vests, 15 ANSI helmet/face shields, and a large screen TV and 2 20" monitors to be used for the Criminal Intelligence and Analysis Unit. The Madison County Sheriff's Department will use their share to cover the salary of one full-time deputy sheriff to work courtroom security.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-42210-257	Fire Explorers Program	0	2,000	2,000

The Fire Department is asking to add funding for expenses for their Fire Explorers Program in the amount of \$2,000. Funding will come from the excess revenue that existed between revenue and expenses this year when the budget was prepared.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-42141-112	Salaries & Benefits		99,345.15	99,345.15
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-33463	ACT Grant - 2014		99,345.15	99,345.15

The Jackson Police Department has received another ACT grant for 2014 (Alcohol Countermeasures Team) to assist with overtime. The terms of the grant are from 10/1/14 – 9/30/15. The total grant is \$99,345.15 and there is no match requirement.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41710-321	Building Demolition/Housing Codes	9,000	146,643	155,643
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37900	Fund Balance	233,912	52,471.46	286,383.46

A budget amendment is being prepared in the amount of \$146,643 for the asbestos removal and demolition of West Jackson School. There will be a draw on fund balance in the amount of \$52,471.46 and the remaining \$94,171.54 will come from the excess revenue that existed between revenue and expenses at the time the FY15 budget was adopted.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-36726	Reimbursement: Bullet Proof Vests		22,325	22,325

The Jackson Police Department has received an award of \$22,325 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2014 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP). This will be used toward the expense of bulletproof vests paid from the capital fund.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-52500-900	Airport Capital	28,125	15,125	43,250
315-52700-900	Library Capital	8,000	6,197	14,197
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	From Fund Balance	2,074,936	21,322	2,096,258

Budget amendment requested to amend airport capital budget for the following: Airfield Grading & Drainage - \$2,500; Replace HVAC units - \$5,000; Building Repairs - \$7,625. Budget amendment requested to amend the Jackson-Madison County Library capital budget for the following: two-thirds of the \$9,289.78 of the HVAC updates. This will be a draw on fund balance in the capital fund.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-33154	Bemis Rosenwald Grant	2,250	2,250	2,250

A budget amendment is being prepared to accept a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation on behalf of the Bemis Rosenwald School/Walter Brewer Bemis Community Center in the amount of \$2,250. The City will serve as a pass through entity for this nonprofit group and all reports will be provided to the City for accounting of the grant.

Mayor Gist acknowledged the presence of Cedric Terry, a student at the University of Martin who is working at the City of Jackson Parks and Recreation Department.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the payment of invoices over \$10,000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR