

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Councilmembers Charles “Pepper” Bray; Ernest Brooks II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Ross Priddy; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmember Charles Rahm was absent. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes. Vice-Mayor Vicky Foote presided at the meeting until Mayor Jerry Gist arrived.

Councilmember David Cisco gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmember Dodd recognized Coach Tony Clark and members of the Traveling Youth (Cougar Nation) Football Team for winning the Northwest Tennessee Association Football League Championship.

Councilmember Foote recognized State Representative Jimmy Eldridge and thanked him for giving members of the City Council a Tennessee Blue Book.

Mayor Gist expressed appreciation to Vice-Mayor Foote for presiding at the meeting while he was welcoming approximately 1,200 Baptist preachers to the City of Jackson.

The minutes of the October 2, 2018, meeting were approved and signed.

Lori Nunnery, Executive Director, Jackson Tourism, stated that the Jackson Madison County Convention and Visitor Bureau is a government agency set up by an act of the Tennessee Legislature governed by a Board of five commissioners. Ms. Nunnery further stated that tourism is funded primarily through the Hotel/Motel Tax and that last year, nearly 1.8 million dollars was collected in Hotel/Motel Tax. Ms. Nunnery then stated that out of the Hotel/Motel Tax that is collected, 40 percent goes to the City’s general fund, 40 percent goes to the County’s

general fund and the Tourism Office operates off the remaining 20 percent. Ms. Nunnery also presented a video on the economic impact of tourism in Jackson.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, an Ordinance to rezone property located along the 700 block of Old Humboldt Road from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to RS-1/PRD (Single Family Residential/Planned Residential Development) District, comprising 7.57± acres, submitted by Ryan Richardson, Surveying Services on behalf of ZEKO Properties, LLC, was approved on second reading. (Councilmember Brooks was not present to vote on the business item.)

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, an Ordinance to rezone property located along the 1188 block of Ashport Road from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District, comprising 20.32± acres, submitted by Mickey Evans, Clay Williams & Associates on behalf of Alissa Maness, The Freedom Trust, was approved on second reading. (Councilmember Brooks was not present to vote on the business item.)

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Bray, an Ordinance to annex an area referred to as "S.R. 223," was approved on second reading. (Councilmember Brooks was not present to vote on the business item.)

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, an Ordinance to zone an area referred to as "S.R. 223," generally located on the east side of S.R. 223, south of Lower Brownsville Road, comprising 5.48 acres, more or less, was approved on second reading. The proposed zoning for this annexation area is I-2 (Light Industrial) District. (Councilmember Brooks was not present to vote on the business item.)

Councilmember Dodd made a motion to table the consideration of a Resolution supporting a proposal for the construction of two new public schools in Jackson Madison County until the December City Council Meeting. Councilmember Ross Priddy seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-3, with Councilmembers Bray, Buchanan, Dodd, Foote and Priddy voting yea

and Councilmembers Brooks, Cisco, and Wallace voting nay. The collaborative partners in the proposed Public/Private Partnership for constructing the schools are City of Jackson, Madison County, Jackson Madison County School System, Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency, Healthy Community LLC, and University of Memphis Lambuth. Hal Crocker of Healthy Community LLC expressed support for the adoption of the resolution and stated that although the proposal is an umbrella proposal for the construction of two new public schools in Jackson Madison County, the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency is only asking the City to participate in the funding of a new Madison Academic Magnet High School on the campus of University of Memphis Lambuth. The proposal also includes the construction of a Middle/High School 6-12th grade located on the former JCM campus which the County has been asked to fund. Dr. Vicki Lake, Chair of the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency, expressed support for the adoption of the resolution and stated that if the resolution is approved by the City, Madison Academic Magnet High School will move to the former location of Epworth Hall on the campus of University of Memphis Lambuth and expand to 600 students. Dr. Lake further stated that as part of the agreement, the Jackson Madison County School System will guarantee that 25 percent of the students in the Community Montessori School will live in the neighborhood zone around the school and that a component of this project will be that, after the sibling preference for admission, 25 percent of students admitted to Madison Academic Magnet High School will live in the neighborhood zone. Estimated costs for the new Madison High School is 11.5 million dollars, estimated payment of \$499,833 per year for a period of seven years with a required loan amount of \$9,256,162 due after seven years. Dr. Eric Jones, Superintendent of Jackson-Madison County Schools, and Dr. David Rudd, President of University of Memphis, were present and expressed support for the adoption of the resolution. Jonathan McCoy, Vice President of Public Finance Investment Banking with Piper Jaffray & Co., gave a presentation on the City's debt capacity and financial review.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the sale of city-owned surplus property/land located at 136 Faris Street, Map 078G-GroupK-Parcel 015.00 to Geneva L. Mays for \$500.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to adopt the By-Laws of the Jackson Madison County Educational Foundation.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to apply for the Firefighters Assistance Grant to fund the following projects:

Project 1: Purchase of 25 APX 8000 multi-band radios	
Local Match (10%)	\$ 16,903.44
Federal Match (90%)	<u>\$152,130.92</u>
Total Project	\$169,034.36

Project 2: Purchase 1500 GPM pump with side mount pump control panel	
Local Match (10%)	\$ 150,000
Federal Match (90%)	<u>\$1,350,000</u>
Total Project	\$1,500,000

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Samuel Joiner to the Jackson Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Jimmy Cole to the Jackson Housing Authority Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Robin Chance to replace John Griffin and to the re-appointments of Marcus Chandler, Scott Parish and Norma Bundy, to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Elaine Christian to the Hatchie River Regional Library Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Glen Fesmire to the Ned R. McWherter West Tennessee Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board to replace Wes Henley.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Shawn Daly to the Jackson Madison County Education Foundation Board.

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

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-44460-260	Carnegie Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	18,950	24,950

Repairs need to be made to the Carnegie roof in the amount of \$18,950 and they only had a budget of \$6,000. There is no increase to fund balance as currently the revenues in the general fund budget exceed the expenses.

Mayor Gist acknowledged the passing of Dr. Joseph Rowland and Jonathan Harlan, Aeneas founder and former Madison County Commissioner. Councilmember Buchanan acknowledged the passing of Dorothy Seals Lipson who was the daughter of the late Reverend William K. Seals.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR