

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2017

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Councilmembers Charles “Pepper” Bray; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmember Ernest Brooks II was not present when the meeting was called to order but arrived shortly thereafter. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Harvey Buchanan gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the October 3, 2017, 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 along with Emma Beth Neihoff, a second-grade student at St. Mary’s Catholic School who is serving as Mayor for the Day, presented a proclamation for Give Back Jack Day.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Bray, an Ordinance to annex and an Ordinance to zone an area referred to as “McAlexander Family Partners,” generally located along the 650 block of Ashport Road, comprising a total of 71.52 acres, more or less, was unanimously approved on second reading. The proposed zoning for the annexation area is RS/FH (Single Family Residential/Flood Hazard) District.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, an Ordinance to rezone property located at 3131 North Highland Avenue from O-C (Office Center) District to RG-2 (General Residential) District, containing 1.4 acres, more or less, submitted by Brookdale Senior Living Center, was unanimously approved on second reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, an Ordinance to rezone property located at 1761 South Highland Avenue from B-5 (Highway Business) District to SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District, containing 1.30 acres, more or less, submitted by Chadwick Vaughn, was unanimously approved on second reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Dale Jamison, Sr. Drive, located between South Shannon Street and South Liberty Street, submitted by Madison County, was approved 6-3 on second reading, with Councilmembers Brooks, Buchanan and Dodd voting nay.

There being no objections from members of the City Council, business item #1 under new business (consideration of a contract for computer leasing) was removed from the agenda.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Bray, an additional payment of \$25,000 to Howell Dozer for underground concrete work at the Bemis Mill was approved 8-1, with Councilmember Wallace voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution authorizing the Industrial Development Board to enter into agreements with industries requiring payments in lieu of taxes.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the following streets were accepted as City streets:

- Wright's Mill Section 10A – Branching Pine Cove and a portion of Millstream Drive;
- Wright's Mill Section 10B – Perrington Cove and a portion of Millstream Drive;
- Wright's Mill Section 10C – Whitebark Cove and a portion of Millstream Drive;
- Wright's Mill Section 10D – a portion of Millstream Drive; and
- Northpointe Lake PRD Phase 1, Phase 2, and Revised Common Area – Rock Pointe Drive, Rockwood Drive, a portion of Hanover Drive and a portion of Epperson Drive.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to implement eminent domain action to acquire land for Bemis Park. Mayor Gist stated that the action to acquire the land is needed so that the City can begin the work of constructing a park on the property. The case that began the process of acquiring the land was generated in Environmental Court because the property owner did not adhere to his agreement with the City to demolish Bemis Mill and clean up the debris.

Attorney Sara Barnett, representative for City Attorney Lewis Cobb, stated that a Resolution to implement eminent domain action to acquire property for McClellan Road improvements will allow the City to widen McClellan Road to address safety concerns. Scott Chandler, City Engineer, stated that the property owners who own property in the area were contacted and were offered fair market value for their property. Mr. Chandler also stated that the City is hopeful that with this mechanism in place, the property owners will realize that the City will have to move forward with the project.

Councilmembers Foote and Wallace expressed concern with voting on the matter without the property owners being present. Councilmember Wallace moved to postpone the consideration of the resolution until the next meeting. Councilmember Brooks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The following five City Councilmembers were appointed to serve on a committee to study liquor zones in the City of Jackson:

- Charles “Pepper” Bray
- Ernest Brooks II
- David Cisco
- Johnny Dodd
- Charles Rahm

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Andre Temple to the Jackson Housing Authority Board.

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

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-42254-900	Fire Department Buildings		29,500	29,500
315-42220-900	Fire Department Operations	226,458	10,000	236,458
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	Draw on Fund Balance	4,202,297.19	39,500	4,241,797.19

Additional funds are needed for roof repairs at one of the fire stations in the amount of \$29,500. An additional \$10,000 is needed to go along with the \$35,376 that is already budgeted for a Tahoe at the Fire Department bringing the total to \$45,376. The draw on fund balance required will be \$39,500 for each of these projects bringing total draw on fund balance for FY18 to \$4,241,797.19.

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

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-42190-900	JAG Equipment Grant		188,116	188,116
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-33189	JAG Equipment Grant		188,116	188,116

The Jackson Police Department has received a JAG Equipment Grant in the amount of \$188,116 for cost of equipment necessary to address violent firearm crimes (see attached information). There is no match required for this equipment.

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

Councilmember Conger presented his letter of resignation from the Jackson City Council, effective November 8, 2017, to the Mayor and members of the City Council. Councilmember Conger expressed sentiments about his tenure as serving as the City Council Representative for District Five and thanked his family for their love and support. Councilmember Conger also thanked the citizens of District Five for allowing him the privilege to serve them and he thanked the City of Jackson staff for their service to the City. On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember Conger's resignation from the Jackson City Council was accepted 7-1-1, with Councilmember Wallace voting nay and Councilmember Conger abstaining. Mayor Gist thanked Councilmember Conger for his service to the City and announced that his office will accept resumes from qualified voters who reside in District Five for the City Council to review before the next meeting. Mayor Gist also announced that the City Council will vote on electing Councilmember Conger's successor at the December 5, 2017, City Council Meeting to fill the vacancy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR