

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2015

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 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; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmember Vicky Foote was not present when the meeting was called to order, but arrived shortly thereafter. Councilmember Charles Rahm was absent. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

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

The minutes of the November 3, 2015, 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 a proclamation for World AIDS Day to Harrell Carter, president of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

William Hickerson, Jr., president of the James Madison Chapter of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented a Certificate of Commendation to Mayor Gist in recognition of the proper and respectful display of the American Flag at Liberty Gardens Park.

Mayor Gist recognized the Jackson Futbol Club's U14 Boys Team for winning the Division 2 State Championship and commended the team for being great ambassadors for the City of Jackson.

Steve Raper, president of the Jackson Arts Council Board of Directors, and Melinda Hearn, executive director of the Jackson Arts Council, thanked the City for funding the Jackson Arts Council and gave the names of art projects that they were funding through their grant programs.

Harrell Carter, president of the local NAACP, addressed the Mayor and City Council regarding issues related to the Jackson-Madison County public education system.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, an Ordinance to amend Jackson Municipal Code Title 17 – Refuse and Trash Disposal, Chapter 1 – Municipal Collection System, Section 17-101 – Definitions, and Section 17-105 – Special Requirements, was approved 6-2, with Councilmembers Bray, Buchanan, Cisco, Dodd, Foote and Wallace voting yea and Councilmembers Brooks and Conger voting nay. (A public hearing was held at the first reading of this ordinance.)

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located at 2732 North Highland Avenue from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to O (Office) District, containing 2.33 acres, more or less, submitted by Ed Weaver and Dorothy Hall. (A public hearing was held at the second reading of this ordinance.)

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to abandon an undeveloped and unnamed street stub running east off of North Highland Avenue, just south of Ramblewood Drive, submitted by Ed Weaver and Dorothy Hall. (A public hearing was held at the second reading of this ordinance.)

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the option to exercise the third option on the September 20, 2000, City Court Lease Agreement between SKYE MAC and the City of Jackson was approved 7-1, with Councilmember Buchanan voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, change order one from Gresham Smith and Partners in the amount of \$81,850 for the Highland Avenue Roundabout Project was approved 7-1, with Councilmember Conger voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a donation request from WRAP for 80 out of contract cell phones from the Jackson Fire Department to be used by participants in their program who have no other means to contact WRAP or the police.

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

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-42600-900	Central Dispatch Capital	226,671	183,864	410,535
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	Fund Balance	2,285,990.92	183,864	2,469,854.92

Budget amendment being completed to move removing funds from FY15 for purchase of radio system to capital outlay for FY16 for Central Dispatch in the amount of \$183,864. These funds were not spent in FY15 and will go forward to be used in FY16 for purchase of radios related to the radio infrastructure.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the acceptance of the Alcohol Countermeasures Team (ACT) grant in the amount of \$29,960.11 for the period of October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016. The grant is used to cover overtime costs for roadblocks related to DUI.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Clarence Boone to the Jackson Municipal Regional Planning Commission to replace Valerie Cole.

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

Tony Black, executive director of Recreation and Parks, invited everyone to attend tomorrow's grand opening of the Tennis Center at 11:00 a.m. and to the Jackson Christmas Parade held on Monday, December 7, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR