

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2014

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 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; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmember Ernest Brooks II was not present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Randy Wallace gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the November 4, 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 acknowledged the audience presence of Interim Police Chief Christopher Julian Wiser.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to accept Tennessee Department of Transportation project 57009-2264-14 SR-186 (Keith Short Bypass) from I-40 to Old Hickory Boulevard.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located on the west

side of U.S. Highway 45 Bypass, just south of Airways Boulevard from A-O/FH (Agriculture-Open Land/Flood Hazard) District to B-5/FH (Highway Business/Flood Hazard) District containing 4.5 acres, more or less, submitted by Liles Brothers.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, an Ordinance to barricade and close Cedar Street to through traffic was approved 6-1-1, with Councilmember Buchanan voting nay and Councilmember Foote abstaining. The request was submitted by Aspell Recovery Center. Richard Barber, director of Aspell Recovery Center, expressed support for the adoption of the ordinance.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to annex and an Ordinance to zone an annexation area referred to as “Brown Simmons,” located on the west side of U.S. Highway 45 Bypass South, just south of Watlington Road, comprising 2.7 acres more or less. The proposed zoning for the area is B-5 (Highway Business) District.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Wallace moved to approve a contract with A2H for the engineering design and right-of-way/construction engineering and inspection for the Highland Avenue Multimodal Project. The motion died for lack of a second. The City Council discussed having a three-member committee comprised of City Council members to meet with City staff members to discuss contract proposals for the engineering design and right-of-way/construction engineering and inspection for the Highland Avenue Multimodal Project. Councilmember Wallace nominated Councilmember Cisco to serve as one of the members on the committee. Councilmember Conger seconded the nomination. Mayor Gist made a recommendation

that Councilmembers Bray and Conger also serve on the committee since the location of the project was in their districts. On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, the recommendations that Councilmembers Bray, Cisco and Conger be appointed to act as a three-member committee to work with City staff members to bring a contract proposal for the engineering design and right-of-way/construction engineering and inspection for the Highland Avenue Multimodal Project back to the City Council for consideration at the next City Council Meeting was approved 5-0-3, with Councilmembers Bray, Dodd, Foote, Rahm and Wallace voting yea, and Councilmembers Buchanan, Cisco and Conger abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to a contract with the Tennessee Valley Termite and Pest Control Company for pest control for all city-owned buildings, based on monthly pricing, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a \$600 year-end pay supplement for all eligible full-time and part-time city employees.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the re-appointments of Larry Jones and Joyce Corley to the Health, Education, and Housing Facilities Board were approved 7-0. (Councilmember Dodd exited the meeting during the presentation of this item.)

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the re-appointments of Kathi Leatherwood, Susan Cook, and Bill Buckley to the Jackson Downtown Revenue Finance Corporation were approved 7-0. (Councilmember Dodd was not present to vote on this item.)

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, the payment of invoices over \$10,000 was approved 7-0. (Councilmember Dodd was not present to vote on this item.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR