

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2008

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Council members Charles "Pepper" Bray; Ernest Brooks, II; Harvey Buchanan; Johnny Dodd; Danny Ellis; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Frank Neudecker gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Ellis, the minutes from the December 4, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

With no objection from the City Council the action recorded in the minutes of the November 6, 2007 meeting regarding an Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Specific District Regulations, Section 4. RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District (Ordinance #2007-041) was struck from the records.

Mayor Gist presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Michael Morgan recognizing him as the Official Fire Chief of the City of Jackson Fire Department with all rights and privileges thereof from May 7, 2005 through January 11, 2008. Mayor Gist expressed appreciation for Mr. Morgan's years of service with the Fire Department.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Buchanan, a Resolution of support for the 2008 Transportation Enhancement Grant was approved 8-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located on the east side of Riverside Drive, just south of Washington Street from I-O/FH (Wholesale and Warehousing/Flood Hazard) District to I-3/FH (General Industrial//Flood Hazard) District containing 4.33 acres, more or less, submitted by JSM Company, Inc.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, an Ordinance to rezone property located on the east side of North Highland Avenue, just south of Highland Memorial Gardens Cemetery from RG-1 (General Residential) District and RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to B-5 (Highway Business) District containing 7.49 acres, more or less, submitted by Bob Pearce, was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Dodd, an Ordinance to amend the Jackson Municipal Code relative to the regulation of parades in the City of Jackson, Tennessee was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, an Ordinance to annex and an Ordinance to zone an area referred to as “Alderson Annexation Area,” generally located on the north side of Bascom Road and south of Old Bells Road, just west of Windy City Road, comprising a total of 55.9 acres, more or less, was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay. The proposed zoning for this annexation area is RS (Single Family Residential) District.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Rahm, an Ordinance to change the name of Tanyard Street, running east and west between South Highland Avenue and Shannon Street, to “Dale Jamieson, Sr. Drive” was approved 6-2-1, with Council members Brooks and Ellis voting nay and Council member Neudecker abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Buchanan, an Ordinance to rezone property located on the east side of Christmasville Road, just north of U.S. Interstate 40 from SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District and B-5 (Highway Business) District to I-O (Wholesale and Warehousing) District containing 44.95 acres, more or less, submitted by Gary A. Taylor, was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

Council member Neudecker made a motion to amend the Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Specific District Regulations, Section 4. RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District, to change the wording under Subsection D. AREA REGULATIONS, 6. Maximum Lot Coverage, to "Main and accessory buildings shall cover not more than fifty (50) percent of the lot area." The motion was seconded by Council member Wallace and failed 4-5, with Council members Bray, Ellis, Neudecker and Rahm voting yea and Council members Brooks, Buchanan, Dodd, Hays and Wallace voting nay. On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Wallace, the Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Specific District Regulation, Section 4. RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Vicki Lake, Chairperson of the Safe Neighborhoods Task Force Steering Committee, gave a report from the Safe Neighborhoods Task Force Committee and answered questions regarding the committee's recommendations. Mayor Gist announced that the City Council would meet in a called meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to allow the public the opportunity to express their opinion on the Safe Neighborhoods Task Force report.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Brooks, a Resolution submitted by the Community Development Program approving an amendment to the

Five Year Plan (2006-2010) to incorporate the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, a Resolution submitted by the Community Development Program approving an amendment to the Annual Action Plan (2007-2008) to reprogram \$50,000 in funds to the Turning Point Homeless Safehaven Project was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Dodd, the following budget amendments were approved 7-2, with Council members Ellis and Neudecker voting nay:

City Drug Fund		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenditures:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
141-42129-900	Drug Fund Capital		6,500	6,500
General Fund				
110-42100-328	Police Administration Traffic Safety	3,000	15,000	18,000
<i>Funding:</i>				
141-27150		164,231.81	6,500	170,731.81
110-26500	Reserve for Traffic Safety			8,000

This amendment will allow for one additional K-nine and retraining of existing canine as well as certification for two dog handlers. The draw will come from the drug fund balance and not on general fund.

The amendment for traffic safety will allow blue lights, sirens, and radar to be purchased for two motorcycles being bought with 2007 JAG grant money approved at November Council meeting.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Rahm, invoices over \$10,000 were approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR