

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2012

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, 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; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Charles Rahm gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the December 6, 2011, meeting were approved and signed.

Billy Moore expressed a public comment regarding a budget amendment request relative to adding a playground in Pringles Park.

Mayor Gist asked Councilmembers to strike the consideration of a Juvenile Nighttime Curfew Ordinance from the agenda.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon a six (6) foot section of excess right-of-way along Wiley Parker Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the acceptance of streets in Traditions

Section 1, "Dayton Cove, Plymouth Cove, and a portion of Livingston Way," as public streets.

Shirley Jones, Vice President of Public Affairs for the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce, expressed appreciation to the Mayor and the Jackson City Council for supporting activities sponsored by the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Cisco made a motion to approve a fiscal year 2012 budget amendment request for \$433,610.00 to renovate seven luxury suites, upgrade the video board and add a playground at Pringles Park. Funding of \$255,110.00 would come from the city's capital budget as well as insurance recovery in the amount of \$178,500.00. Councilmember Wallace expressed his concern of spending almost all of the city's capital funds on improvements at Pringles Parks. Councilmember Conger expressed his concern of spending money at an entertainment facility when the use of city funds should be priority at the Jackson Police Department and the Jackson Fire Department. Councilmember Foote advised that she did not like the idea of taking money that the city borrowed to use for something else and use it for improvements at Pringles Park and expressed that she was against using monies allocated for the Jackson Police Department and Jackson Fire Department to fund improvements at Pringles Park. The motion to approve the budget amendment request was seconded by Councilmember Dodd. The motion failed to pass by a vote of 4-5, with Councilmembers Bray, Cisco, Dodd and Wallace voting yea and Councilmembers Brooks, Buchanan, Conger, Foote and Rahm voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the following FY12 budget amendment requests were approved 8-0-1, with Councilmember Brooks abstaining:

SPORTSPLEX		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
124-44505-900	Sportsplex Capital	65,150	75,000	140,150
<i>Revenue:</i>				
124-37900	From Fund Balance	8,850.02	75,000	83,850.02

Budget amendment of \$75,000 for Sportsplex playground at Complex A includes Playground equipment: \$30,000.00; Vitriturf foundation and surface: \$30,000.00; Grading & Installation of equipment: \$14,000.00; and Bench(s): \$1,000.00.

Councilmember Wallace asked if he could make a motion to revisit the FY12 budget amendment requests for the Pringles Park improvements and vote on each improvement item separately. Councilmember Wallace was informed that only a Councilmember who voted nay on the matter could make a motion to rescind the action of the City Council so that the item could be brought back to the table for reconsideration. Councilmember Rahm made a motion to rescind the action to deny funding for the Pringles Park improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wallace and passed 7-1-1, with Councilmembers Bray, Buchanan, Cisco, Conger, Dodd, Rahm and Wallace, voting yea, Councilmember Brooks voting nay and Councilmember Foote abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Bray, a FY12 Capital Fund budget amendment request of \$20,200.00 to renovate seven luxury suites at Pringles Park was approved 6-3, with Councilmembers Bray, Brooks, Cisco, Dodd, Rahm and Wallace voting yea and Councilmembers Buchanan, Conger and Foote voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, a FY12 Capital Fund budget amendment request of \$306,000.00 for video

board upgrade at Pringles Park, of which \$178,500.00 would come from insurance recovery funds the city was reimbursed, was approved 8-1, with Councilmember Buchanan voting nay.

Councilmember Bray made a motion to approve a FY12 Capital Fund budget amendment request of \$107,410.00 for a playground area at Pringles Park. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cisco. The motion failed to pass by a vote of 2-6-1, with Councilmembers Bray and Cisco voting yea, Councilmembers Brooks, Buchanan, Conger, Foote, Rahm and Wallace voting nay, and Councilmember Dodd abstaining.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR