

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2011

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, 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; David Cisco; Johnny Dodd; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Sharon Bell, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Charles “Pepper” Bray gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the December 7, 2010, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist presented a proclamation to the Trinity Christian Academy Lions Varsity Football Team. Mayor Gist also recognized members of the football team for their ability and character as ambassadors at the State Tournament in Cookeville, Tennessee. Coach Michael Hodum and Assistant Coaches Eric Quinn, Derrick Pritchard and John Whitehead were recognized. Coach Hodum presented each player with a Mayor’s Commendation certificate.

FIRST READING:

Prior to the reconsideration of revised house elevations and a staggered square footage scheme for the Northpointe Lake PRD (Northpointe Sections 13 & 14, Susan Unger, Northpointe Subdivision Homeowner’s Association President, gave a brief overview about the Northpointe Subdivision homeowners’ concerns and answered questions. Sherry Hursman also expressed her concerns and asked questions. On the

motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Dodd, the revised house elevations and a staggered square footage scheme for the Northpointe Lake PRD (North Pointe Sections 13 & 14), submitted by Bud Dotson, was approved 8-1, with Council member Wallace voting nay.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Council member David Cisco, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rename Venture Parkway to UGN Parkway, submitted by UGN, Inc.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Hays, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Walker Road, located between Pleasant Plains Extended and Country Club Lane, submitted by the Planning Department Staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Taylor, of Gary A. Taylor Construction, gave a brief overview and answered questions about land for the proposed charter school. Council member Brooks made a motion, seconded by Council member Wallace, to table consideration of a Resolution agreeing to deed 5 acres, more or less, located south of Highway 70 Bypass between Phillips and Cartmell Streets, to Connections Preparatory School for the establishment of a charter school until the next meeting. The motion to table the consideration of the matter was approved 6-3, with Council members Bray, Brooks, Hays, Neudecker, Rahm and Wallace voting yea and Council members Buchanan, Dodd and Cisco voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to a contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation in the amount of \$182,514.90 for street and state route

maintenance in the City of Jackson, beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011, and to a contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation in the amount of \$35,775.00 for mowing and litter removal on street and state routes in the City of Jackson, beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution for a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Jackson. Marty Clements, Director of Jackson-Madison County Emergency Management Agency, gave a brief overview and answered questions.

On the motion of Council member Hays, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to the write-off of 328 (three hundred twenty-eight) delinquent personal property tax bills for tax year 2009.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to table the consideration of an amendment to the City employee handbook as it relates to the alcohol and drug use policy to allow the attorney an opportunity to scrutinize the policy.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Cisco, a second extended term on the City Court building lease with Skye Mac was approved 8-1, with Council member Wallace voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Wallace, a proposed amendment to remove the city mayor and city attorney as ex-officio members of the Charter Review Committee from the Resolution that created the Charter Review Committee was denied 4-5, with Council members Bray, Brooks, Neudecker and Wallace voting yea and Council members Buchanan, Cisco, Dodd, Hays and Rahm voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Bray, the following FY2011 budget amendment requests were approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay:

GENERAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Revenue:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-37900	From Fund Balance	1,029,818.14	60,540	1,090,358.14
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-758	Appropriation to Library	487,597	60,540	548,137

This amendment is to increase the appropriation to the Library to cover the amount due to TCRS.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to the following FY2011 budget amendment requests:

GENERAL FUND		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenses:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-41900-190	Cost of Living Adjustment		543,362.84	543,362.84
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37900	From Fund Balance	1,029,818.14	543,362.84	1,573,180.98

This is amount needed for a 1.5% raise for employees for remainder of FY11.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR