MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2016

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 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.

Mayor Jerry Gist gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the December 1, 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 announced that an appreciation day for members of law enforcement will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2016, from 6:00 – to 7:00 p.m. at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in honor of National Law Enforcement Day.

Martha White, chair of the local chapter of SOCM (Statewide Organizing for Community Empowerment) organization, Mary Tipler, co-chair of the local chapter of SOCM, and Calvin Jordan, a member of the organization, addressed the Mayor and City Council regarding local issues that members of their organization were concerned with. Mayor Gist asked Ms. White, Ms. Tipler and Mr. Jordan to submit their members’ concerns in writing to his office so that his staff could address their concerns.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to repeal Title 5, Chapter 3, Section 5-306 of the Jackson Municipal Code relative to discount for early payment of property taxes.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon Vincent Street, running between North Royal Street and Bertha Street, submitted by Ray Butts.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon Bertha Street, running between East Orleans Street and Depot Street, submitted by the City of Jackson Planning Staff.

Councilmember Cisco moved to approve the adoption of an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Radio Road, running off North Highland Avenue to a point 136 feet east of Rosenblum Drive. The request was submitted by Abner N. Taylor III. Councilmember Cisco's motion to adopt the ordinance failed for lack of a second. Martha Haley, William Paul Phillips, Eddie Morgan, Bridget Love Morgan, Cheryl Long and Jeff Long (residents of Radio Road) expressed opposition to closing the North Highland Avenue entrance to Radio Road. John Allen expressed support for closing the North Highland Avenue entrance to Radio Road.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, 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 8-1, with Councilmember Conger voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the acceptance of the following streets as city streets was approved 8-0: (Councilmember Buchanan exited the meeting and was not present when the City Council voted on this business item.)

- Highleadon Cove and a portion of Ravenwood Drive in Wright's Mill Subdivision – Section 9-B;
- Portions of Cheddleton Drive, Lancaster Cove and Stornaway Drive in Wyndchase Subdivision – Sections 16 and 17A.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to allow Mayor Gist to execute a contract with Tall Oak Farms, L.P. for the option and/or purchase of selected land for use as an industrial park expansion. Danny Wheeler and Kyle Spurgeon gave a presentation on the parcels of property involved in the contract and answered questions.

Councilmember Rahm moved to table the consideration of a recommendation for the solid waste hauling contract until the February 2, 2016, City Council Meeting. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion and the motion carried by a vote of 5-4, with Councilmembers Bray, Conger, Dodd, Rahm and Wallace voting yea and Councilmembers Brooks, Buchanan, Cisco and Foote voting nay. Councilmember Foote expressed concern regarding the time that it might take for a new solid waste hauling company to become fully operational by the time the City's current solid waste hauling contract expires. Richard Donnell expressed appreciation to the City Council

for tabling the matter until their next regular meeting and urged the Mayor and City Council to consider either holding a public hearing in Jackson where citizens could come and voice their opinion, or appoint another committee that would consist of one person from each City Council district and let this committee look at whatever the other committee looked at and make a recommendation to the City Council, or, pending final hearing on this matter, hold public meetings in each City Council district so that citizens can come and meet the representatives from both of the solid waste hauling companies and ask them questions.

Steve Smith and Dave Cooper, representatives from Red River Waste Solutions LP, gave a presentation on their solid waste hauling services and answered questions.

The meeting was recessed at 10:45 a.m. and was reconvened at 11:00 a.m. All councilmembers were present.

Dawn Cole and Barry Marshall, representatives from Waste Management, gave a presentation on their solid waste hauling services and answered questions. Keith Wilson, current owner of All Fiber & Scrap Recycling Company in Jackson, expressed support for awarding the solid waste hauling contract to Waste Management.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Motorola Solutions for a radio system upgrade.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to appoint Sam Dawson as interim City Recorder to carry out the duties of the office due to the absence of Alan Laffoon who is on medical leave.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the following budget amendment requests were approved 8-0: (Councilmember Dodd exited the meeting prior to the presentation of this item and was absent for the duration of the meeting.)

Budget amendment for Jackson Police Department Patrol unit to upgrade and replace in-car systems at police department in the amount of $262,148.16. This will require a draw on fund balance.

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
Expenses:				
315-42110-900	Police Patrol	20,013	262,148.16	282,161.16
Revenue:				
315-37900	Fund Balance	2,519,654.92	262,148.16	2,801,816.08

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the following budget amendment request was approved 8-0:

From the Federal Equitable Sharing account Jackson Police Department has the following purchase that need to be made:

25 Remington shotguns with short shell carriers and slings priced at $656.12 each for a total of $16,403.00.

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
Expenses:				
110-42180-321	Federal Equitable Sharing	53,000	16,403	69,403
Revenue:				
110-35214	Federal Equitable Sharing	53,000	16,403	69,403

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the following budget amendment request was approved 8-0:

From the Federal Equitable Sharing account Jackson Police Department has the following purchase that need to be made:

2 Barrett MRAD .308 Sniper Rifles with optics at cost of $8,393 each for a total of $16,786.00.

Current sniper rifles are about 15 years old. Because of age they could malfunction and fire unexpectedly by moving the safety switch. These rifles are needed for the effective operation of the SWAT unit.

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
Expenses:				
110-42180-321	Federal Equitable Sharing	53,000	16,786	69,786
Revenue:				
110-35214	Federal Equitable Sharing	53,000	16,786	69,786

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the following budget amendment requests were approved 8-0:

Due to recent changes in the Metro Narcotics unit, two offices need to be equipped with furniture in the amount of $2,877.50. This will be a draw on the Metro Narcotics fund balance.

METRO NARC		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
Expenses:				
142-42129-900	Metro Narcotics Capital	120,000	2,877.50	122,877.50
Revenue:				
142-37900	From Fund Balance	81,000	2,877.50	83,877.50

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the following budget amendment requests were approved 8-0:

Budget amendment for Central Dispatch to replace/upgrade the city's entire radio system in the amount of $4,328,574. The system was damaged by lightning several months ago and the city has received $2,000,000 from insurance proceeds. Once the project is completed and a final bill received, the city will receive another $1,560,000 from insurance proceeds. Central Dispatch has a current capital budget of $433,864. The remainder of the funds will be a draw on fund balance.

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
Expenses:				
315-42600-900	Central Dispatch	433,864	3,894,710	4,328,574
Revenue:				
315-37900	Fund Balance	2,807,816.08	1,894,710	4,702,526.08
315-36961	Transfer from General Fund	7,500	2,000,000	2,007,500

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

Budget amendment for flooring at the Jackson Ballpark clubhouse in the amount of $45,000 and security netting on right and left field seating in the amount of $4,800. This will require a draw on fund balance.

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
Expenses:				
315-44500-900	Jackson Ballpark	47,665	49,800	97,465
Revenue:				
315-37900	Fund Balance	2,469,854.92	49,800	2,519,654.92

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Bray, the following budget amendment requests were approved 7-1, with Councilmember Wallace voting nay:

Budget amendment for City Hall capital for equipment necessary for set up of security desk and monitors at City Hall. This will require a draw on fund balance.

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
Expenses:				
315-41811-900	City Hall		6,000	6,000
Revenue:				
315-37900	Fund Balance	2,801,816.08	6,000	2,807,816.08

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the following board appointments were approved 8-0:

- Mayor's Advisory Council on Domestic and Sexual Violence – Re-appointment of Blake Anderson, Molly Britt, Jimmy Butler, Daryl Chansuthus, Amy Hilliard, Mike Holt and Lisa Peoples.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the following board appointments were approved 8-0:

- Mayor's Advisory Council on Domestic and Sexual Violence

  New Appointments:

  - Jennifer McCraw to replace Roger Wright
  - Mike Mosier to replace Shaun Brown
  - Kim Parker to replace Keith Taylor
  - Michelle Reddick to replace Jenci Spradlin
  - Leslie Tosh to replace Amy Jones

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the re-appointment of Sarah Graham to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission was approved 8-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the appointment of Teresa Aljafari to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission to replace Evelyn Keele was approved 8-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Bray, the appointment of Pat Ross to the Jackson Regional Planning Commission was approved 7-0-1, with Councilmember Conger abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the payment of invoices over $10,000 was approved 8-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR