

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2016

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 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.

Councilmember Vicky Foote gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the January 5, 2016, 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.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, 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 Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, 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 Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

The consideration of a recommendation for the solid waste hauling contract for the City of Jackson was tabled at the January 5, 2016, meeting. Councilmember Rahm moved to take the consideration of the recommendation from the table. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A committee comprised of Susan White, Kathleen Huneycutt, Alan Laffoon, Sam Dawson (City employees) and Councilmember Vicky Foote assessed bid proposals from four solid waste hauling companies for the collection of solid waste in the City of Jackson. Councilmember Foote explained the process the committee used to evaluate the bid proposals and reported that the committee's recommendation is to award the contract for solid waste collection to Waste Management. On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, a contract with Waste Management for solid waste collection was approved 7-2, with Councilmembers Brooks and Wallace voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Jackson Energy Authority for Broadband services for internet and Wi-Fi connections at various city locations.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the Jackson Recreation and Parks Department grant

application from the State of Tennessee Recreation Trails Program. The grant will be used to replace the existing walking trail at Liberty Garden Park with a wider trail. The grant application is for \$125,020 and is an 80/20 match grant, with the City's match being \$25,020.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Pat Mingledorf to the Jackson Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-42180-321	Federal Equitable Sharing	86,189	1,000.07	87,189.07
110-42100-328	Traffic Safety Expense	8,000	17,679.93	25,679.93
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-35214	Federal Equitable Sharing	86,189	1,000.07	87,189.07
110-34291	Traffic Fees		17,679.93	17,679.93

The Police Department is purchasing from the Traffic Safety Reserve (110-26500) and the Federal Equitable Sharing Reserve (110-26700) one FARO Total Station System which will be used by the Traffic Division to conduct accident reconstruction in cases where traffic fatalities or serious bodily injuries occur. This equipment can also be used by the Crime Scene Unit to map major crime scenes. This purchase will not require funds from the general fund as funds are available in these reserves.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44500-900	Jackson Ballpark	97,465	40,000	137,465
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	Fund Balance	4,967,148.00	40,000	5,007,148.00

Budget amendment for new speakers for entire ballpark system in the amount of \$40,000. This will require a draw on fund balance.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the following budget amendment requests was approved 6-3, with Councilmembers Conger, Foote and Wallace voting nay:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44500-900	Jackson Ballpark	97,465	24,000	121,465
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	Fund Balance	4,967,148.00	24,000	4,991,148.00

Budget amendment for additional point of sale concession stand locations and drink rails at the Jackson Ballpark in the amount of \$24,000. This will require a draw on fund balance.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR