

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2014

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, 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 “Pepper” Bray gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the January 7, 2014, meeting were approved and signed.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located on the west side of North Highland Avenue across from Parker Drive from RS (Single Family Residential) District to B-5 (Highway Business) District, containing 1.63 acres, more or less, staff initiated rezoning request for Cocks-Danuiels Post #1848 V.F.W.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Code of the city of Jackson, Tennessee, relative to Title 8 – Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 2. Beer. (A public hearing was held regarding this ordinance.)

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to the acceptance of streets in Traditions Subdivision Section 4 – portions of Livingston Way, Hawk Meadow Cove, and Hillside Landing, and all of Lillie Cove, as public streets in the city of Jackson.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Sam Dawson as interim city recorder to carry out the duties of the office due to the absence of Al Laffoon who is on medical leave.

Mike Hewitt and John Whybrew, Certified Public Accountants with Alexander, Thompson, Arnold PLLC, gave an annual audit report on the city's finances for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Thomas Consultants in the amount of \$84,199.32 for computer leasing, best proposal received.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Cole's Detail Service for car washing services, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a lease agreement with Dale Childress, owner of Woodstock Bakery, to operate a grill at the Farmer's Market.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the appointments of Hampton Williams and Linda S.

Wood and the re-appointment of Richard Beach to the Ned McWherter West Tennessee Cultural Arts Center Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Wayne Arnold and the re-appointment of Monola Patterson to the Jackson Municipal Regional Planning Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Sandy MacDiarmid to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Mark Robertson to the Vicious Dog Committee.

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

| GENERAL | | Current | Amendment | Amended |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| FUND: | | Budget | Request | Budget |
| <i>Expenses:</i> | | | | |
| 110-42110-111 | Salaries | 5,784,007.32 | 74,505.60 | 5,858,512.92 |
| 110-42110-130 | Benefits | 2,422,033.78 | 31,292.35 | 2,453,326.13 |
| <i>Revenue:</i> | | | | |
| 110-37900 | Fund Balance | 886,224 | 105,797.95 | 992,021.95 |
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The Jackson Police Department is hiring nine (9) new police officers for which the salaries and benefits need to be budgeted from April 1 – June 30, 2014. Funds will be drawn on fund balance.

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

| CAPITAL | | Current | Amendment | Amended |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| FUND: | | Budget | Request | Budget |
| <i>Expenses:</i> | | | | |
| 315-41920-900 | Farmer's Market Capital | 15,778 | 57,386 | 73,164 |
| <i>Revenue:</i> | | | | |
| 315-37900 | From Fund Balance | 174,023 | 57,386 | 231,409 |
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Budget amendment is proposed for the building of an Amphitheatre at the Farmer's Market venue. Amendment is being done to the capital budget and funds will be pulled from fund balance.

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| CAPITAL | | Current | Amendment | Amended |
|------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| FUND: | | Budget | Request | Budget |
| <i>Expenses:</i> | | | | |
| 315-52700-900 | Library Capital | 48,527 | 12,750 | 61,277 |
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| <i>Revenue:</i> | | | | |
| 315-37900 | From Fund Balance | 231,409 | 12,750 | 244,159 |
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Budget amendment is proposed for the Jackson-Madison County Library roof replacement in the amount of \$12,750. Madison County is to reimburse one-third of this cost in the amount of \$4,250.00. Amendment is being done to the capital budget and funds will be pulled from fund balance.

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

Mayor Gist recognized the presence of former Jackson Police Chief Rick Staples in the audience.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR