

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING**  
**MAY 18, 2016**

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met in a special public session on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 8:00 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; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmember David Cisco was not present when the meeting was called to order, but arrived shortly thereafter. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

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

The purpose of the meeting was to consider a resolution authorizing the operation of the existing Humane Society under the title of City of Jackson Animal Care Center and to consider ordinances related to the City’s Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to a resolution authorizing the operation of the existing Humane Society under the title of City of Jackson Animal Care Center. Lynn Caldwell, president of the Humane Society’s Board and fundraising chair for the organization, and Frank McMeen, president of the West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation, were present and express support for the adoption of the resolution.

Alan Laffoon gave an overview of the proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year budget and answered questions from City Councilmembers.

Department heads gave summaries of their budget proposals and answered questions from City Councilmembers.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the operating and capital budget ordinance for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, was unanimously approved on first reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, an ordinance to set the 2016 property tax rate at \$1.9619 per hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation was unanimously approved on first reading.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR