

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
MAY 20, 2014

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met in a special public session on Tuesday, May 20, 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; Scott Conger; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmembers David Cisco and Johnny Dodd were not present during the morning session. 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 ordinances relative to the proposed 2014-2015 fiscal year operating and capital budget and the property tax rate.

Mayor Gist expressed appreciation to all of the department heads for their cooperation in putting the budget together. Mayor Gist explained the reductions to the 2014-2015 budget over last year’s budget which reflected the city’s reductions in grant funding at the state and federal level, the inability to make transfers (which have been permitted in previous years), and the expense of paying the \$1,000,000 mixing bar tax payment that is due before the end of the calendar year. Mayor Gist also explained that the proposed 2014-2015 budget showed expense reductions in most city departments by approximately 1.65%, no appropriations for across-the-board compensation increases for city employees, no funding for school resource

officers, and no funding for the Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Alan Laffoon, City Recorder, gave an overview of the proposed 2014-2015 fiscal year budget and answered questions from City Councilmembers.

The meeting was recessed at 10:00 a.m. and was reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

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

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and was reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Councilmembers Ernest Brooks II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace were present and Councilmembers Johnny Dodd and Vicky Foote arrived shortly thereafter. Councilmember Charles "Pepper" Bray was not present.

Department heads continued to give summaries of their budget proposals and answered questions from City Councilmembers.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the operating and capital budget ordinance for the 2014-2015 fiscal year was unanimously approved on first reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, an ordinance to set the 2014 property tax rate at \$1.97 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation was unanimously approved on first reading.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR