

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2013

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 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 Gist gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the adoption of resolutions authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$15,300,000 to provide funding for certain public works projects and to fund the incidental and necessary expenses related thereto and to examine the proposed 2013-2014 fiscal year budget.

Mayor Gist commended all of the city department heads for their hard work on the budget.

Alan Laffoon, city recorder, gave a management summary on the city’s General Fund, an overview on city fund balances and debt service, and answered questions regarding proposed resolutions to authorize the incurrence of indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$15,300,000 to provide funding for certain public works projects and to fund the incidental and necessary expenses related thereto. Tommy Green, marketing representative for the Tennessee Municipal Bond

Fund, shared information on the Variable Rate Loan Program and the SIFMA Index Rate History.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, an initial resolution authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness by the City of Jackson, Tennessee, of not to exceed \$15,300,000, by the execution with the public building authority of the City of Clarksville, Tennessee, of a loan agreement to provide funding for certain public works projects, and to fund the incidental and necessary expenses related thereto was approved 8-1, with Councilmember Conger voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a resolution authorizing a loan pursuant to a loan agreement between the City of Jackson, Tennessee, and the public building authority of the City of Clarksville, Tennessee, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$15,300,000; authorizing the execution and delivery of such loan agreement and other documents relating to said loan; approving the issuance of a bond by such public building authority; providing for the application of the proceeds of said loan and the payment of such indebtedness; and, consenting to the assignment of the city's obligation under such loan agreement.

The meeting recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all City Councilmembers present.

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

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with all Councilmembers present except Councilmember Rahm.

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

Councilmember Brooks, chairman of the Non-Profit Review Committee, reported the committee's recommendation to: (1) reduce the funding to previously funded non-profit agencies by ten percent, with the exception of the West Tennessee River Basin and other agencies whose funding could not be reduced, and include \$5,000 for the Imagination Library; (2) reduce the funding to Madison-Haywood Development Services to match what Madison County gives them; and (3) use the overall reduction savings to fund the following non-profit agencies in the following manner:

JMC African American COC	\$7,500
West Madison Senior Center	\$1,000
Madison County CASA	\$5,000
Jackson Family YMCA	\$2,000
WRAP	\$5,000
Youth Town	\$5,000
C-MACC	\$1,000
The Dream Center	\$2,500
Total	\$29,000

Councilmember Cisco made a motion to keep the funding levels for previously funded non-profit agencies at the same funding level as last year; reduce the funding to Madison-Haywood Development Services to match what Madison County gives them and use those reduction savings to fund newly funded non-profit agencies at the funding levels proposed by the committee. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-2, with Councilmembers Bray and Wallace voting nay.

The City Council discussed ideas of allocating a small percentage of the city's property tax allocation to a Capital Outlay Fund and having iPads and cell phones.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the operating and capital budget ordinance for fiscal year 2013-2014 was approved 8-0 on first reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Bray, an Ordinance to set the 2013 property tax rate at \$1.97 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation was approved 8-0 on first reading.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR