

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2017

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 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; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmember David Cisco was not 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 April 4, 2017, 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.

Mayor Gist presented a proclamation for Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day to Lisa Tillman, executive director of RIFA (Regional Inter-Faith Association), and Paula Faris, supervisor of maintenance at all four postal facilities in Jackson.

Mayor Gist called upon Tony Black, executive director of the City of Jackson Recreation and Parks Department, who recognized Coach Josh Sykes for his outstanding commitment and timeless efforts in getting material and labor donated for the construction of a new score box at Tobe Bailey Field.

Shelley Matthews, director of the Southwest Tennessee Development District’s (SWTDD) Area Agency on Aging and Disability, and Keita Cole, director of the SWTDD “MyRide” West Tennessee Program, addressed the Mayor and City Council regarding

the “MyRide” West Tennessee project. Ms. Cole stated that the “MyRide” West Tennessee Program is a volunteer senior transportation program that links volunteer drivers with older adults, age 60 and over, to get them to essential appointments around town. Ms. Cole also stated that they are in a soft launch phase right now and will officially start the program for all seniors in Madison County on May 15, 2017. Ms. Matthews expressed appreciation to Councilmember Conger for serving on the steering committee that helped planned the program. Mayor Gist thanked the agency for choosing Jackson as the pilot launch site for the program.

Dave Bratcher, president of the Star Center, thanked the Mayor and City Council for the investment the City has made in the mission of the Star Center and gave a brief update on the services the center provides.

City Attorney Lewis Cobb gave a summary of the City’s process in the deconstruction of Bemis Mill and answered questions.

FIRST READINGS:

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Short Street running between O’Conner Street and Magnolia Street, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. Mayor Gist then asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or in opposition to the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the ordinance was unanimously approved.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to amend the Official Code of the City of Jackson relative to Title 12 – Building, Utility, Etc. Codes, Modification, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. Mayor Gist then asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or in opposition to the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the ordinance was approved 7-0-1, with Councilmember Buchanan abstaining.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend the text of the City Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, Regulations Applying to Specific, to Several, or to all Districts, Section 2, Fences, Walls, and Hedges.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Curtis Mansfield to the West Tennessee Health Care Board of Directors.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Logan Hampton to fill the unexpired term of Ken Marston, Sr. and to the re-appointment of Monte Jones to the Jackson Energy Authority Board of Directors.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Estelle Davis to the Jackson Transit Authority Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Monte Cooper to the Code Advisory and Appeals Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Richard Donnell and to the re-appointments of Keith Wilson and Mabel Teamer to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Monte Jones to the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Jack Naylor and Howard Bond to the Health, Education, and Housing Facilities Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Virginia Williamson and Betty Hearn to the Jackson-Madison County Equalization Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the following General Fund and Solid Waste Fund write-offs:

- a) Delinquent Police Department Accounts:

POLICE DEPARTMENT – PARKING TICKETS

2016 - \$148.00

b) 2004 Property Base Tax, Penalty and Interest – as required by 10-year Statute of Limitations:

BASE TAX: \$233,680.79

PENALTY: \$23,201.08

INTEREST: \$25,574.88

TOTAL TAX: \$282,456.75

c) Returned Checks and Unreconciled Checks:

RETURNED CHECKS - \$814.24

UNRECONCILED CHECKS – PAYROLL - \$1,537.69

UNRECONCILED CHECKS – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - \$7,429.36

d) Delinquent Garbage Write-offs:

HEALTH AND SANITATION – GARBAGE ACCOUNTS - \$10,407.69

e) Delinquent City Court Fines:

CITY COURT FINES:

FY15 – 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 - \$816,013.48

CITY COURT RESTITUTION – UNDELIVERED CITY CHECKS - \$1,509.50

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

GENERAL FUND		Current Budget	Amendment Request	Amended Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41711-290	FTA: JTA Reimb. Grant		32,695	32,695
110-41712-290	FTA: JTA Reimb. Grant		33,155	33,155
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37998.5	FTA: JTA Reimb. Grant		32,695	32,965
110-37998.6	FTA: JTA Reimb. Grant		33,155	33,155

This is a budget amendment for FY17 to book two FTA Grants for JTA that must pass through the City of Jackson's MPO Agency for funding. One grant is for \$32,695 with JTA providing a match of \$3,684. The other grant is for \$33,155 with JTA providing a match of \$3,684. This grant period is from June 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Bray, the following budget amendment requests were approved 7-1, with Councilmember Wallace voting nay:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-52500-900	Airport Authority Capital	171,250	23,790	195,040
315-52700-900	Jackson-Madison Co. Library	25,000	63,000	88,000
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	Draw on Fund Balance	5,660,214.89	88,000	5,748,214.89

A budget amendment is being completed for \$23,790 for the Airport Authority for purchase of land by the Airport for land transfer for new TBI Building and purchase of an additional parcel for airport. The City and County agreed to match the required funding.

A budget amendment is being completed for the library for purchase of building located next to library to add additional parking. City and County have agreed to funding and city's portion is \$63,000.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR