

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2018

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 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; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Ross Priddy; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Harvey Buchanan gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the June 5, 2018, June 12, 2018, and June 26, 2018, meetings 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.

Lee Benson, chairman of the Arts Department at Union University, and Richard Donnell, Sr., special assistant to the president of Lane College, gave a presentation on the idea of putting up seven large boulders arranged in a circle on top of a hill at Shirlene Mercer Park. Each boulder will represent one of seven African American individuals or groups that played a significant role in the growth, development and success of Jackson Madison County. Each boulder will also have a four-inch bronze plaque imbedded in its side emblazed with one of the seven names. Mr. Benson stated that around the base of the hill where the boulders are located will be three concentric rings of trees to represent the African American youth of Jackson Madison County. Mr.

Donnell stated that Lane College is pleased to be a part of the project and urged the City Council to consider acquiring pictures to integrate the African American community in Jackson on the walls at City Hall so that the African American youth can see them when they come to City Hall. Mayor Gist stated that there is no funding set aside specifically for this project at this time but the City is extremely hopeful of having a surplus of remaining funds to go towards the tribute planned at Shirlene Mercer Park from existing capital projects which are budgeted and will take place. Mayor Gist then asked Mr. Benson and Mr. Donnell to present their proposal to the City's Parks and Recreation Board so that plans can be made to move the project forward.

The consideration of an Ordinance to rezone property located on Campbell Street at Campbell Oaks Drive from SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District to RG-2/PRD (General Residential/Planned Residential Development) District, submitted by Russell P. Norville, comprising 10.80± acres, was postponed.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to rezone property located along the 390 block of Cooper Anderson Road from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to RS-1/PRD (Single Family Residential/Planned Residential Development) District comprising 11.67± acres, submitted by McAlexander Engineering, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. Mayor Gist then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of 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 Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the ordinance was unanimously approved.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to amend the Charter of the City of Jackson relative to Ordinances, Section 26, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. Mayor Gist then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of 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 Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the ordinance was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Foote, an Ordinance to rezone property located at 1765 Hollywood Drive from RG-2 (General Residential) District to O-C (Office Center) District, containing .52± acres, submitted by Rhonda Collins, was unanimously approved on second reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, an Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, Article VIII Administration and Enforcement, Section 1 Administrative Offices, C. Board of Zoning Appeals, 2. Proceedings, relative to public notices, was unanimously approved on second reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, a request to transfer three (3) vacant lots from the City of Jackson to Jonah Affordable Housing for the purpose of building three (3) senior living duplexes was approved 8-0-1, with Councilmember Brooks abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to accept a portion of Palmer Drive (#80 Block), Fall

Creek Drive (#5--#48) and Wind Tree Cove (#7--#8) in Palmer Woods Section 2A as city streets in the City of Jackson.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, the acceptance of Wind Tree Cove (#14--#55) in Palmer Woods Section 2B as a city street in the City of Jackson was approved 8-0-1, with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to accept Jeremiah Drive (#27--#64), Nehemiah Drive (#6--#24) and Ezekial Drive (#7--#50) in Shepherd's Field Section 6 as city streets in the City of Jackson.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to accept Nehemiah Drive (#29--#101) and Ezekial Drive (#55--#62) in Shepherd's Field Section 7 as city streets in the City of Jackson.

Councilmember Dodd nominated Councilmember Foote as Vice Mayor for a one-year term. There being no further nominations, Councilmember Foote was elected Vice Mayor by acclamation. Councilmember Brooks stated that it was an honor to have served as the Vice Mayor this past year and wished Councilmember Foote the best of luck.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to submit a grant application for BJA Strategies for Policing Innovations. The proposed project start date is 10/1/18 and ends 9/30/22. The anticipated Federal amount is \$696,494.84, City in kind match – no funds required - \$326,674.16, total grant, if received will be \$1,023,169.00.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Amy Jones to the Parks and

Recreation Board to replace Pat Mingledorff who is deceased. Mayor Gist expressed appreciation for Mrs. Mingledorff's long years of service with the City of Jackson.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the appointment of Councilmember Priddy to the City Council Expenditure Committee to replace former Councilmember Scott Conger was approved 8-0-1, with Councilmember Priddy abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of John Hodges to the Civil Service Commission to replace Richard Beach.

Mayor Gist welcomed City Personnel Director Lynn Henning back to work after a brief illness.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendments:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-52700-900	Library Capital	81,000	123,000.34	204,000.34
315-37900	From Fund Balance	846,203	123,000.34	969,203.34

The Jackson-Madison County Library needs an AC unit replaced in the amount of \$162,500 of which the city will pay 2/3 (\$108,333.34) and the county will pay 1/3 (\$54,166.67). They also need roof repairs in the amount of \$22,000 of which the city will pay 2/3 (\$14,667) and the county will pay 1/3 (\$7,333). This will require a draw on fund balance.

Dinah Harris, Jackson Madison County Library Director, and Elaine Christian, Jackson Madison County Library Board Chair, gave a report on the condition of the library and expressed appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for their support. Councilmember Brooks expressed support for building a new Jackson-Madison County Library.

Ryan Porter, chief operating officer and General Counsel at the Jackson Chamber, gave an overview of the \$100,000 grant that the City of Jackson received to

create an off-leash dog park (no City match required). The City of Jackson was the grand prize winner in a statewide grant program from the Boyd Foundation called the 2018 Tennessee Dog Park Dash. Ryan Porter stated that the location of the proposed dog park will be the property between Delta Faucet and the Jackson Ball Park. Mr. Porter further stated that the idea is to use the location because of its visibility off Interstate 40 to invite people to use the park when they get off the interstate while they are traveling with their pets.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR