

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2017

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 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; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmember David Cisco was not present when the meeting was called to order, but arrived shortly thereafter. Councilmember Charles Rahm was absent. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

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

The minutes of the June 6, 2017, and the June 20, 2017, 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.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to rezone property located along the 50 block of Oil Well Road from A-O/FH (Agriculture-Open Land/Flood Hazard) District to RG-2 FH (General Residential/Flood Hazard) District, containing 5.14 acres, more or less, submitted by Terry Drumwright of TLM on behalf of Gail Gustafson, 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. The following people came forward and expressed opposition to the passage of the ordinance: Kim Cox, 8 Belle Trace Cove; Rick Siroky, 45 Belle Trace

Cove; Billy Spain, 33 Bell Trace Cove; Eddie Jenkins, 17 Ashton Cove; Kathy Brigg, 36 Ashton Cove; David Marbury, 56 Bell Trace Cove; Cynthia Deaton, 57 Belle Trace Cove; and Marilyn Freeman, 11 Ashton Cove. The following people came forward and expressed support for the passage of the ordinance: Randy Carter, Church Pastor at Northside Assembly of God, 27 Oil Well Road; Rick Allison, 14 Deepwood Drive; Terry Drumwright; Gail Gustafson, executive director of the Dream Center; Stephanie Laffoon, 66 Northwyke Drive; and Kristy Anderson, Dream Center Board member. Mayor Gist declared the public hearing closed after giving everyone who wished to speak an opportunity to do so. On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the ordinance was approved on first reading by a 5-3 vote with Councilmembers Brooks, Conger, Dodd, Foote and Wallace voting yea and Councilmembers Bray, Buchanan and Cisco voting nay.

The meeting was recessed at 10:50 a.m. and was reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with Mayor Gist and all City Councilmembers present except Councilmember Charles Rahm.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to amend Title 15, Chapter 12 of the official City of Jackson municipal code relative to Registration of Vehicles, 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 Dodd, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, an Ordinance to rezone property located at 623 and 635 Oil Well Road from R-S (Single Family Residential) District to O (Office) District, containing 2.60 acres, more or less, submitted by Milton Cravens and Ray Davis was unanimously approved on second reading.

Councilmember Brooks placed a motion on the floor to approve an agreement between Madison County, Tennessee, the City of Jackson, Tennessee, and the Jackson-Madison County School System regarding allocation of local option sales tax revenue to fund the Jackson-Madison County School System. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion. Councilmember Buchanan moved to delete Section 5, in its entirety, from the agreement. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-1 with Councilmember Wallace voting nay. On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the agreement as amended was unanimously approved. Councilmember Dodd stated that he hopes Madison County officials will use the funds the City is giving them from its' share of the local option sales tax revenue solely for Jackson-Madison County Schools.

Councilmember Wallace, chairman of the City of Jackson Budget Review Committee, stated that the Committee asked him to give a report to the City Council on some of the decisions they made and their recommendations. Councilmember Wallace stated that one of the recommendations that the Committee had was on City stickers for automobiles to get additional revenue for the City. He mentioned that this recommendation has already been implemented and the City will receive approximately \$200,000 more in annual revenues from this recommendation. Councilmember Wallace further stated that members of the Budget Review Committee were hesitant to recommend a budget to the City Council where there would be a draw on the City's fund balance; they were hopeful that resolving the sales tax issue would alleviate the City's budget shortfall problems and now it appears that it is going to. Councilmember Wallace then gave a report to the City Council on some other recommendations that were made by the Budget Review Committee which are as follows:

- *The Budget Review Committee recommends that the One Jackson Action Committee proceed with doing a study of implementing a storm water utility fee with subject study to be completed no later than December 31, 2017, and presented to City Council no later than their January 2018 City Council Meeting.*
- *The Budget Review Committee recommends to the City Council to ask the Mayor to appoint a committee to investigate the creation and implementation of a prepared food tax for the City of Jackson.*
- *The Budget Review Committee recommends to the City Council to approve the Mayor appointing a new Budget Review Committee immediately to begin working on the City's 2018-2019 fiscal year budget.*
- *The Budget Review Committee recommends to the City Council to approve the Mayor directing City Attorney Lewis Cobb or whoever else he feels is appropriate to research the possibility of transferring city owned school buildings to the County.*

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, a revised budget ordinance for the 2017-2018 fiscal year operating and capital budget was unanimously approved on second reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, an Ordinance to set the 2017 property tax rate at \$1.9619 per hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation was unanimously approved on second reading.

Councilmember Buchanan nominated Councilmember Brooks as Vice Mayor for a one year term. On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Conger, nominations for Vice Mayor were closed and Councilmember Brooks was elected Vice Mayor by acclamation.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Conger, a Resolution approving the Jackson Housing Authority Community Development Annual Action Plan (2017-2018) was approved 7-0. (Councilmember Brooks left the meeting before the vote was taken on this business item and did not return to vote on remaining business items.)

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the acceptance of the VOCA (Victims Services Coordinator) grant for the FY18 fiscal year was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Foote, a contract with Taylor and Sons for consulting services was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, a contract with Arrow Paving Company for cold mix, lowest and best bid received, was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, a contract with Jack Hornsby Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$181,316.78 for traffic signal upgrades, based upon unit pricing, lowest and best bid received, was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, a contract with Ford Construction Company in the amount of \$517,900.88 for McClellan Road improvements, based upon unit pricing, lowest and best bid received, was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Foote, a contract with Midland Communications in the amount of \$170,000.00 for the demolition of Bemis Mill was approved 7-0, pending receipt of the company's bonds and insurance within 10 days; if information is not provided within the set time, the contract award will go to the next low bidder, Robert Howell DBA H & M Demo in the amount of \$247,400.00.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, a contract with The Uniform Source for uniforms for the Fire Department was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Foote, a contract with the Tinin Contracting Company for rock, lowest and best bid received, was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Bray, the appointment of Mary Jane McWherter and Landon Preston and the re-appointment of Stephen Eldridge, Ray Washington and Brad Little to the Industrial Development Board were approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the re-appointment of Gregory D. Jordan to the Jackson-Madison County Library Board of Trustees was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the re-appointment of Helen Owens to the Health, Educational, and Housing Facilities Board was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the re-appointment of Jane Alderson to the Community Economic Development Commission was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the following budget amendment requests were approved 7-0:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-52700-900	Jackson Madison Co. Library	88,000	93,540	181,540
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	From Fund Balance	5,801,385.56	93,540	5,894,925.56

The HVAC unit at the Jackson-Madison County Library has gone out and needs a replacement in the amount of \$93,540. Madison County will reimburse the city one-third of the cost in the amount of \$31,180 and the remaining \$62,360 will be paid by the city. This will require a draw on fund balance.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the following budget amendment requests were approved 6-1, with Councilmember Conger voting nay:

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41311-322	JIFAF-Community Services	0	19,128.00	19,128.00
110-41311-324	Season of Unity – Community Services	7,500	22,000	29,500
110-41650-111	Salaries – Personnel	121,993.80	4,000	125,993.80
110-41650-130	Benefits – Personnel	29,758.41	9,000	38,758.41
110-44730-111	Salaries- Groundskeeping	776,791.48	60,000	836,791.48
110-44730-130	Benefits – Groundskeeping	224,295.86	80,000	304,925.86
110-41920-111	Salaries – Farmer’s Market	98,441.92	15,632.00	114,073.92
110-41920-130	Benefits – Farmer’s Market	18,068.51	17,000	35,068.51
110-42240-111	Salaries – Fire Department Training	115,044.40	60,000	175,044.40
110-42240-130	Benefits – Fire Department Training	52,504.21	6,000	58,504.21
110-42250-237	Survive Alive Expenses	1,200.00	14,000	15,200
110-42250-238	Drill Field Exp – Fire Dept Pub Ed	0	17,000	17,000
110-42254-240	Utilities – Fire Dept Bldg.	125,000	100,000	225,000
110-42254-266	Building Rep & Maint – Fire Dept	40,000	35,000	75,000
110-42600-112	Central Dispatch Overtime	17,430	20,000	37,430
110-41710-130	Benefits – Housing Codes	83,777.31	27,000	110,777.31
110-41710-242	Housing Codes – Landfill Costs	79,809	20,000	99,809
110-43196-111	Salaries – State Street Maint	29,576.35	27,000	56,576.35
110-43196-339	Vehicle Repairs – State Str Maint	20,000	55,000	75,000
110-43800-250	Engineering Professional Servs	14,075.66	50,000	64,075.66
110-43911-112	Overtime – Stormwater Operations	15,000	22,000	37,000
110-43911-339	Vehicle Exp – Stormwater Ops	35,000	45,000	80,000
110-43911-400	Building Materials – Stormwater Op	180,890.70	220,000	400,890.70
110-44450-530	Equip Lease – Golf Course		15,000	15,000
110-44640-111	Salaries – Tennis Center	26,893.62	1,800	28,693.62
110-44640-240	Utilities – Tennis Center	13,176.94	1,250	14,426.94
110-44640-330	Rep & Maint – Tennis Center	950.00	3,000	3,950.00
110-44642-111	Salaries – Tennis Complex	0	700.00	700.00
110-44642-240	Utilities- Tennis Complex	7500.00	12,000	19,500
110-44729-320	Opera Supplies – Liberty Gardens	20,000	40,000	60,000
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37900	Fund Balance	2,963,353.91	1,018,510	3,981,863.91

To amend budget for increased expenditures for FY17 in the General Fund budget by \$1,018,510.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the following budget amendment requests were approved 7-0:

SPORTSPLEX		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
124-44505-111	Sportsplex Salaries	757,362.78	1,859.28	759,222.06
<i>Revenue:</i>				
124-36704	Sponsorships	195,000	1,859.28	196,859.28

Bonus amount budgeted in COLA line item was not enough in the approved FY17 budget. Sportsplex had budgeted \$7,974 and needed a total of \$9,833.28 for a difference of \$1,859.28. This amendment will allow for the additional amount so that the budget will balance for year end.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, the payment of invoices over \$10,000 was approved 7-0.

Mayor Gist announced that Councilmember Bray will be celebrating a birthday on Wednesday, July 12.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR