

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 7, 2015

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall. Anita Brooks was recorder of the minutes.

Mayor Jerry Gist called the meeting to order.

Pastor Randy Carter of Northside Assembly of God gave the invocation and Mayor Jerry Gist led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Judge Blake Anderson administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Charles "Pepper" Bray; Ernest Brooks II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace.

The meeting was recessed at 9:05 a.m. to allow individuals to leave who were present to attend the swearing in ceremony but were unable to stay for the full meeting. The meeting was called back to order at 9:20 a.m. All Councilmembers were present.

Councilmember Brooks recognized Mr. Stanley Smith from Madison County Juvenile Court Services and a group of young men who were participating in his City Government Workshop for Youth.

The minutes of the June 2, 2015, and the June 25, 2015, City Council 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.

FIRST READING:

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an ordinance to amend Title 5, Chapter 3, of the Jackson Municipal code, relative to property tax collection.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to an ordinance to repeal the official code of the City of Jackson relative to occupational safety and health.

SECOND READING:

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the operating and capital budget ordinance for the 2015-2016 fiscal year was unanimously approved. The ordinance included the following FY 2015-2016 budget changes:

ACCOUNT #	DEPARTMENT	ORIG. BUDGT	NEW AMT	AMT OF CHG	INC/DEC	
EXPENSES						
GENERAL FUND						
110-41900-767	Appropriation to Other Agencies	\$268,160.54	\$314,913.24	\$46,752.70	Increase	For Humane Society (\$25,000; \$2,704.09 for SW District; \$19,048.61 JACOIA)
TOTAL CHANGES				\$46,752.70		
DEBT SERVICE						
211-51610-900	Transfer to Other Funds	\$4,642,473.00	\$4,600,000.00	-\$42,473.00	Decrease	
TOTAL CHANGES				-\$42,473.00		
CAPITAL FUND						
315-44555-900	Forest Hills Park	\$0.00	\$29,704.00	\$29,704.00	Increase	Work will not be completed by 6/30/15 and needs to be carried forward
315-44420-900	Oman Arena	\$1,750.00	\$17,500.00	\$15,750.00	Increase	For Speakers at Oman
315-44724-900	North Park	\$0.00	\$4,179.00	\$4,179.00	Increase	Additional speed bump to be put in and not completed by 6/30/15
TOTAL CHANGES				\$49,633.00		
ACCOUNT #	DEPARTMENT	ORIG. BUDGT	NEW AMT	AMT OF CHG	INC/DEC	
REVENUES						
GENERAL FUND						
110-37900	From Fund Balance	\$676,552.34	\$853,305.04	\$176,752.70	Increase	
110-31941	State Reimb-TDOT - Mowing	\$199,240.00	\$69,240.00	-\$130,000.00	Decrease	
TOTAL CHANGES				\$46,752.70		
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131-34315	State Reimb – Sweeping		\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00	Increase	

TOTAL CHANGES				\$130,000.00		
CAPITAL FUND						
315-37900	Transfer from Fund Balance	\$2,228,857.92	\$2,278,490.92	\$49,633.00	Increase	
TOTAL CHANGES				\$49,633.00		

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, an ordinance to set the 2015 property tax rate at \$1.9619 per hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Conger expressed gratitude for being allowed to serve as Vice Mayor for the past year. Councilmember Conger nominated and made a motion to appoint Councilmember Dodd to serve as Vice Mayor. Councilmember Brooks seconded the motion. Councilmember Brooks also moved that nominations for Vice Mayor be closed. Councilmember Bray seconded the motion and the motions to close the nominations for Vice Mayor and to appoint Councilmember Dodd to serve as Vice Mayor carried by a 8-0-1 vote, with Councilmember Dodd abstaining.

Councilmember Dodd expressed gratitude for being allowed to serve as City Treasurer for the past four years. Councilmember Dodd nominated and made a motion to appoint Councilmember Wallace to serve as City Treasurer. Councilmember Foote seconded the motion. Councilmember Buchanan moved that nominations for City Treasurer be closed. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion and the motions to close the nominations for City Treasurer and to appoint Councilmember Wallace to serve as City Treasurer carried by a 8-0-1 vote, with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

Mayor Gist made a recommendation that Al Laffoon be retained as City Recorder. On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the reappointment of Al Laffoon as City Recorder was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the following write-off of parking tickets:

a) Delinquent Police Department Accounts:

POLICE DEPARTMENT – PARKING TICKETS
2010 – 2014 - \$43,675

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to the renewal of a three-year Domestic Violence Grant. A match for the grant is required.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the acceptance of a sub-lease agreement by and between Jackson-Madison County General Hospital and the City of Jackson, Tennessee, for the City of Jackson to sublease the leased premises to Women's Resource and Rape Assistance Program ("WRAP").

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the acceptance of a FY15 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application for Jackson and Madison County – disparate allocation total \$55,503 with a split of \$27,751.50 to each jurisdiction. No match required. (A Public Hearing was held on this matter.)

Mayor Gist announced the following City Council Board Liaison List, effective July 1, 2015, until June 30, 2019:

Council Member	Board
Vicky Foote	Keep Jackson Beautiful Taxi Board
Johnny Dodd	Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency Expenditure Committee
Ernest Brooks II	Jackson Housing Authority Expenditure Committee
Harvey Buchanan	Jackson Transit Authority Beer Board Health, Education & Housing Facilities
Scott Conger	Chamber of Commerce Taxi Board Expenditure Committee
Charles "Pepper" Bray	Beer Board Recreation and Parks
Randy Wallace	Industrial Development Board Planning Commission*
Charles Rahm	Beer Board Jackson Energy Authority Community Economic Development Commission
David Cisco	Jackson Madison County General Hospital Airport Authority Taxi Board

* includes Historical Zoning Commission and Zoning Appeals

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Beverly Absher to the Planning Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Tom Hensley to the Community Economic Development Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Johnny Dodd to the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Randy Wallace to the Jackson Madison County Historic Zoning Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Vicky Foote to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Randy Wallace to the Jackson Municipal Regional Planning Commission.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR