

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2015

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 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 Scott Conger gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the July 7, 2015, 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.

There were no objections for Mayor Gist to suspend the rules to allow Harrell Carter, president of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), to address the City Council. Harrell Carter congratulated the Mayor and the City Council on their successful elections. Mr. Carter also thanked the Chief of Police for continued crime prevention efforts. Mr. Carter then introduced the local NAACP Political Action Chair, Marshall Brooks, who expressed support on behalf of the local NAACP organization for the City of Jackson to acquire body cameras for Jackson police officers. Marshall Brooks also asked for community participation in

developing public policies on racial profiling to further their efforts in building a better relationship with the Jackson Police Department.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, an Ordinance to accept Cross Creek Cove located within Cross Creek Subdivision running north off of Old Humboldt Road directly across from Glen Echo Drive was approved 5-2-1, with Councilmembers Bray, Buchanan, Conger, Dodd and Rahm voting yea, Councilmembers Brooks and Wallace voting nay, and Councilmember Foote abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend the text of the City of Jackson Zoning Ordinance Article V. SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Section 11. B-4 (General Business) District, C. Uses Permitted as Special Exceptions, 3. Climate Controlled Storage, along with an amendment to Article VI. REGULATIONS APPLYING TO A SPECIFIC, TO SEVERAL, OR TO ALL DISTRICTS, Section 21. Self-Storage Facilities.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend the text of the City of Jackson Zoning Ordinance Article V. SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Sections 1 through 7, by deleting Redevelopment Areas Design Review section and replacing it with Civic Master Plan Subareas/Redevelopment Areas Design Review, along with an amendment to Article VI. REGULATIONS APPLYING TO A SPECIFIC, TO SEVERAL, OR TO ALL DISTRICTS, Section 3. Application of District Regulations.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend Ordinance Number 2002-022, an Ordinance Levying Local Litigation Tax. The proposed amendment will increase the litigation tax from \$13.75 per City Court case to \$25.00 per City Court case to fund the City's drug court program.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, 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 Conger, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to repeal the official code of the City of Jackson relative to occupational safety and health.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to change order #2 in the amount of \$14,310.00 with Delta Electrical Incorporated to add conduits for the new tennis court project.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to change order #3 in the amount of \$2,974.00 with MSB Construction to furnish and install a drinking fountain at the new tennis courts.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to change order #4 in the amount of \$18,000.00 with MSB Construction to furnish and install irrigation at the new tennis courts.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to change order #5 in the amount of \$11,200.00 with

MSB Construction to furnish and install stone to be used on the restroom building at the new tennis courts.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a contract with MSB Construction in the amount of \$221,454.00 for paving the parking and drive areas at Veterans Drive.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a change order in the amount of \$1,050.00 with Hart Freeland Roberts for additional design work at the tennis courts.

City of Jackson Parks and Recreation Director Tony Black and City Purchasing Manager Susan White gave an update on the status of the renovations at Forest Hill Park and answered questions.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to adopt the One Jackson Civic Master Plan. The plan addresses a wide range of issues regarding land use, growth and development, transportation and circulation, community facilities, and the environment. John Houseal of Houseal Lavigne Associates, the consultant team who worked closely with the City's planning staff to create the plan, gave an overview of the plan and answered questions.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Charles Dawson to the Jackson Housing Authority Board.

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

DRUG FUND		Current Budget	Amendment Request	Amended Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
141-42129-900	Capital		120,000	120,000
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-42180-321	Federal Equitable Sharing		53,000	53,000
DRUG FUND				
<i>Revenue:</i>				
141-37900	From Fund Balance		120,000	120,000
GENERAL FUND				
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-26505	Federal Equitable Sharing Reserve	70,000	53,000	53,000

From the Federal Equitable Sharing account, Jackson Police Department has the following purchases that need to be made:

(1) A new video system for the Jackson Police Department. Their current one has quit working and is a very old system that is no longer serviceable. They currently do not have but two cameras working in the building; therefore they need to replace the DVR system as well as all of their cameras. Due to some additional secured areas in the building, they also need to add a card reader system to handle two more secure doors. This work would all be done by the same company and the total to do all will be \$21,000, but it is desperately needed for the security of the building.

(2) The Jackson Police Department has had their current Glock pistols for 10 years. The night sights and magazines for each of these guns must be replaced. The Jackson Police Department has learned that it will be less expensive if they trade the firearms they have now and purchase 260 new Glock 9MM pistols. The total cost to do this is \$32,000. In addition, the Jackson Police Department would add that they will be changing the caliber of these pistols from .40 caliber to 9MM, which will result in a long term savings because 9MM ammunition is about half the cost of the .40 caliber currently used.

Total request from the Federal Equitable Sharing reserve is for \$53,000.

From the 141 City Drug Fund, Jackson Police Department needs to purchase capital in the amount of \$120,000. This is for 4 additional police cars for field operations.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR