

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, 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; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Randy Wallace gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the August 7, 2012, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist proclaimed Saturday, September 15, 2012, as Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids in Jackson and Madison County, Tennessee.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed alley running north between 129 and 131 Morgan Street, submitted by Healthy Communities, LLC.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to change the name of CityWalk Plaza to Jackson Walk Plaza, submitted by Healthy Communities, LLC.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to change the name of a portion of

White Street to North Shannon Street, running between West Orleans Street and Jackson Walk Plaza, submitted by Healthy Communities, LLC.

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, an Ordinance to amend the Official Municipal Code of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 1. Intoxicating Liquors, Section 8-115, Location of liquor stores in liquor and zoning districts, to further define the process of amending the liquor districts and the Liquor District Map was approved 7-1-1, with Councilmember Buchanan voting no and Councilmember Foote abstaining. Alan Sallee, owner of Hollywood Liquors, expressed opposition to the approval of the ordinance on behalf of himself and on behalf of four other local liquor store owners. Alan Sallee also asked the City Council to consider tabling the consideration of the ordinance and do further study on the location of liquor stores in liquor and zoning districts.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located on the north side of Okeena Drive, just west of Pipkin Road, from RS (Single Family Residential) District to RS/PRD (Single Family Residential/Planned Residential Development) District containing 48.75 acres, more or less, submitted by HTK Properties, LLC.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon a section of Wilshire Drive running north to a dead end at the parking garage for the West Tennessee Surgery Center, submitted by Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend Title 10 Animal Control,

Chapter 2. Livestock and Other Farm Animals, Section 10-202 of the Official Municipal Code for the City of Jackson, Tennessee, relative to where animals are to be kept. (A Public Hearing was held on this matter.)

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, an Ordinance to reduce the number of false alarms in the City of Jackson, Tennessee, was approved 8-1, with Councilmember Brooks voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brandon McWherter, Chairman of the Jackson Madison County Library Board; Mona Miller, owner of Strategic Excellence; Jerry Bastin, Madison County Commissioner and Jackson Madison County Library Board member; and Bill Johnson, Director of the Jackson Madison County Library; gave a presentation on the long term vision and future state of the Jackson Madison County Public Library.

Dr. Vicki Lake, Chairperson of the Mayor's Youth Gang Prevention Task Force Committee, and Ms. Amy Jones, Director of Madison County Juvenile Court Services and a member of the Mayor's Youth Gang Prevention Task Force Committee, gave a presentation on the first year's results of the summer programs recommended by the committee to provide enriching and constructive summer youth experiences for specially targeted youngsters ages 12-15 years of age and 15-18 years of age.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, approval was given, by a 7 to 1 vote, for the Industrial Development Board to proceed with the process of negotiating and preparing a development agreement with the Jackson Baseball Club to define initial project actions relative to the construction of a hotel/conference center in the Jackson (F.E. Wright Drive) Economic Development District (TIF District). Councilmember Foote voted nay and Councilmember Brooks was

not present when the vote was taken on the matter. Mr. Larry Butler, Legal Counsel for the Industrial Development Board, and Mr. Andy Culbreath, Chairman of the Industrial Development Board, answered questions regarding a proposal to construct and operate a hotel and adjacent conference/convention center on land adjacent to the existing Pringles Park AA Baseball Stadium.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, a second one (1) year extension on the five (5) additional terms of one (1) year each contained in the Waste Management contract of April 4, 2006, to July 31, 2011, was approved 6-0. Councilmember Conger was not present when the vote was taken on the matter. Councilmembers Brooks and Dodd left the room before voting and were absent for the duration of the meeting.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Bray, a Resolution approving a continuation of single-family dwelling construction with sales to income-eligible homebuyers and financing participation by the Jackson Housing Authority was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, an application for participation in an after-school-care snack component (area eligible) Tennessee child and adult care food program (CACFP) was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, a Resolution authorizing an internal 3-year capital outlay note from the West Tennessee Healthcare Sportsplex to the general fund in the amount of \$250,000 at 1% interest was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, write-offs for City Court receivables June 30, 2009, and prior in the amount of \$4,771,144.37 were approved 5-2, with Councilmembers Bray and Buchanan voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, a Drug Court Treatment Grant from the State of Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services was approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Foote, a contract between Community Development Partners, LLC and the City of Jackson, Tennessee, was approved 6-1, with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the re-appointments of Patty Lewis and Thomas Varughese to the Board of Zoning Appeals were approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the appointments of Glenn Vaulx, Sr. and Elaine Christian to the Jackson Madison County Library Board were approved 7-0.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the re-appointments of Charles Baldwin, Nathan Carter and David Mathis to the Tree Board were approved 7-0.

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

DRUG		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
141-42129-900	Drug Fund Capital Expenses		16,451.50	16,451.50
<i>Revenue:</i>				
141-37900	From Fund Balance		16,451.50	16,451.50

Budget amendment for purchase of video arraignment equipment for City Court to be pulled from the Drug Fund reserves. The city will pay one-half of this cost and the Sheriff's Department will pay one-half with the total cost of the project being \$32,903.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the payment of invoices over \$10,000.00 was approved 7-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR