

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Councilmembers Charles “Pepper” Bray; Harvey Buchanan; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Councilmembers Ernest Brooks II and David Cisco were not present when the meeting was called to order, but arrived shortly thereafter. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Charles Rahm gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Gist recognized the following special guests who were seated in the audience: Bobby Arnold, former CEO of West Tennessee Healthcare; Dr. Logan Hampton, president of Lane College; and Jackson-Madison County School Board member David Clifft.

The minutes of the August 2, 2016, meeting were approved and signed.

Flora Claybrook, Jackson-Madison County NAACP Health Committee Chair, presented an outreach advocacy proposal to Mayor Gist and the City Council for a mobile farmer’s market for the east Jackson community. Tony Black, director of the City’s Parks and Recreation Department, expressed appreciation to Ms. Claybrook for the NAACP Health Committee’s concern and commitment. Mr. Black stated that the City received a technical assistance grant from the Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) and the City is supportive of having a mobile farmer's market in Jackson. Dr. Vicki Lake, chair of the EPA's Local Food, Local Places grant team, stated that the City has two funding sources to implement a mobile farmer's market in Jackson: 1) The EPA's Local Food, Local Places Program; and 2) The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Dr. Lake also stated that the City will be applying for an implementation grant next summer to start in January 2018 for a mobile farmer's market and the grant team's timetable includes doing a listening tour in the fall with Lane College and other focus groups in the east Jackson community to find out what they would like to see in the community.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, an Ordinance to accept Match Point Drive, running west off Highway 45 North, directly across from Parker Drive, as a public city street was approved 8-0. (Councilmember Brooks was not present to vote on this matter.)

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, an Ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed alley running south off of West Lafayette Street to West Main Street, submitted by James Upchurch, was approved 8-0. (Councilmember Brooks was not present to vote on this matter.)

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to accept a proposal to purchase 21.03± acres of vacant land located west of North Highland Avenue in Jackson and Madison County, Tennessee, from Highland Green Properties.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution approving the submission of the 2015-2016 Jackson Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Dr. Vicki Lake, chairperson of the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), thanked the members of the CRA Board of Directors for their hard work. Dr. Lake also thanked Stan Pilant, City Planning Director, and his staff, for their guidance in making sure that the CRA do everything according to Federal, State and local regulations and thanked the CRA's two Master Developers, Healthy Community, LLC and David Hunt, for all of the work that they have done. Dr. Lake commented on the collaborative work that has resulted in the redevelopment efforts in Tax increment financing (TIF) Districts 1 and 2 and stated that the CRA will be presenting a concept to refurbish the old Jackson Central Merry High School campus to the Jackson-Madison County School Board.

Hal Crocker with Healthy Community, LLC and David Hunt gave the City Council a report on economic developments in their districts.

Councilmember Buchanan stated that he has been approached by several organizations/businesses and by an institute of higher learning regarding City of Jackson school properties – who owns them, what are the rights, what are the privileges. Councilmember Buchanan further stated that there was a 1991 agreement that states that when a school property ceases being a school, the property will revert back to the City and County. Councilmember Buchanan also stated that the City Council needs to know who has the rights to do what and how with the property when the property ceases being a school. City Attorney Lewis Cobb stated that although

school property located within the City of Jackson is still titled in the City’s name, the School Consolidation Plan that was approved by the City of Jackson and Madison County gives the Jackson-Madison County School System (JMCSS) the custodial rights to school property and when the school property is no longer needed, JMCSS has the right to sell the school property and keep the money or surrender custody of the school property back to the City.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a professional services agreement with Houseal Lavigne Associates, LLC to rewrite the City’s current Zoning Ordinance.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a professional services agreement with Houseal Lavigne Associates, LLC to prepare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Jackson.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Bray, a professional services agreement with SCI Architects for an Arena/Convention Center feasibility study was approved 8-1, with Councilmember Buchanan voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-43190-900	State Street Maintenance	170,500	18,507.13	189,007.13
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	Fund Balance	5,543,670.76	18,507.13	5,562,177.89

This amendment is for the State Street Maintenance division for the purchase of a bush hog and trailer needed to use with tractor and to haul excavator. Total amendment is for \$18,507.13 and will require a draw on fund balance.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the following budget amendment requests were approved 8-1, with Councilmember Wallace voting nay:

SOLID WASTE		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
131-43230-900	H & S Capital	311,500	300,000	611,500
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	Fund Balance		300,000	300,000

This amendment is for the purchase of two (2) additional claw trucks and will require a draw on fund balance in the Solid Waste fund.

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