

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2008

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Council members Charles “Pepper” Bray; Ernest Brooks, II; Harvey Buchanan; Johnny Dodd; Danny Ellis; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Charles “Pepper” Bray gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist presented proclamations for:

- Arts and Humanities Month to Kathi Leatherwood, Executive Director of the Jackson Arts Council.
- Adoption Month to Camecia Springfield of the Department of Children Services.

Mayor Gist and Councilman Ernest Brooks, II, Chairman of the local Do the Write Thing Challenge, recognized Hayley Lumpkin and Carlos Glenn, 2008 finalist winners for the Do the Write Thing Challenge, and their teacher, Mrs. Eddie Mae Mercer, for their participation in the Challenge. Mayor Gist thanked Mrs. Mercer for her part in mentoring young people and presented tokens of appreciation to her and the finalist winners on behalf of the City of Jackson. Mayor Gist also thanked Councilman Brooks for initiating the program.

Mayor Gist announced that budget amendment requests would be added to the agenda for consideration and asked Council members to strike the consideration of a Lease Agreement with Diamond Jaxx Baseball, LLC from the agenda because it was not ready to submit for approval.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Council member Neudecker made a motion to table the consideration of an Ordinance to abandon and close an unimproved unnamed alley running west off Campbell Street to a dead end just north of Wisdom Street for 30 days to allow opportunity for discussion with all parties involved. The motion was seconded by Council member Wallace and was approved 8-1, with Council member Brooks voting nay. The Ordinance was submitted by the City Planning Staff.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to adopt the official code of the City of Jackson relative to the Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Ellis, an Ordinance to adopt the official code of the City of Jackson relative to the Title 7, Chapter 2 Fire Prevention Code was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Brooks, an Ordinance to adopt the official code of the City of Jackson relative to National Fire Codes (NFPA) was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, an Ordinance to adopt the official code of the City of Jackson relative to the Sign Code was approved 7-2, with Council members Ellis and Neudecker voting nay.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, an Ordinance to rezone property located at the northwest quadrant of U.S. Highway 45 Bypass and Old Humboldt Road from a RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to an O-C (Office Center) District, comprising 27.8 acres, more or less, submitted by Charles T. Clark, Jr., was approved 7-1-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay and Council member Brooks abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Dodd, an Ordinance to change the name of Parkview Circle to Centennial Drive, submitted by the Jackson Housing Authority, was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to memorialize Austin Merry by designating Royal Street from South Highland Avenue to its terminus as "Austin Merry Boulevard." Mayor Gist presented a framed copy of the Resolution to Mrs. Gwendolyn Merry Coleman, granddaughter of Professor Austin Merry. Mrs. Coleman thanked the Mayor; City Council member Buchanan for his work on the project to memorialize Austin Merry; Jackson City Council members; and the people in the community for their support in designating Royal Street in memory of her grandfather. Mayor Gist recognized Mr. Tony Black, President of the Merry High School National Alumni Association, and members of the Merry High Alumni Association.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Brooks, a Resolution approving a proposed project plan consisting of construction of a

mixed-finance project for seniors with participation by the Jackson Housing Authority was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution adopting an identity theft policy.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a request from Madison Central Partners (which consists of David and Laurie Horton and John and Kath Allen) to exercise its option to purchase the property which runs along the north side of Lafayette Street with a west margin of Shannon Street and east margin of North Highland, said property being the former location of Hopper-Smith Furniture Store and Nando Jones, pursuant to the Option Agreement entered into with the City of Jackson.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to a contract in the amount of \$9,960 with Pearson Safety Services for safety consulting services.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, unanimous approval was given to a contract in the amount of \$378,261.94 with Ford Construction Company for the Main Street Improvements.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the following board appointments:

- Recreation and Parks – Reappointment of Sam Joiner.
- Jackson Housing Authority – Reappointment of Jimmy Cole.
- Health, Education and Housing Facilities – Reappointment of Joyce Corley and Larry Jones.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the following FY09 budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenditures:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
315-3349	Transportation Enhancement Grant		795,087.82	798,087.82
<i>Funding:</i>				
315-33495	Transportation Enhancement Grant		636,070.26	636,070.26
315-36733	Reimbursement: Old Country Store		159,017.56	159,017.56

The City has received a Transportation Enhancement Grant for \$795,087.82 from TDOT for work on the railroad museum project at the Brooks Shaw and Son Old Country Store. The Brooks Shaw and Son Old Country Store will be providing the 20% match required. There is a lease agreement that exists between the City of Jackson and the Brooks Shaw and Son Old Country Store, Inc. TDOT will provide 80% funding for this project. This will provide for the enhancements to the Historic Casey Jones Home and Railroad Museum.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Dodd, the payment of invoices over \$10,000 was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR