

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, 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 Harvey Buchanan gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the August 5, 2014, 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.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed alley between Holly Street and Clayton Street, just south of Carroll Street.

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 south off of Arlington Avenue between Campbell Street and Pleasant Street.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, a certified property tax rate of \$1.9619 for 2014 was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to a resolution to memorialize Isaiah W. Savage, Jr. by designating Monroe Street, in its entirety, as "Isaiah W. Savage, Jr. Boulevard." Mrs. Margaret Savage, widow of Isaiah W. Savage Jr.; Ms. Candy Savage Campbell, daughter of Margaret and Isaiah W. Savage, Jr.; and Byron Elam, great grandson of Margaret and Isaiah W. Savage, Jr.; were present and expressed appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for designating Monroe Street as "Isaiah W. Savage, Jr. Boulevard."

A resolution to rescind the commitment to deed five (5), more or less, acres of property, located south of Highway 70 Bypass between Phillips Street and Cartmell Street, to Connections Preparatory School was discussed. Helen Owens, chairperson of the Board of Trustees for Connections Preparatory School, and Monola Patterson, chief executive officer of Connections Preparatory School, were present and expressed their concern for not being included in conversations with the city of Jackson and the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) regarding the property. Patti Pickler, director of the Southwest Human Resource Agency Community Outreach and Neighborhood Stabilization Program, advised the agency's tentative plans of constructing homes for home ownership on the property, if the property became available. Stan Pilant, City of Jackson Planning Director,

stated the funding source for the proposed home construction project and advised that the commitment to deed the property to Connections Preparatory School was contingent upon the establishment of a charter school on the property. Stan Pilant further advised that the ownership of the property was transferred to the CRA in April 2011 with the understanding that the CRA would also commit to using the property for redevelopment purposes, if the property becomes available. Councilmember Buchanan moved to table the consideration of the resolution for thirty days and take the matter up at the October 7, 2014, City Council Meeting to allow the Board of Trustees for Connections Preparatory School and the CRA to have discussion regarding the property. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an application for participation in an after-school-care snack component (area eligible) Tennessee child and adult care food program (CACFP).

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Dell Financial Services to lease 75 computers, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Delta Contracting Company, LLC for paving and lane improvements on Oil Well Road and Country Club Lane, lowest and best bid received, based upon unit pricing.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Delta Contracting Company, LLC for Lambuth Boulevard roadway improvements, lowest and best bid received, based upon unit pricing.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Delta Contracting Company, LLC for the Christmasville Road widening project, lowest and best bid received, based upon unit pricing.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Ford Construction Company for Union Avenue improvements, lowest and best bid received, based upon unit pricing.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, a contract cancellation with Hinson Auction and Real Estate for auctioning city surplus property and the awarding of a contract to GovDeals for online auctioning of city surplus property was approved 7-1-1, with Councilmember Wallace voting nay and Councilmember Foote abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the appointments of Jerry Gay and Wes Henley to the Ned R. McWherter West Tennessee Cultural Arts Center Advisory Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Nathan Carter and Charles Baldwin to the city's Tree Board.

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

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44500-900	Jackson Ballpark	71,000	106,582	177,582
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	From Fund Balance	1,008,354	106,582	1,114,936

Budget amendment requested to replace roof at the Jackson Ballpark in the amount of \$94,500; add wood plank flooring for ballpark Officer's Club - \$4,028; replace batting practice cage - \$4,500; and replace spray rig for playing field grounds keeping in amount of \$3,554. Funds will be drawn on fund balance for this expenditure.

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

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-43190-931	Street Resurfacing	3,272,953	960,000	4,232,953
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	From Fund Balance	1,114,936	960,000	2,074,936

Budget amendment needed for repairs for several roads that have had major culvert collapses such as University Parkway, Ashport Road, and others that are to be identified. There will be a draw on fund balance in the amount of \$960,000.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR