

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2007

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, 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 Harvey Buchanan gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes from the November 6, 2007 meeting were approved with the exception of approving an Ordinance to amend to the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Specific District Regulations, Section 4, RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District. Council member Neudecker advised that he did not make a motion to approve the ordinance but was requesting permission to make inquiry about the ordinance and that action was subsequently seconded and approved instead of the ordinance. Council member Neudecker requested that the matter be brought back before the City Council for consideration.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Dodd, a Resolution to adopt a Plan of Service, an Ordinance to annex and an Ordinance to zone an area referred to as “Alderson Annexation Area,” generally located on the north side of Bascom Road and south of Old Bells Road, just west of Windy City Road, comprising

a total of 55.9 acres, more or less, was approved 8-1 with Council member Neudecker voting nay. The proposed zoning for this annexation area is RS (Single Family Residential) District. Mr. Bob Wagenschutz, Mr. B. J. Hutchison and Mr. Jim Matthews, residents who lived in the area, spoke in opposition to the request.

Council member Rahm made a motion to approve an Ordinance to change the name of Tanyard Street, running east and west between South Highland Avenue and Shannon Street, to "Dale Jamieson, Sr. Drive." The motion was seconded by Council member Bray and was approved 7-0-1 with Council member Neudecker abstaining and Council member Brooks voting nay.

Councilman Ellis made a motion to table the consideration of an Ordinance to rezone property located on the east side of Christmasville Road, just north of U.S. Interstate 40 from SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District and B-5 (Highway Business) District to I-O (Wholesale and Warehousing) District containing 44.95 acres, more or less, submitted by Gary A. Taylor. The motion to table was seconded by Council member Neudecker and failed 4-5 with Council members Ellis, Neudecker, Rahm and Wallace voting in favor of tabling the matter and Council members Bray, Brooks, Buchanan, Dodd and Hays voting against tabling the matter. On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Buchanan, the rezoning of an Ordinance located on the east side of Christmasville Road from SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District and B-5 (Highway Business) District to I-O (Wholesale and Warehousing) District was approved 6-3 with Council members Bray, Brooks, Buchanan, Dodd, Hays and Rahm voting in favor of the rezoning and Council members Ellis, Neudecker and Wallace voting against the rezoning. Ms. Lanis

Karnes, Ms. Ima Jean Cook, Mr. James Privitt and Ms. Dee Wright expressed concerns about rezoning the property to an I-O (Wholesale and Warehousing) District.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Dodd, an Ordinance to rezone property located on the south side of Ashport Road, just east of Willow Green Drive from RS/FH (Single Family Residential/Flood Hazard) District to RS-1/PRD/FH (Single Family Residential/Planned Residential Development/Flood Hazard) District containing 22.79 acres, more or less, submitted by Jerry Winberry, was approved 8-1 with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Buchanan, an Ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed street stub running southeast off Melwood Street to a dead end was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathi Landon Leatherwood, Chair of the Public Buildings Committee, gave a report on the Public Buildings Committee. Mayor Gist commended the members who served on the committee for their hard work and diligence over the past months and thanked them for their time and dedication in serving on the committee.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Bray, a Mutual Aid Agreement relative to law enforcement and fire fighting assistance between the City of Jackson and Madison County, Tennessee was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Neudecker, a Resolution authorizing the University of Tennessee Municipal Technical Advisory Service to codify and revise the ordinances of the City of Jackson was unanimously approved.

Susan White, Purchasing Director, gave a report on emergency purchases that involved labor and materials required to install an air conditioning compressor at Pringles Park Club House and replacing a pump on a hot water boiler at the Jackson Centre.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Rahm, a contract in the amount of \$583,340.19 with Venture Technologies for the police wireless mesh project was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, Change Order No. 3 for Purchase Order 3391 in the amount of \$4,169.00 with Tennessee Municipal League for renewal of liability and property insurance (Commercial and Vandalism) was approved 8-1 with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Buchanan, Change Order No. 3 for Purchase Order 3392 in the amount of \$48,354.00 with Tennessee Municipal League for renewal of liability and property insurance (Auto and Professional Liability Coverage) was approved 8-1 with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Hays, the following budget amendments were approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay:

General Fund		Current	Amendment	Amended
<i>Expenditures:</i>		Budget	Request	Budget
110-43800-321	Brownsfield Cleanup Grant Project		291,800	291,800
110-41201-111	Salaries/Drug Court	76,780.48	27,000.00	103,780.48
<i>Funding:</i>				
110-33152	Brownsfield Cleanup Grant Project		200,000	200,000
110-36691	Reimb: In-Kind Contributions – JEA		91,800	91,800
110-26650	Drug Court Litigation Tax Reserve			27,000

The Engineering Department has received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$291,800 for cleanup. EPA will provide \$200,000 of which \$91,800 will be provided as in-kind services from JEA in this cleanup effort. There will be no draw on fund balance.

Drug Court is seeking to add a licensed clinical social worker to their staff and would like to request an additional \$27,000 to cover this expense. Funds for this will be pulled from the Drug Court Litigation Tax Reserve, which as of June 30, 2007 had a balance of \$338,841.61. There will be no draw from fund balance for this increase in budget.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Brooks, invoices over \$10,000 were approved 8-0 with Council member Neudecker abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR