

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 3, 2011**

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 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; David Cisco; Maurice Hays; Willie L. Moore, Jr.; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Maurice Hays gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the April 5, 2011, meeting were approved and signed.

**FIRST READINGS:**

The consideration of an Ordinance to amend the Official Code of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, relative to Title 10, Animal Control was postponed.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed alley running east off of Phillips Street, just north of East Chester Street, submitted by the planning staff.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Buchanan, an Ordinance to reapportion the nine council districts of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, was approved 8-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining. Dr. Ernest Brooks, Sr., Representative for the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) Redistricting Committee, expressed the

N.A.A.C.P. Redistricting Committee's concerns with the city's nine council districts reapportionment plan. Council member Buchanan suggested that the N.A.A.C.P. Redistricting Committee meet with the city's Planning Department staff to see if the committee's concerns could be resolved before the reapportionment plan was considered for final adoption.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Wallace, the 2011 Annexation Progress Report was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gary Grisham, President of the Jackson Arts Council Board, Ms. Kathi Leatherwood, Executive Director of the Jackson Arts Council, and Mr. Trey Rabon, Vice President of Government Relations for the Jackson Arts Council Board, were present and thanked Mayor Gist and the Jackson City Council for their financial support to the Jackson Arts Council.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Bray, a Resolution approving the Jackson Housing Authority Community Development Program Annual Action Plan (2011-2012) was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay. Mr. Dave Ralston with the Jackson Housing Authority Community Development Office was present and advised that the 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan was the second of five Annual Action Plans as part of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, 2010-2015. Mr. Ralston also gave a comprehensive overview of proposed budget activities for the 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan and answered questions from City Council members.

Mr. Harrell Carter, President of the Jackson-Madison County local branch of the N.A.A.C.P., addressed the Mayor and City Council members regarding the organization's focus on offering ideas and suggestions to improve Jackson-Madison County.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a contract with S.M. Lawrence Company for boiler-chiller maintenance, lowest and best bid received based upon unit pricing.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Moore, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Quality Concrete Products for reinforced concrete pipe, best bid received based upon unit pricing.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Hays, a contract with Sysco Memphis for Sportsplex concessions, lowest and best bid received based upon unit pricing, was approved 8-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Shapiro Uniforms, Inc. for ballistic vests, best bid received.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Midsouth Solutions for police uniforms, trousers and shirts, best bid received using unit pricing.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Moore, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Fleet Safety Equipment, Inc. for police vehicle equipment, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Moore, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Mike Freeman to the Jackson Transit Authority Board.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Jack Naylor, Howard Bond and Ab Taylor III to the Health, Education and Housing Facilities Board.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Moore, the re-appointment of Monte Jones to the Community Redevelopment Agency was approved 8-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Wallace, the appointment of Rad Ellington to replace Chris Parish and the re-appointments of Evelyn Keele and Pam Woods to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission were approved 8-0-1, with Council member Brooks abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Rahm, the re-appointment of Brenda DePriest to the Jackson Historical Commission was approved 8-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Cisco, seconded by Council member Rahm, the following FY2011 budget amendment requests were approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay:

| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>  |                            | Current      | Amendment | Amended      |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
|                      |                            | Budget       | Request   | Budget       |
| <i>Expenditures:</i> |                            |              |           |              |
| 110-44729-900        | RTP Grant: Liberty Gardens |              | 100,000   | 100,000      |
| <i>Revenue:</i>      |                            |              |           |              |
| 110-33434            | RTP Grant: Liberty Gardens |              | 80,000    | 80,000       |
| 110-37900            | From Fund Balance          | 2,250,934.41 | 20,000    | 2,270,934.41 |

Liberty Gardens has received a Recreation Trails Program grant for use of Liberty Gardens to develop an ADA restroom and also construct a pedestrian footbridge. The grant is for \$100,000 with the city required to match 20% - total \$20,000 match. This grant is for the period of 6/1/11 – 5/30/14 – a three-year period for completion of the work.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR