

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2015

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 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; Ernest Brooks II; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. 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.

The minutes of the December 2, 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.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to accept Tennessee Department of Transportation project 57009-2264-14 SR-186 (Keith Short Bypass) from I-40 to Old Hickory Boulevard.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located on the west side of U.S. Highway 45 Bypass, just south of Airways Boulevard from A-

O/FH (Agriculture-Open Land/Flood Hazard) District to B-5/FH (Highway Business/Flood Hazard) District containing 4.5 acres, more or less, submitted by Liles Brothers.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Bray, an Ordinance to barricade and close Cedar Street to through traffic was approved 8-1, with Councilmember Buchanan voting nay. The request was submitted by Aspell Recovery Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Whybrew and Mike Hewitt, Certified Public Accountants and partners of the Alexander Thompson Arnold accounting firm, gave an overview of the City of Jackson fiscal year 2014 financial audit. On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to accept the fiscal year 2014 financial audit report as presented.

Councilmembers Bray, Cisco and Conger were appointed at the last meeting to act as a three-member committee to work with City staff members to bring a contract recommendation for the engineering design and right-of-way/construction engineering and inspection for the Highland Avenue Multimodal Project to the City Council for consideration. The committee met with City staff members on December 11, 2014, and approved a recommendation to award the contract for the engineering design and right-of-way/construction engineering and inspection for the Highland Avenue Multimodal Project to A2H. Councilmember Brooks moved to approve the committee's recommendation to award the contract to A2H. Councilmember Cisco seconded the motion. The City Council then discussed the committee's recommendation of having a committee of Councilmembers to work beside City staff

members to rank engineering firms for future engineering projects involving state and federal funds. Susan White, Purchasing Manager for the City of Jackson, stated that the number of projects involving state and federal funds were rare, about one or two projects a year. Susan White also stated that Councilmember Conger asked to serve on future committees to discuss recommendations for engineering projects when state and federal funds were involved. Councilmember Cisco stated that he thought the committee of Councilmembers should be appointed by the Mayor. Councilmember Buchanan asked that Councilmember Cisco's suggestion be a part of the motion. In that there were no objections from the City Council, Councilmember Cisco's suggestion was made a part of the motion and the amended motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a contract with VIP Janitorial Services for janitorial services for City Hall, best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the following change orders to MSB Construction, Hart Freeland Roberts (HFR), and Delta Electrical for the Tennis Court Complex:

MSB cut down and remove 4 trees adjoining the tennis courts, \$5,625
MSB will pour sidewalks around the tennis courts, \$43,150
MSB value engineered the tennis courts and was able to save the city,
\$15,800 on six items
Total change order to MSB, \$32,975 add on

Delta Electrical provided sleeves under the sidewalks, \$1,534.00
Delta Electrical added, \$21,000 for concrete bases
Total change order to Delta Electrical, \$22,534.00

Additional services from HFR for work provided to the United States
Tennis Association, \$575.00
Total of all change order - \$56,084.00

Jerry Hellums, a volunteer on the construction of the Tennis Court Complex Project, asked the City Council how MSB was able to save the City \$15,800 on six items. Susan White explained to Jerry Hellums that MSB was able to save the City \$15,800 by: 1) Removing slope from footing going out 6' into the courts; 2) Removing 5/8" hairpins and rebar around net posts; 3) Changing 5/8" rebar in footings to 1/2" rebar; 4) Changing fence posts to 4" corners and 3" lines posts on all 10' fencing; 5) Changing fence posts on 4' fencing to 2 1/2'; and 6) Removing expansion material around all fence posts, net posts and light poles.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, a request to conduct a special census for the Northwest Annexation Area was approved 8-0-1, with Councilmember Foote abstaining. Stanley Pilant, Director of Planning, stated that the plan is to use City personnel to conduct the census.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to re-appoint Kathy Blount, Roger Wright, Jenci Spradlin, Monique Merriweather, Jane Jarvis, Vicky Foote, Shaun Brown, and Hugh Harvey to a three-year term on the Mayor's Advisory Council on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Lsana D'Jahspora, a resident of Jackson, expressed concern for not having an agency in Jackson to investigate matters involving lethal and excessive force by local law enforcement agencies.

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>				
315-42150-900	Police Law Enforcement Building	0	45,535	45,535

<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	From Fund Balance	2,096,258	45,535	2,141,793

The City is having to replace a chiller at the Police Department. Total cost will be \$70,535 of which \$25,000 will be pulled from a line item currently in the capital budget in 315-42100-900 (training lab system) but an additional \$45,535 is needed for the total cost of replacement. This amendment is for \$45,535 and will be a draw on fund balance.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR