

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 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 Charles “Pepper” Bray gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the October 7, 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.

Mayor Gist recognized members of the Leadership Jackson class. City Councilmember Ernest Brooks II, chairman of the local “Do the Write Thing” Challenge Program, introduced six Jackson-Madison County students who served as school ambassadors in 2014 for the Jackson “Do the Write Thing” Challenge Program.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a resolution to adopt a Plan of Service,

an ordinance to annex and an ordinance to zone an annexation area referred to as “Brown Simmons,” located on the west side of U.S. Highway 45 Bypass South, just south of Watlington Road, comprising 2.7 acres more or less. The proposed zoning for the area is B-5 (Highway Business) District.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed alley running between 24 & 30 Morton Street, just west of South Highland Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lori Nunnery, executive director of the Jackson-Madison County, Tennessee, Convention and Visitors Bureau gave a presentation on the economic impact of tourism in the City of Jackson and Madison County. A total of \$183.51 million dollars, an increase of nearly \$10 million dollars, in tourism related expenditures was generated in Jackson-Madison County in 2013 ranking Jackson-Madison County 12th out of 95 counties in the state of Tennessee. Lori Nunnery attributed the tourism growth in the community within the last six years to the development of the West Tennessee Healthcare Sportsplex. Lori Nunnery stated that the Jackson-Madison County, Tennessee, Convention and Visitors Bureau was set to have strategic planning sessions to discuss future marketing and tourism product development for the City of Jackson and Madison County. Lori Nunnery also briefed the Mayor and City Council on the development of a music exhibit at the Carnegie Center for Arts and History.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of James Freeman to the Jackson Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Tammy Buchanan and Nancy Nanney to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Frankie Hays to the Code Advisory Appeals Board and Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeal.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR