

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2014

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 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 Rahm gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the March 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.

Mayor Gist proclaimed Tuesday, April 1, 2014, as South Side High School Hawks Championship Day in the city of Jackson, Tennessee. Members of the South Side High School Hawks basketball team, their head coach, DaMonn Fuller, assistant coaches, Stanley Smith and Adrian Comer, and their basketball team managers were present and received a standing ovation from the audience for winning the 2014 Division I Boys Basketball Class AA state championship tournament. Vice Mayor Vicky Foote, City Council representative for the south Jackson district, presented each basketball team member, their head coach, assistant coaches, team managers

and the South Side High School Principal, Anita Tucker, with a lapel pin in honor of the team winning the state championship tournament. Mayor Gist made the following presentations:

- Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month proclamation to Lisa Schmidt, Child Advocacy Center Director for the Exchange Club – Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse;
- Equal Pay Day proclamation to the president and members of the Jackson-Madison County Business and Professional Women’s Organization;
- ‘Jumpstart Jackson’ Community Wellness Day proclamation to Rodger Jowers, coordinator of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth; Sandy MacDiarmid, superintendent of the city of Jackson Parks and Recreation Department; Tony Black, director of the city of Jackson Parks and Recreation Department; and Annette Wilson, Coordinated School Health Administrator for the Jackson Madison County School System;
- Month of Miracles proclamation to Monique Merriweather, director of Neighborhood Services;
- National Service Recognition Day proclamation to Lara Roberts, volunteer with AmeriCorps VISTA;
- Public Safety Telecommunicators’ Week proclamation to the director of Central Dispatch, LaNonda Jernigan; Jackson Central Police and Fire Dispatcher, Sherrye Keltner; Madison County Sheriff Department Dispatcher, Deputy Clint Hand; Tennessee Highway Patrol Dispatcher,

Tracy Lockard; Medical Center EMS/Jackson MedLink Dispatcher, Paul Spencer; and Madison County Fire Dispatcher, Monica Moore; and

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month proclamation to Mamie Hutcherson, director of Operations and Finance for WRAP (Women's Resource and Rape Assistance Program) and Bridget Lockett, Shelter Plus manager for WRAP.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone properties located at 39 Millmaster Drive, 108 Miller Avenue and 118 Miller Avenue from I-2 (Light Industrial) District to I-O (Wholesale and Warehousing) District, containing 6.0 acres, more or less, submitted by Journey Properties.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located at 2613 and 2617 North Highland Avenue from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to B-4 (General Business) district, containing 0.46 acres, more or less, submitted by Jackson Motor Company.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Al Laffoon to the position of city recorder.

Steve Raper, president-elect of the Jackson Arts Council Board of Directors, and Monte Jones, vice president of Government Relations, advised the economic

impact that the Jackson Arts Council provides for the Jackson Madison County community and expressed appreciation and gratitude to the city for funding the Jackson Arts Council on behalf of the Jackson Arts Council Board of Directors and staff.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to pay a negotiated fee settlement of \$97,000 to the plaintiff's attorneys in the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) lawsuit brought against the city of Jackson. Nathan Shelby, an attorney with Rainey, Kizer, Reviere & Bell PLC who was retained by the Tennessee Municipal League to defend the city of Jackson in the A.D.A. lawsuit, gave the City Council an overview of when the A.D.A. lawsuit began and the negotiations involved with the A.D.A. lawsuit. Courtney Reedy, an attorney with Spragins, Barnett & Cobb PLC, advised that she and City Attorney Lewis Cobb thought the negotiated fee settlement was a fair agreement with the plaintiff's attorneys based on more than a decade worth of litigation and the most recent awards from Federal Court.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a contract with CB Production Design for production services for city events, best proposal received.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, a contract with the Delta Contracting Company in the amount of \$363,463.00 for the James Buchanan Drive Bridge Replacement Project was approved 8-0-1, with Councilmember Buchanan abstaining, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a contract with the Delta Contracting Company in

the amount of \$1,233,916.55 for the East Chester Streetscape Improvements Phase II Project, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Mabel Mason Teamer and Evelyn Keele to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Monte Jones to the Jackson Community Redevelopment Agency.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Ann Ewing and Jack Wood to the Jackson Madison County Historic Zoning Commission.

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

GENERAL FUND		Current Budget	Amendment Request	Amended Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-44500-291	Sponsorships- Pringles		15,500	15,500
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37900	Fund Balance	992,021.95	15,500	1,007,521.95

The City did not know that they would get the OVC Tournament back at Pringles Park this year and no funds were allocated. Funds will be drawn on fund balance.

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

CAPITAL FUND:		Current Budget	Amendment Request	Amended Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44410-900	Civic Center Capital		24,000	24,000
315-41920-900	Farmer's Market Amphitheatre	73,164	25,000	98,164
315-42155-900	Police Support Services Capital	1,149,000	11,000	1,160,000
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	From Fund Balance	319,159	60,000	379,159

The Civic Center needs some new flooring put down prior to the Miss Tennessee Pageant in the amount of \$24,000. The Farmer's Market Amphitheatre needs some additional funding to complete the project in the amount of \$25,000. Police Support Services capital budget needs an additional \$11,000 to complete the helicopter outfitting. Total draw on fund balance will be \$60,000.

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

GENERAL FUND		Current Budget	Amendment Request	Amended Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-720	Grants & Donations	338,613.92	30,000	368,613.92
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37900	Fund Balance	1,007,521.95	30,000	1,037,521.95

The City needs to increase funding for the Grants and Donations line item within general government due to requests for FY14. Funds will be drawn on fund balance.

Mayor Gist acknowledged the fact that the City Council representative for the south Jackson district had received a copy of a petition filed on behalf of the people of Bemis and Jackson to stop the deconstruction of the old Bemis Cotton Mill and add the Mill property to the Historical Overlay. Mayor Gist expressed appreciation to the citizens of Bemis and Jackson for coming to the meeting to show their support for saving and protecting the old Bemis Cotton Mill. Mayor Gist advised he would be meeting with the current owner of the old Bemis Cotton Mill on Wednesday to discuss the fate of the building.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR