

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2016

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 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 Ernest Brooks II gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the March 1, 2016, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist presented proclamations for Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Danny Crossett of the Jackson Roadrunners Running Club expressed appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for making Jackson an attractive place for runners and cyclists and asked them to consider other safety measures for these groups.

Dave Bratcher, president of The Star Center, expressed appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for the City’s financial support to the Star Center and gave highlights on the areas of growth that The Star Center has experienced in helping people with disabilities.

Jackson Arts Council Board President Steve Raper expressed appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for the City’s financial support to the Jackson Arts Council and recognized Jackson Arts Council Board members, Arts supporters and Arts Coalition

members who were in the audience. Melinda Hearn, executive director of the Jackson Arts Council, reported that in 2015, seven recipients received \$10,115 in grant funds through the Arts Build Communities (ABC) Grant Program and seven recipients received \$12,450 in grant funds through the Jackson Arts Council (JAC) Grant Program. Ms. Hearn also reported that the Jackson Arts Council was selected to be one of 20 state-wide partners with the Tennessee Arts Commission and Americans for the Arts to partner with local art groups to conduct an impact study known as the Arts and Economic Prosperity Study, a national study that measures the economic impact of non-profit arts and cultural organizations and their audiences. The results of the study will be released in June 2017. Ms. Hearn also thanked Councilmember Vicky Foote for her support in serving as a liaison to the Jackson Arts Council Board of Directors.

FIRST READINGS:

An Ordinance to rezone property located at the northwest corner of Pleasant Plains Road and McClellan Road from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to O-C (Office Center) District containing 2.96 acres, more or less, submitted by NCG Partners, was presented for consideration. Joel McAlexander and Ryan Higginbotham were present and gave a presentation on their proposed development for the property and the amenities that they could add with the change in zoning. Mark Thompson and Ray Susor were present and express opposition to the rezoning for various reasons. Shelia Godwin was also present and expressed comments relative to the rezoning of the property. Councilmember Wallace moved to deny the approval of the Ordinance. Councilmember Brooks seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0-2, with Councilmembers Bray, Brooks, Buchanan, Cisco, Conger, Rahm and Wallace voting yea and Councilmembers Dodd and Foote abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend/modify the Jackson Municipal Code relative to Motor Vehicles, Traffic, and Parking, Title 15, Chapter 9, Section 15 and Title 9, Chapter 9, Parking Meters, Section 15.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend/modify the Jackson Municipal Code relative to Business, Peddlers, Solicitors, Etc.; Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 101, 104, and 106.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend/modify the Jackson Municipal Code relative to Business, Peddlers, and Solicitors, Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 9-104, as it relates to license issuance for solicitors.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to designate Labelle Street as John Austin Werthing, Sr. Boulevard. Professor John Austin Werthing, Sr. and his daughter, Gloria Werthing Reynolds, were present and expressed appreciation to the Mayor and the City Council for the honor.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to re-appoint Al Laffoon to the position of City Recorder.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Delta Contracting in the amount of \$955,290.00 for street resurfacing, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Ford Construction in the amount of \$188,382.00 for Country Club Lane widening, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Sherry Taylor to the Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Mike Freeman to the Jackson Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

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

| CAPITAL | | Current | Amendment | Amended |
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| FUND: | | Budget | Request | Budget |
| <i>Expenses:</i> | | | | |
| 315-43190-931 | Street Resurfacing | 2,500,000 | 321,495 | 2,821,495 |
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| <i>Revenue:</i> | | | | |
| 315-37900 | Draw on Fund Balance | 4,911,513.08 | 321,495 | 5,233,008.08 |
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Additional funds are needed for Butler Street (\$108,613); Lawrence Switch and Country Club Lane repairs (\$24,500); and Country Club Lane widening project (\$188,382). This will require a draw on fund balance.

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

| CAPITAL | | Current | Amendment | Amended |
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| FUND: | | Budget | Request | Budget |
| <i>Expenses:</i> | | | | |
| 315-41700-900 | Planning Department | | 13,000 | 13,000 |
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| <i>Revenue:</i> | | | | |
| 315-37900 | Draw on Fund Balance | 5,233,008.08 | 13,000 | 5,246,008.08 |
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Planning Department needs to replace their format plotter that has died. This equipment is used by various city departments for plans and drawings and especially during emergency times for FEMA. This will require a draw on fund balance.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR