

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 7, 2015**

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 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; 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 Johnny Dodd gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the March 3, 2015, 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 read proclamations for Equal Pay Day, Jackson Arts Council’s Arts Coalition Day, Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**SECOND READINGS:**

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to Ordinances to amend the text of the official code of the city of Jackson relative to Title 7, FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS; Title 12, BUILDING, UTILITY, ETC. CODES; and Title 14, ZONING AND LAND USE CONTROL, Chapter 4, SIGN CONTROL; to adopt the 2012 editions of the International Fire and Building Codes, and make various amendments to the Sign Code.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance adopting and enacting supplemental and replacement pages for the Municipal Code of the city of Jackson, Tennessee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jackson Arts Council Board President Steve Raper, Melinda Hearn, executive director of the Jackson Arts Council, and Monte Jones, Vice President of Government Relations, expressed gratitude to the Mayor and City Council for the City's financial support to the Jackson Arts Council. Steve Raper stated that through the Jackson Arts Council's competitive grant program, eight local arts groups received over \$12,000 in grant funds and over \$10,000 in state funds which created an economic impact of over 6.8 million dollars to the Jackson-Madison County community and over \$350,000 in government revenue.

Star Center President Dave Bratcher, Employment Placement Specialist Kelly Sorrell, and Karen Talley, director of the Star Center's Learning Lab, expressed gratitude to the Mayor and City Council for the City's financial support to the Star Center. Kelly Sorrell gave an update on the Star Center's employment services and Karen Talley gave an update on the Star Center's educational services.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a lease agreement with the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital District, doing business as West Tennessee Healthcare, to lease property located at 512 Roland Avenue for the establishment of a Family Justice Center, now formally called the "Safe Hope Center."

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to accept Channel Creek Drive and Little Brook Lane in Brookleigh Estates Subdivision, Section 1, as city streets.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to accept Palms Pew Drive in Sandstone Village Subdivision, Phase 2 Section 3 and Phase 3A, as a city street.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Greg Milam to the West Tennessee Healthcare Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Ron Smith, Hal Crocker and Wendy Braxter-Rhyne to the Code Advisory/Appeals Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Carol Dix to the Jackson Transit Authority Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Sammy West to the Jackson-Madison County Historic Zoning Commission.

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

<b>CAPITAL</b>		Current	Amendment	Amended
<b>FUND:</b>		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44732-900	Bemis Park		23,000	23,000
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	Fund Balance	2,142,801	23,000	2,165,801

Budget amendment being completed for the Bemis Park to cover services for planning, A & E, and drawings. This will require a draw on fund balance of \$23,000.

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

<b>CAPITAL</b>		Current	Amendment	Amended
<b>FUND:</b>		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-52800-900	Jackson-Madison County EMA	14,000	12,500	26,500
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	From Fund Balance	2,142,801	12,500	2,155,301

This budget amendment is for the one-half cost of replacement of the siren located at JMCGH. The County and City will each share in the total cost of \$25,000. This will require a draw on fund balance.

Councilmember Dodd recognized Quantum Green and Seth Bailey, members of the Jackson-Madison County Youth Advisory Council.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR