

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 6, 2014

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 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 David Cisco gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the April 1, 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 Saturday, May 10, 2014, as Letter Carriers’ Food Drive Day in the city of Jackson and Madison County, Tennessee.

SECOND 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jackson Fire Chief Maxie Stewart presented the following new firefighters to the Mayor and City Councilmembers:

Andrew Carroll
Clifton Davenport III
Jason Ethridge II
David Johns
Brandon Pledge

Dinah Harris, director of the Jackson-Madison County Library, and Terica Smith, Library Board Chair, thanked Mayor Gist and the City Council for supporting the Jackson-Madison County Library. Ms. Harris gave a presentation on the improvements and changes that have been made at the Jackson-Madison County Library main and north branch locations and advised she was working on a couple of different options to present to the Library Board in the near future relative to opening a library branch in the south part of Madison County.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a street right-of-way encroachment agreement between Jackson Transit Authority and the city of Jackson for the construction and installation of a bus shelter on Rosenblum Drive, between Old Hickory Boulevard and North Parkway.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to approve the Jackson Community Development (2014-2015) Annual Action Plan for implementation during the period of July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to adopt and approve a

community redevelopment plan referred to as South Jackson Revitalization Project – Bemis. The South Jackson Revitalization Project – Bemis plan is a 20-year plan to address issues resulting from changing conditions in the area that were not present during the preparation of the Workable Program report in 2009. The following themes were identified in the plan to provide basic directions for the Community Redevelopment Agency to conduct their activity: stabilize and improve housing and neighborhood conditions; protect the historic integrity of Bemis; promote revitalization of vacant and underutilized property; and secure funding for revitalization.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to resolve the mixing bar tax issue under TCA § 57-4-301 to pass 50% of the mixing bar tax to the Jackson-Madison County School System via the county trustee.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution for essential air service in Jackson, Tennessee.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Wayne Holmes Photography for photography services, only bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Murray Guard for guard services, based upon 4200 hours of armed guard service, 500 hours of unarmed guard service, 100 hours of unarmed guard service with car, and 750 hours of armed guard service with car, lowest and best bid.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Keystone Construction Services in the amount of \$202,499.00 for the Forest Hill Park Project, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Foote, a contract with Gresham Smith and Partners in an amount not to exceed \$360,000.00 for the preliminary engineering NEPA phase, final engineering design, right-of-way phase including acquisition, and construction plans preparation and approval for the U.S. 45/SR 5 (North Highland Avenue) at Deaderick Street Roundabout Intersection Project was approved 7-2, with Councilmembers Cisco and Conger voting nay.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to a contract with MG Construction in the amount of \$759,867.00 for the North Park Soccer Fields Project, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the following General Fund and Sportsplex Fund write-offs:

a) Delinquent Police Department Accounts

Police Department - Accounts Receivable for Extra Duty:

Piccadilly's: \$130.07

Tommy Pearson: \$2,337.50

Police Department – Accounts Receivable for Bar Duty:

Drink: \$665.00

Police Department Parking Tickets - \$2,748.00 from 2009-2013 (no vehicle identification available in the system).

b) Sportsplex Fund Write-offs

Sportsplex Sponsorships: \$41,000

Columns II: \$40,000
 Auction Shop: \$500
 Amazing Promotions: \$500

c) 2002 Property Base Tax, Penalty and Interest – as required by 10-year Statute of Limitations

Base Tax: \$90,573.31
 Penalty: \$13,047.21
 Interest: \$4,378.88
 Total Tax: \$107,999.40

d) Returned Checks and Unreconciled Checks

Returned Checks: \$3,086.00
 Unreconciled Checks: Payroll - \$4,611.16
 Unreconciled Checks: Accounts Payable - \$8,986.61

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

GENERAL FUND		Current Budget	Amendment Request	Amended Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-43200-259	JCB Designated Projects	1,448	2,000	3,448
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-33469	TRPA Community Garden Grant		2,000	2,000

Keep Jackson Beautiful has applied for a TRPA Grant in the amount of \$2,000 for the Community Garden and funds will be used for materials for the garden. There is no city match required for this grant.

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

CAPITAL FUND		Current Budget	Amendment Request	Amended Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-42155-900	Police Department Capital	1,160,000	89,512.55	1,249,512.55
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-36965	Transfer from H & S		89,512.55	89,512.55
H & S FUND				
<i>Expenses:</i>				
131-43230-530	Transfer to Other Funds		89,512.55	89,512.55

This is a transfer of a refund received from Waste Management to Health and Sanitation and it is being transferred to the capital fund to cover cost overruns for the infrared system on the Police Department helicopter.

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

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41920-111	Salaries	56,220.96	2,520.00	58,740.96
110-41920-130	Benefits	24,228.35	192.78	24,421.13
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37900	Fund Balance	1,037,521.95	2,712.78	1,040,234.73

Budget amendment adding salaries and benefits to Farmer’s Market for part-time personnel for FY14 season at the market.

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

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-44470-260	Repair & Maintenance Services	1,200.00	6,400.00	7,600.00
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37900	Fund Balance	1,040,234.73	6,400.00	1,046,634.73

Budget amendment adding \$6,400 to Repairs & Maintenance Services at the Ned Center for emergency repairs required to air conditioning unit.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR