

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2018

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 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; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Ross Priddy; 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.

Mayor Gist acknowledged the passing of Councilmember Bray’s sister and asked that everyone keep Councilmember Bray and his family in their prayers.

The minutes of the September 4, 2018, 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, October 2, 2018, as the 35th Anniversary of National Night Out. Mayor Gist also proclaimed the month of October, 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Councilmember Buchanan expressed appreciation to the Jackson Housing Authority for participating in the 35th National Night Out 2018 Block Party.

Councilmember Brooks, founder and chair of the local “Do the Write Thing” Challenge Program, recognized middle school students and their parents for their participation in the 2018 “Do the Write Thing” Challenge. Councilmember Brooks also recognized his program coordinator, Ms. Annette Graves, and presented a video on how the program has impacted the lives of students who accepted the Challenge in the past. Laila Houston and Benjamin Pledger were recognized as being the National Ambassadors for the program, representing Jackson and Madison County, Tennessee, in Washington, D.C. in July. Councilmember Brooks expressed appreciation to Mayor Gist, the City

Council and Jackson Police Chief Julian Wiser for supporting the program. Councilmember Brooks also presented Mayor Gist with a Book of Writings signed by the 2018 National Ambassadors and a framed picture of the national ambassadors that was taken with Senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker when the ambassadors were in Washington, D.C.

Tony Black, director of the Jackson Recreation and Parks Department, reported that close to 10,000 people attended the downtown Jackson International Food and Arts Festival that was held in Jackson on Saturday. Mr. Black stated that by all accounts and comments that he received, it was the best event ever put on. Mr. Black expressed appreciation to the community, Mayor Gist and to the City Council for supporting the event. Mr. Black also expressed appreciation to the Recreation and Parks Department, Parks Maintenance Department, Grounds Keeping Department and to other City employees who were involved in the event. Mayor Gist expressed appreciation to the co-chairs of the event, Dr. Sandra Dee and Mr. Eduardo Morales, and to everyone else who had a part in making the event a huge success. Mayor Gist also expressed appreciation to Councilmember Vicky Foote for standing in for him at the event and commended her for a job well done.

Dr. Vicki Lake and Frank McMeen, members of a local task force committee that are working on the construction and design of a new Animal Care Center in Jackson, gave a report on their progress. Dr. Lake stated that they are requesting \$1.3 million dollars out of the City's Capital Fund to build a new 10,750 square foot Jackson Animal Care Center that will include a quarantine portion and an adoption center. Dr. Lake further stated that the quarantine portion will not be open to the public; that area will be the portion where animals come in and get vetted to make sure they are healthy before they move to the public side where they are then put up for adoption. Dr. Lake stated that on the quarantine side, there will be a holding and isolation area for 11 dogs and cats that will include a tub, special food prep, and 46 kennels that are 3 feet, 4 feet and 5 feet in size, depending upon the size of the animals. Dr. Lake also stated that the quarantine area in the Animal Care Center is completely separate from the adoption center with walls that go all the way to the ceiling and a separate HVAC drainage and air flow system. Dr. Lake then stated that on the adoption center

side, there are several play areas where individuals and families who are interested in adopting an animal can come in and play with them. Dr. Lake further stated that the adoption center side of the facility will have special rooms for cats and dogs, a separate tub and grooming area, separate food prep, seven kennels specifically for puppies, 40 kennels at different sizes for dogs, and areas for cats. Dr. Lake also stated that The West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation is responsible for raising the money to pay for pet supplies and for veterinary care; the City of Jackson is responsible for the operation of the Center and for the maintenance of the building. Mr. McMeen gave the impact of having a quarantine center and animal adoption center in Jackson. Mayor Gist stated that funding for the project has been set aside for well over a year, awaiting the final results from the City's Task Force. Mayor Gist then stated that the City's current Animal Care and Adoption Center is in an existing building that is appraised at approximately \$325,000 and once the building is sold, the money from the property sale will hopefully go back into the City's Capital Fund Balance. Mayor Gist also stated that the City is closing in on approximately \$300,000 in private donations for the project. Councilmember Brooks asked Dr. Lake to provide the City Council with the information they used in figuring the cost for constructing the new Animal Care Center.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to rezone property located along the 700 block of Old Humboldt Road from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to RS-1/PRD (Single Family Residential/Planned Residential Development) District, comprising 7.57± acres, submitted by Ryan Richardson, Surveying Services, Inc. on behalf of ZEKO Properties, LLC, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. Mayor Gist then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to rezone property located along the 1188 block of Ashport Road from RS-1 (Single Family

Residential) District to RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District, comprising 20.32± acres, submitted by Mickey Evans, Clay Williams & Associates on behalf of Alissa Maness, The Freedom Trust, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. Mayor Gist then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to annex, a Resolution to adopt a Plan of Service, and an Ordinance to zone an area referred to as "S.R. 223", generally located on the east side of S.R. 223, south of Lower Brownsville Road, comprising 5.48 acres, more or less, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. The proposed zoning for this annexation area is I-2 (Light Industrial) District. Mayor Gist then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinances. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinances, Mayor Gist declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the Ordinance to annex, a Resolution to adopt a Plan of Service, and the Ordinance to zone an area referred to as "S.R. 223" were unanimously approved on first reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, an Ordinance to rezone property located at the southeast quadrant of Bond Street at Holly Street from I-2 (Light Industrial) District to B-5 (Highway Business) District comprising 3.6± acres, submitted by Lynda Climer, was unanimously approved on second reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of City Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2018 (Jackson-Madison County General Hospital), and authorizing and approving all documents, instruments,

actions, and matters, necessary or appropriate for, or pertaining to, the issuance, sale and delivery of said bonds. Will Bell, outside counsel for the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital was present and answered questions regarding the resolution. James Ross, Jackson-Madison County General Hospital Chief Executive Officer, and Kelly Yenawine, Jackson-Madison County General Hospital Executive Director of Finance and Capital Markets, were also present.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to submit City Charter amendments to the Tennessee General Assembly for approval.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a request to transfer (two) 2 vacant lots located at 317 and 321 Hale Street from the City of Jackson to Habitat for Humanity for the purpose of building two houses.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to a contract with B.T. Redi-Mix for ready mix concrete, only and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Robert A. Howell for hauling services to the landfill when City trucks are not available, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to a contract with TML for liability and property insurance.

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to apply for the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Site Development Grant – Total Budget - \$500,000 – 70/30 matched grant.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to apply for the Edward Byrne Jag FY18 Grant - \$46,994 split equally between the City of Jackson and Madison County – no match required.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to apply for the Tennessee Highway Safety Office Grant - \$50,000 for overtime and benefits for Jackson Police Department Traffic Control (10/01/18 – 9/30/19).

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Patricia Ross and Christopher Edwards to the Jackson Municipal Regional Planning Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the following budget amendments were approved 8-1, with Councilmember Wallace voting nay:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44500-900	Jackson Ballpark Capital	50,000	44,251	94,251
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	From Fund Balance	1,232,718.34	44,251	1,276,969.34

The Jackson Ballpark needs additional capital funds for the addition of party decks added to the park in the amount of \$44,251. This will require a draw on fund balance in the amount of \$44,251 bringing the total draw for FY19 to \$1,276,969.34.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendments:

GENERAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41900-137	Clinic and Lift Wellness	304,800	200,000	504,800

The increased LIFT clinic expense was not budgeted when the FY19 budget was approved. This increase is \$200,000 and needs to be added to the budget which originally was only \$304,800. There is no increase to fund balance as currently the revenues in the general fund budget exceed the expenses.

On the motion of Councilmember Foote, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendments:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-41903-900	Jackson Animal Care	189,260	1,300,000	1,489,260
<i>Revenue:</i>				
315-37900	From Fund Balance	1,276,969.34	1,300,000	2,576,696.34

Budget amendment for the Jackson Animal Care Center in the amount of \$1,300,000 bringing total budget to \$1,489,260. The City plans to sell the existing Animal Care Center for \$300,000. This will require a draw on fund balance in the amount of \$1,300,000 bringing the total draw for FY19 to \$2,576,696.34.

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