

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 1, 2017**

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 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 Vicky Foote gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the July 11, 2017, 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.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Cedar Street, running between McCowat Street and Talbot Street, submitted by Richard Barber, TAMB of Jackson, Tennessee, Inc., Mayor Gist declared the public hearing open. Mayor Gist then asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or in opposition to the passage of the ordinance. Richard Barber, executive director of Aspell Recovery Center, expressed support for the passage of the ordinance. Mayor Gist declared the public hearing closed after giving everyone who wished to speak an opportunity to do so. On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Foote, an Ordinance to amend Title 15, Chapter 12 of the official City of Jackson municipal code relative to Registration of Vehicles was unanimously approved on second reading.

Councilmember Brooks moved to approve an Ordinance to rezone property located along the 50 block of Oil Well Road from A-O/FH (Agriculture-Open Land/Flood Hazard) District to RG-2 FH (General Residential/Flood Hazard) District, containing 5.14 acres, more or less, submitted by Terry Drumwright of TLM on behalf of Gail Gustafson. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion. Councilmember Cisco moved to delay the vote on the motion for sixty days to allow the residents of Belle Trace Cove and other residents who live near the 50 block of Oil Well Road an opportunity to hire a private engineer to study hydraulics and potential flooding issues along the 50 block of Oil Well Road and Old Humboldt Road. Councilmember Rahm seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-1-1, with Councilmember Conger voting nay and Councilmember Dodd abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a contract with First Bank for banking services, best proposal received.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the sale of City-owned surplus property/land located at 410 Orleans Alley, Map 078I-Group H-Parcel 23, to Mrs. Kathi Leatherwood for \$600.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to a contract amendment between the city of Jackson and the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the southern extension of SR-186 from SR-1 (Airways Boulevard) to SR-5 (South Highland Avenue project). Jason Baker

from the Tennessee Department of Transportation office was present and gave an update on future State and Federal road projects in Jackson.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a professional services agreement between the city of Jackson and Gresham Smith and Partners in an amount not to exceed \$223,900.00 for additional services associated with the environmental phase of the southern bypass road project.

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, unanimous approval was given to the following recommendations from the Jackson Downtown Development Corporation for changes to downtown parking policy:

1. Increase the one hour parking limit to a two hour parking limit throughout Downtown Jackson, with the exception of the two sides adjacent to the Madison County Courthouse, which will remain as they currently are designated;
2. Increase wayfinding signage to highlight the ample public parking available and to direct motorists to these parking lots; and
3. Increase the parking violation fine from \$5 to \$10 per offense to act as a deterrent to long term parkers, encouraging them to utilize public parking lots, providing that the City can do this without having to amend the parking ordinance.

Dr. Vicki Lake, director of Market Research and Community Development at West Tennessee Healthcare, gave the Mayor and City Council an update on the future construction of a proposed animal care quarantine center on Conalco Drive in Jackson. West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation President Frank McMeen explained the Foundation's involvement with the project. Mayor Gist stated that the City has

appropriated approximately \$220,000 to build an animal quarantine center and have received \$100,000 from an anonymous benefactor and \$50,000 from Waste Management to go along with those funds. Mayor Gist also stated that if the City is able to sell the existing Humane Society building, the proceeds from that sale will go towards the construction of an animal adoption center on Conalco Drive.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Bobby Cole, Eddie O'Neill, Jerry Day and James Krenis to the Environmental Advisory and Appeals Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Maxine Carroll and Ab Taylor IV to the Housing Code Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Mamie Hutcherson and Max Hart, Jr. to the Jackson-Madison County Board of Zoning Appeals.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Charles Baldwin to the Jackson-Madison County Library Board of Trustees.

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

<b>GENERAL</b>		Current	Amendment	Amended
<b>FUND:</b>		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
110-41706-290	Transportation/Planning/Contract Services		223,900	223,900
<i>Revenue:</i>				
110-37994	TDOT: Transportation/Planning		223,900	223,900

This amendment is for the Southern Bypass Extension professional services agreement to finish the NEPA phase of the project in the amount of \$223,900. This is 100% reimbursable by TDOT with no city expense.

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.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR