

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 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.

Carlos Roberson, Jr. gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Gist presented Carlos Roberson, Jr. with a set of cuff links on behalf of the Jackson City Council.

The minutes of the August 1, 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.

Reverend Marshall Brooks, First Vice President of the Jackson Madison County NAACP, asked the Mayor and City Council to consider adopting a law that will allow Jackson police officers to issue a ticket to an individual whose only offense is the possession of a small amount of drugs not in excess of one-half ounce instead of making an arrest that could lead to a conviction. Jackson Police Chief Julian Wiser was present and stated that Jackson police officers currently issue a misdemeanor citation to first time offenders for simple possession of marijuana in lieu of an arrest if there are no other factors involved.

Councilmember Brooks announced that September is Library Card Sign-up Month in Jackson-Madison County and invited the audience to attend the kick-off of the event which

is scheduled today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jackson-Madison County Library located at 433 East Lafayette Street. Mayor Gist acknowledged the presence of Jackson-Madison County Library Board member Dr. Charles Baldwin and Ms. Dinah Harris, director of the Jackson-Madison County Library, at the meeting.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, 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. was unanimously approved on second reading.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to amend Title 15, Chapter 12 of the official City of Jackson municipal code relative to Registration of Vehicles, 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. 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 Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, the ordinance was unanimously approved on third reading. (The advertisement of the time and place for the hearing of this ordinance did not appear in the newspaper prior to the first or second reading which necessitated a third reading.)

Mayor Gist stated that the selection of a committee to review City Council salaries and the Mayor's salary is on this month's agenda to remind the City Council that the next meeting is the deadline for selecting a committee to study these salaries. Councilmember Cisco moved that the City Council not consider appointing a committee to review the salaries of the Mayor and the City Council. Councilmember Conger seconded the motion and the motion carried 8-0-1, with Councilmember Dodd abstaining. Mayor Gist stated that

the next opportunity to appoint a committee to study the salaries of the Mayor and City Council will be eighteen (18) months prior to the 2023 City election.

Mayor Gist stated that the selection of a committee to review the City Charter Private Act is also on this month's agenda because there is approximately 10 items in the City Charter that need to be looked at. Mayor Gist further stated that the Charter Review Committee consists of the following five members plus the City Attorney: the Vice Mayor, one city resident who is an eligible voter who is selected by the City Council upon recommendation of the Vice Mayor and three city residents who are eligible voters selected by the Mayor. On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to select a committee to review the City Charter Private Act.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to an agreement between the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation, CSX Corporation, and the City of Jackson, Tennessee, for the closure of the Short Street Railroad Highway Grade Crossing in Jackson, Tennessee.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution approving the submission of the 2016-2017 Jackson Community Development Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Williams Equipment & Supply Company in the amount of \$17,602.20 for polypropylene pipe, based upon unit pricing, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Rahm, a contract with Ford Construction Company in the amount of \$1,793,899.54 for the

construction of a Roundabout, lowest and best bid received, was approved 6-2-1, with Councilmembers Conger and Wallace voting nay and Councilmember Cisco abstaining. Mayor Gist stated that Delta Contracting Company was awarded the State bid for the work on the interstate and on the Casey Jones Village interchange which will call for the demolition of bridges, both at the bypass and Highland, correction of the U-turn at Casey Jones Village and six lanes on the bypass at a cost of over \$66,000,000.00, the largest project to take place in infrastructure improvements in the City of Jackson.

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

Mayor Gist acknowledged with great sympathy the passing of Councilmember Rahm's mother, Mrs. Nancy Rahm, who passed away on Sunday, September 3, 2017.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR