

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2007

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Council members Charles “Pepper” Bray; Ernest Brooks, II; Harvey Buchanan; Johnny Dodd; Danny Ellis; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Toni Ross and Anita Brooks, recorders of the minutes.

Council member Johnny Dodd gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Gist welcomed the members of the 2007 Leadership Jackson Class, Tennessee General Assembly Chaplain Blake Carroll and former State Senator Don McLeary.

The minutes of the September 4, 2007 meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist presented proclamations for:

- National Disability Employment Awareness Month to Bill Elinor, Career Center Manager; Lafayette McKinnie, Workforce Investment Director; and Lee Anne Tucsna, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month to Margaret Cole, Executive Director of Women’s Resource & Rape Assistance Program.

FIRST READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an alley running between North Royal Street and Hurt Street, submitted by BRV, LLC.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an alley running north and south between North Liberty Street and North Church Street, submitted by the Street Department.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Buchanan, the Ordinance to amend to the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Specific District Regulations, Section 4. RS-2 (Single Family Residential) District was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, the Ordinance to rezone property located on the south side of Sterling Farms Drive, just south of Greenhill Drive from an RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to an RG-1 (General Residential) District containing 10.49 acres, more or less, submitted by Smith Farms, LLC was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Dodd, the Ordinance to rezone property located on the north side of Walker Road, just west of the US 45 Bypass Frontage Road from an RG-2 (General Residential) District to an SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District containing 19.92 acres, more or less, submitted by Smith Farms, LLC, was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to zone property located on the west side of Wallace Road, just south of Old Hickory Boulevard from a RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to an O (Office) District and containing 1.8 acres more or less, submitted by R. Joel McAlexander.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Rahm, the Ordinance to repeal ordinances to annex certain territories incorporated within the corporate boundaries of the City of Jackson Tennessee referred to as Northwest Annexation Sub Areas 1, 45, 46, 47 and 48 was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Hays, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to barricade and close Stephens Street.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an alley running west from Middleton Street, 176 feet to a dead end.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an alley running south from East Deaderick Street stopping after 180 feet.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an alley running north from East Orleans Street to a dead end.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an alley running north from West Deaderick Street to McCowatt Street.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an alley running east from Lambuth Boulevard to a dead end.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members of the Jackson Central Merry High School Student Council were presented and expressed their concerns regarding the transfer of students from Jackson Central Merry to North Side and South Side High Schools. The students stated that the transfer of the students to North Side and South Side caused (1) several classes to be cancelled; (2) students to be placed in courses they had not signed up for; (3) overcrowding of classrooms; (4) teachers to be transferred from the school; (5) lab equipment and other equipment to be transferred from the school to other schools; and (6) anxiety among the student body about the way the transfers were handled. The students asked the Mayor and City Council to become more involved in the schools, particularly Jackson Central Merry, and invited them to visit the school and observe the overcrowding and other problems they were experiencing.

Winston Henning and Latonya Fason of Jackson Housing Authority gave the Annual Performance Report of the Community Development Program.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Dodd, the Cooperative Service Agreement between USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services for wildlife damage management services was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker

voting nay, contingent upon Madison County approving their agreement with the USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Bray, the grant application by the Jackson Police Department for a Byrne Grant to form a Cold Case Investigative Unit was approved 8-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to the request of the West Tennessee Fair Board for the City of Jackson to jointly apply for a Capital Development Grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture for the purpose of constructing an agriculture-related building at the city-owned Fairgrounds, the City would contribute an amount up to \$100,000 on a 50% matching basis.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a contract in the amount of \$243,955.25 per year to Bemis Medical Clinic to provide primary health care for City of Jackson employees and their dependents, best proposal received.

On the contract in the amount of \$54,410.64 per year, with a two year rate guarantee, to Cigna-Harry Graves, for long term disability for City of Jackson employees, best proposal received, Council member Ellis made a motion to table the contract to allow for rebidding the contract for buy-up options. The motion to table was seconded by Council member Brooks and was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Bray, a contract with Brentwood Services, Inc. in the amount of \$15,400 (plus other charges as

listed on the proposal summary), with a two year rate guarantee, for a Third Party Administrator, best proposal received, was approved 7-2, with Council members Ellis and Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, a contract with Brentwood Services, Inc. for OJI Reinsurance, \$75,000 for a \$150,000 deductible with a two-year rate guarantee, only proposal received, was approved 8-0-1, with Council member Ellis abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to the proposed changes to the City of Jackson's on-the-job policy.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Ellis, unanimous approval was given to write-offs of delinquent taxes for tax years 1994 and 1995.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Bray, the following budget amendments were approved 8-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining.

H & S		Current Budget	Amendment Request	Amended Budget
<i>Expenditures:</i>				
131-43230-111	H & S Salaries	464,793.40	(51,827.36)	412,966.04
131-43230-210	H & S Mobile Communication	2,000.00	(400.00)	1,600.00
131-42230-245	H & S Telephone	2,500.00	(400.00)	2,100.00
131-43230-331	H & S Fuel	55,000.00	(3,500.00)	51,500.00
131-43230-339	H & S Vehicle Maintenance	40,000.00	(1,000.00)	39,000.00
General Fund				
<i>Expenditures:</i>				
110-41710-111	Housing Codes Salaries	120,357.12	25,495.44	145,852.56
110-41710-339	Housing Motor Vehicle Exp.	3,000.00	1,375.12	4,375.12
110-43900-111	Street Salaries	734,265.00	28,756.80	763,021.80
110-43900-331	Street Motor Fuel Exp.	37,000.00	1,500.00	38,500.00
<i>Funding:</i>				
110-37900	From Fund Balance	2,181,695.83	57,127.36	2,238,823.19

Transfers are being made for two employees from Health and Sanitation fund to Street Department and to Housing Codes budgets. Total transfers are \$57,127.36.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the following board appointments:

- Jackson Housing Authority – Reappointment of Horace Chase.
- Keep Jackson Beautiful – Reappointment of Don Mitchell, Sandy MacDiarmid and Holly McCorkle.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Rahm, the payment of invoices over \$10,000 was approved 8-0-1, with Council members Neudecker abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR