

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 3, 2007**

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall. Toni Ross was recorder of the minutes.

Dr. Wendall Lang, Senior Pastor of West Jackson Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

Judge David Farmer administered the oath of office to 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.

Mayor Jerry Gist called the meeting to order and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The meeting was recessed at 9:10 a.m. to allow individuals to leave who were present to attend the swearing in ceremony but were unable to stay for the full meeting. The meeting was called back to order at 9:20 a.m.

The minutes of the June 1, 2007, June 5, 2007 and June 19, 2007 meetings were approved and signed.

**FIRST READING:**

Stan Pilant, Planning Director, presented the 2007 Annexation Progress Report.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located at 1595 North Royal Street from RS-1/A-O (Single Family Residential/Agriculture-Open land) District to RG-2 (General Residential) District containing 2.6 acres, more or less, submitted by Monique Merriweather, along with a staff recommended larger area containing a total of 11.7 acres, more or less.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council member Buchanan nominated and made a motion that Council member Brooks be appointed as Vice Mayor. Council member Bray made a motion to second

the nomination. There being no further nominations, Council member Brooks was elected Vice Mayor by acclamation.

Council member Dodd nominated and made a motion that Council member Wallace be appointed as City Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Council member Ellis. There being no further nominations, Council member Wallace was appointed as City Treasurer by acclamation.

Mayor Gist made a recommendation that Al Laffoon be retained as City Recorder. On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Neudecker, the reappointment of Al Laffoon as City Recorder was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, the Resolution approving a substantial amendment to the Community Development's Annual Action Plan was approved 8-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining.

Mayor Gist announced the creation of the Public Buildings Committee and advised that Kathi Leatherwood, Executive Director of the Jackson Arts Council, would be the Chairperson of the committee.

Mayor Gist announced the creation of the Safe Neighborhoods Steering Committee Task Force and introduced Dr. Vicki Lake as the Chairperson of the committee. Dr. Lake explained the charge and scope of the task force.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution supporting the song, "So I'll Just Shine in Tennessee," written by Brenda Monroe-Moses, as an official state song.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to garbage and mowing write-offs.

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

- Community Development Economic Commission – Reappointment of Jane Alderson.
- Housing Board of Adjustment & Appeals – Reappointment of Mary Tyler and appointment of Tom Graddy to replace Linda Higgins.

Mayor Gist announced the following City Council Board Appointments and Liaisons:

<b>Council Member</b>	<b>Board</b>
Maurice Hays	Chamber of Commerce
	Jackson Madison Co. General Hospital
	Taxi Board
Johnny L. Dodd	Beer Board
	Expenditure Committee
Ernest Brooks, II	Jackson Housing Authority
	Expenditure Committee
Harvey Buchanan	Expenditure Committee
	Jackson Transit Authority
	Taxi Board
Frank Neudecker	Keep Jackson Beautiful
	Jackson Madison County Library
Charles "Pepper" Bray	Beer Board
	Recreation and Parks
Randy Wallace	Industrial Development Board
	Planning Commission*
Charles Rahm	Beer Board
	Jackson Energy Authority
	Community Economic Development Commission
Danny Ellis	Airport Authority
	Taxi Board

\* includes Historical Zoning Commission and Zoning Appeals

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Dodd, the payment of invoices over \$10,000 was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR