

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2008

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, 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; Harvey Buchanan; Johnny Dodd; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Council member Danny Ellis was expected to arrive later during the meeting. Council member Ernest Brooks, II, was not present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Randy Wallace gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the November 4, 2008 meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist acknowledged Mrs. Ruth Jackson who presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Mayor on behalf of the Jackson Chapter of Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (SOCM).

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located on the north side of Ridgecrest Road, just east of Corporate Boulevard from RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District to B-4 (General Business) District, comprising 0.49 acres, more or less, submitted by Dr. Fred Burnett.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, an Ordinance to adopt the official code of the City of Jackson relative to the Title 12 Building, Utility, Etc. Codes was approved 6-0-1, with Council member Hays abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Bray, an Ordinance to adopt the official code of the City of Jackson relative to the Title 7, Chapter 2 Fire Prevention Code was approved 6-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Rahm, an Ordinance to adopt the official code of the City of Jackson relative to National Fire Codes (NFPA) was approved 6-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Rahm, an Ordinance to adopt the official code of the City of Jackson relative to the Sign Code was approved 4-2-1, with the understanding that Mr. Tom Winbush, Building Department Director, would go to the next Sign Code Board Meeting with the following recommendations:

1. Increase the reimbursement fee to the city from \$10.00 to \$50.00 for inspecting the sign; and
2. Change the wording in the ordinance to reflect that the sign owner, not the company that erected the sign; would be responsible for reimbursing the city.

Council members Bray, Dodd, Rahm and Wallace voted yea, Council members Buchanan and Hays voted nay and Council member Neudecker abstained.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a TVA Demand Response Sales and Services Agreement between EnerNOC, Inc. and the City of Jackson.

Mr. Tony Black, Executive Director of the Recreation and Parks Department, gave a report on the City of Jackson being awarded the 2008 State Four-Star Award, the highest award given in the population category, from the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association for Gabriel's Garden playground and the Jumpstart Jackson Community Wellness Program.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Dodd, a Lease Agreement with Diamond Jaxx Baseball, LLC was approved 7-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining. (Council member Ellis was present to vote on this matter).

On the motion of Council member Hays, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution to establish a Tax Increment Financing District.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Bray, the transfer of lease for Jones Creek Golf Course from Golf Links Management, LLC to Dory Golf Management was approved 7-1, with Council member Ellis voting nay. Mr. Keith Dory of Dory Golf Management was present to answer questions regarding the lease transfer.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to the acceptance of streets in Meridian Springs Sections 1 & 1A – Meridian Springs Drive and streets in Southcreek Center Phase 1-165' section of Southcreek Drive.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a contract with B & B Fire Protection for fire extinguisher maintenance.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Ford Construction Company for hot mix.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Bray, a contract in the amount of \$811,020 between the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and the City of Jackson for the construction of a 7,000 square foot transportation museum at the Old Country Store was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Rahm, an addendum to the May 24, 2006 Mutual and Simultaneous Lease Agreement between Brooks Shaw and Son Old Country Store, Inc. and the City of Jackson relative to the Casey Jones Train Station Project was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, a construction contract in the amount of \$795,087.82 with Bruce Green Building Contractors, Brooks Shaw and Son Old Country Store, Inc., and

the City of Jackson for the Casey Jones Train Station Project was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the reappointment of Susan Cook, Bill Buckley and Kathi Leatherwood to the Jackson Downtown Revenue Finance Authority Board.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Wallace, the appointment of Bruce Dorris to fill the unexpired term of Sue Templeton, who has resigned, to the Historical Zoning Board was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Dodd, the payment of invoices over \$10,000 was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR