

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 11, 2008**

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 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; Ernest Brooks, II; Harvey Buchanan; Johnny Dodd; Danny Ellis; Maurice Hays; Frank Neudecker; and Randy Wallace present. Council member Charles Rahm 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 February 5, 2008 meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist gave a report on the tornado damages and recovery process that included labor costs, equipment costs, debris removal and materials for the Police, Fire, Public Works and Engineering Departments.

**FIRST READINGS:**

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Wallace, an Ordinance to amend Title 11, Chapter 5, of the City of Jackson codified ordinances relating to panhandling was approved 6-1-1, with Council members Bray, Brooks, Buchanan, Dodd, Hays and Wallace voting yea, Council member Ellis voting nay and Council member Neudecker abstaining.

**SECOND READINGS:**

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to barricade and close the following streets:

Burkett Street at its intersection with the north margin of Williams Street, Burkett Street at its intersection with the south margin of Arlington Avenue and North Fairgrounds Street at its intersection with the north margin of Williams Street, submitted by Lambuth University.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The consideration of ratifying a private act of the state legislature to authorize the City of Jackson to designate a docket within the City Court as the Environmental Docket and to establish certain powers of that court was postponed until the April 1, 2008 City Council meeting.

Council member Ellis made a motion to approve the request of the Jackson Fire Department for allocation of up to \$120,000, contingent upon the successful receipt of grant assistance, to purchase two new fire engines. The motion was seconded by Council member Hays and was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay. This will be an 80/20 funding split with the City of Jackson being responsible for 20%.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Dodd, a Resolution authorizing certain amendments to a loan agreement, dated May 15, 2001, heretofore executed by the City of Jackson, Tennessee, in connection with a loan from the public building authority of the City of Clarksville, Tennessee, in the original principal amount of \$23,595,000 was approved 6-2, with Council members Bray, Brooks, Buchanan, Dodd, Hays and Wallace voting yea and Council members Ellis and Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Buchanan, a Resolution authorizing certain amendments to a loan agreement, dated March 7, 2003, heretofore executed by the City of Jackson, Tennessee in connection with a loan from the public building authority of the City of Clarksville, Tennessee, in the original principal amount of \$10,000,000 was approved 6-2, with Council members Bray, Brooks,

Buchanan, Dodd, Hays and Wallace voting yea and Council members Ellis and Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Neudecker, the sale of abandoned railroad property adjoining property at the following addresses was approved 7-0-1, with Council member Ellis abstaining:

<b>Address</b>	<b>Name of Offeror</b>	<b>Cash Amount</b>
250 West Main Street	James M. and Jeffrey M. Crews	\$12,997
245 Sycamore Street	Randy Nelson and Robert Thornton	\$ 5,520
202 Riverside Drive	McCowatt Mercer Printing	\$10,463

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Bray, an annual contract with the Ferguson Group in the amount of \$80,000, to secure federal funding through our congressional delegation was approved 7-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Neudecker, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Neel Schaffer for professional services based upon a rate schedule with a yearly CPI increase.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Dodd, a contract with Arcadis for consulting services and contracting for the cleanup services of 91 New Market Street was approved 7-0-1, with Council member Neudecker abstaining.

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Pavement Restoration Inc. for pavement restoration.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Neudecker the following board appointment was unanimously approved:

- Planning Commission – Reappointment of Ray Washington and appointment of Mary Bearden to replace Herb Slack.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Neudecker the following board appointment was unanimously approved:

- Vicious Dog Hearing Panel – Reappointment of Dr. Dave Carlton, Cindy Wilson and Shania Garcia.

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.

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JERRY GIST, MAYOR