

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

The Jackson, Tennessee City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 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 Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Council member Charles Rahm gave the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the August 4, 2009 meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist recognized Taylor Kindrick and Katelyn Luther for being chosen as the 2009 National Finalist Winners for the local “Do the Write Thing” Challenge Program and presented them with tokens of appreciation from the city. Council member Ernest Brooks, II, Chairman of the local “Do the Write Thing” Challenge Program, recognized the program’s board members in the audience, expressed appreciation to Parker’s Flooring, Jackson Energy Authority, The City of Jackson, Tennessee, Mayor Jerry Gist and City Council members for their support of the program and presented Mayor Gist with a “Do the Write Thing” Challenge Program Book of Writings compiled of essays from students who participated in the 2009 “Do the Write Thing” Challenge Program National Recognition Week activities that were held in Washington, D.C. during the week of July 18-22, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

On the motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon an unnamed alley running north and south and then east and west from West King Street to Cedar Street. Attorney Nathan Pride expressed support of closing and abandoning the unnamed alley.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Dodd, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance establishing Redevelopment Trust Fund pursuant to Section 21 of the Community Redevelopment Act of 1998.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Council member Dodd, seconded by Council member Brooks, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution for adoption and approval of a Community Redevelopment Plan referred to as Center City Revitalization Project – District 1 (City of Jackson). Mr. Dexter Muller, with Pinnacle Planning Advisors, and Mr. Steve Auterman, with Looney Ricks Kiss Architects, Inc. (“LRK”), were present and answered questions about the Community Redevelopment Plan.

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Bray, unanimous approval was given to the acceptance of streets in Winding Creek Development Phase 1 – a portion of Winding Creek Drive.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a Lease between the Jackson Transit Authority and the City of Jackson Police Department for property located at 429 and 431 East Main Street.

Mayor Gist acknowledged the presence of Interim Police Chief Larry Price at the meeting and introduced him to the audience.

The construction of a public parking garage at the corner of Highland Avenue and Lafayette Street in downtown Jackson, presented by the Jackson Downtown Development Corporation, was discussed. Jackson Downtown Development Corporation's Board President, Mr. Steve Raper, communicated the board's support of the project. Mr. John Allen, contractor and owner of the property located at the corner of Highland Avenue and Lafayette Street, was present and advised that the total project cost at this stage was projected to be about 6 million dollars. Mr. Allen further advised that the parking garage was projected to cost about 4.5 to 4.9 million dollars. Mr. Allen did advise that he was not asking the city for funding for the project. Council member Buchanan made a motion that a committee be appointed to study the financing options of constructing a public parking garage. Council member Ellis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Gist appointed Council members Brooks, Hays and Wallace to serve on the committee.

On the motion of Council member Neudecker, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution establishing the City of Jackson's policy for fiscal year-end accruals.

On the motion of Council member Wallace, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to table the consideration of a Resolution establishing the City of Jackson's policy for debt management so that changes could be made to the Debt Management Policy before the City Council voted on the matter.

The meeting was recessed at 10:35 a.m. and was reconvened at 10:45 a.m. (Council member Dodd was absent at the time the meeting was reconvened but was present to vote on the last four business items.)

On the motion of Council member Buchanan, seconded by Council member Rahm, a contract with Brentwood Services for on-the-job injury reinsurance, the only submission, was approved 8-0.

On the motion of Council member Rahm, seconded by Council member Bray, a contract with Brentwood Services for third party administrator for on-the-job injury services was approved 8-0.

On the motion of Council member Hays, seconded by Council member Brooks, a contract with Bemis Medical Clinic for medical clinic services for city employees and their families was approved 6-3, with Council members Bray, Brooks, Buchanan, Dodd, Hays and Wallace voting yea and Council members Ellis, Neudecker and Rahm voting nay. Ms. Amy Bryant with North Jackson Family Clinic expressed support of a contract with North Jackson Family Clinic.

On the motion of Council member Ellis, seconded by Council member Rahm, unanimous approval was given to a contract with TEC Environmental Labs for landfill testing.

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

- Planning Commission - Reappointment of Linda Sparks.

On the motion of Council member Bray, seconded by Council member Dodd, the payment of invoices over \$10,000 was approved 8-1, with Council member Neudecker voting nay.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR