

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2012

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Jerry Gist and Councilmembers Charles “Pepper” Bray; Ernest Brooks II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Councilmember Ernest Brooks II gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the April 3, 2012, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist presented a proclamation for ‘Jumpstart Jackson’ Community Wellness Month.

Mayor Gist announced that the consideration of a request to revise the zoning restriction placed on 110 East Forest Street by allowing the placement of a pole sign in the natural tree buffer at the corner of Highland and Forest would be postponed until the June 5, 2012, meeting at the petitioner’s request. Mayor Gist also announced that funding for the Youth Gang Prevention Task Force initiative would be considered at the budget hearings and announced that the city would re-bid contracts for boiler/chiller maintenance and occupational medical services for Fire and Police employees to see if the city could receive better bid pricing.

FIRST READINGS:

Councilmember Dodd made a motion to approve a request from Lane College to close and abandon a section of Lane Avenue between Hays Avenue and Middleton Street. Councilmember Brooks seconded the motion. The motion to approve the request failed 2-6-

1, with Councilmembers Brooks and Dodd voting yea, Councilmembers Bray, Buchanan, Cisco, Foote, Rahm and Wallace voting nay and Councilmember Conger abstaining. Stanley Pilant, Director of the city's Planning Department, advised why the Planning Department Staff recommended denial of the request. Nathan Pride, legal representative for Lane College, informed the City Council about a proposed gating system that Lane College officials would put between Hays Avenue and Middleton Street, if the request was approved, and expressed his support for closing and abandoning a section of Lane Avenue between Hays Avenue and Middleton Street. Nathan Pride also submitted a letter from Earl M. Shaw, Jr., President of Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc., and a letter from Sean Bledsoe, owner of Bledsoe Funeral Home, for the record, which expressed their support for closing and abandoning a section of Lane Avenue between Hays Avenue and Middleton Street. Dr. Wesley C. McClure, President of Lane College, Joshua Crenshaw, newly elected President of Lane College's Student Government Association, and Mace Payne, a citizen who lived in the area of Hays Avenue and Orchard Street, also expressed their support for closing and abandoning a section of Lane Avenue between Hays Avenue and Middleton Street. Councilmember Harvey Buchanan expressed his opposition to the request to close and abandon a section of Lane Avenue between Hays Avenue and Middleton Street and submitted a letter from Lynne Shuttleworth, Principal of Lincoln Elementary School, for the record, which expressed her opposition to the request. Jerald Skinner and Pamela Newble, citizens who lived in nearby areas of Lane College, expressed their opposition to the request to close and abandon a section of Lane Avenue between Hays Avenue and Middleton Street and submitted signed petitions from citizens who were also against the request, for the record. Pauline Long, Larsy Bledsoe and Brenda Brown, citizens who lived in nearby areas of Lane College, expressed their opposition to the request to close and abandon a section of Lane Avenue between Hays Avenue and Middleton Street. Brenda Brown also read a letter from her niece, Marcella Brown-Luster, which expressed her

opposition to the request. Monica Kimball, Director of the local chapter of SOCM (Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment), made inquiry relative to the language on the signed petitions and the number of signatures that supported the petitions.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located at the northwest corner of Pleasant Plains Road and McClellan Road from RS (Single Family Residential) District to RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District, comprising 3.36 acres, more or less, submitted by McAlexander Engineering on behalf of NCG Partners.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to rezone property located on the south side of Ashport Road behind the Waterstone PRD from RS-1/PRD (Single Family Residential/Planned Residential Development) District to RS-1 (Single Family Residential) District, comprising 9.73 acres, more or less, along with a revised preliminary development plan, submitted by Jerry Winberry.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to close and abandon Hull Cove, running west off of Walker Road, just south of Brooksie Drive, submitted by Freeman Webb Company Realtors.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution approving the Jackson Community Development Program's 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Bray, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Delta Contracting Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,113,685.01 for the Royal Street Phase II Rehabilitation Project, lowest and best bid received.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Keith Absher to the Planning Commission.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointments of Vicki Lake and Willie Moore to the Community Redevelopment Agency.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to the following General Fund Write-offs:

a) 2000 Property Base Tax, Penalty, and Interest - as required by 10-year Statute of Limitations:

Base Tax	\$ 81,981.68
Penalty	\$ 8,320.75
Interest	<u>\$ 8,399.10</u>
TOTAL	\$ 98,701.53

b) Delinquent Garbage Account Write-offs:

Bankruptcies	\$ 30,881.90
Other	<u>\$ 5,904.20</u>
TOTAL	\$ 36,786.10

c) Delinquent Public Buildings Accounts

\$1,495.08

d) Personal Property Tax Liens:

Base Tax	\$ 52,714.62
Penalty	\$ 7,123.33
Interest	<u>\$ 2,762.22</u>
TOTAL	\$ 62,600.17

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to the payment of invoices over \$10,000.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR