

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
MAY 15, 2012

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 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; David Cisco; Scott Conger; Johnny Dodd; Vicky Foote; Charles Rahm; and Randy Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Mayor Gist gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The purpose of the meeting was to examine the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year budget.

Mayor Gist acknowledged the presence of State Representative Jimmy Eldridge in the audience.

Alan Laffoon, City Recorder, advised the public notices that ran in the Jackson Sun newspaper and gave an overview on the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year budget. Alan Laffoon suggested that City Councilmembers consider taking approximately 3.5 million dollars in grant revenue for the Southern Bypass, less \$92,000.00 the city had already spent, and \$173,967.00 for EDI Grant expenses out of the proposed fiscal year 2012-2013 operating budget so as not to distort year to year budget comparisons. Alan Laffoon also answered questions regarding disaster fund recovery claims submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Councilmember Rahm made a motion to take approximately 3.5 million dollars in grant revenue for the Southern Bypass, less \$92,000.00 that the city had already spent, out of the proposed fiscal year 2012-2013 operating budget.

Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion and the motion carried 8-1, with Councilmember Foote voting nay.

Karen Bell, Finance, Audit and Budget Director, and Stacey Stone with the Risk Management Department answered questions from City Councilmembers regarding the city's medical insurance.

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

The appropriations to City/County Jointly Funded Agencies were discussed. Alan Laffoon advised that the amount allocated for the Therapy and Learning Center (formerly known as the West Tennessee Cerebral Palsy Association) would be taken out of the appropriations to other agencies because the agency was now owned by the Jackson Madison County General Hospital. Councilmember Wallace made a motion to allocate some of the funds that were previously allocated for the Therapy and Learning Center to the following non-profit agencies in the following increments:

Regional Interfaith Association	\$10,000.00
Faith Health Center	\$ 4,154.00
Hub City Junior Golf Association	\$ 1,500.00

Councilmember Conger seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0-1, with Councilmember Foote abstaining (Councilmember Bray was not present to vote on the matter).

Department heads gave summaries of their budget proposals and answered questions from City Councilmembers.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with all Councilmembers present except Councilmembers Bray and Brooks.

Department heads continued to give summaries of their budget proposals and answered questions from City Councilmembers.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to take \$173,967.00 for EDI Grant Expenses out of the proposed fiscal year 2012-2013 operating budget.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given for the Mayor to appoint a committee to explore options of either leasing or selling the Oman Arena.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Conger, the operating and capital budget ordinance for fiscal year 2012-2013 was approved 6-0-1, as amended, on first reading with Councilmember Foote abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, an Ordinance to set the 2012 property tax rate at \$1.97 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation was unanimously approved on first reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, an Ordinance to amend Title 17 of the City Code of Jackson, Tennessee, relative to charges for garbage collection was approved 5-1-1 on first reading with Councilmembers Cisco, Conger, Dodd, Rahm and Wallace voting yea, Councilmember Buchanan voting nay and Councilmember Foote abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR