

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 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 Vicky Foote gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the August 6, 2013, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Gist presented proclamations for the 125th Anniversary of West Tennessee Business College and for Madison Central Dixie Darlings Day. Mayor Gist also called upon Councilmember Ernest Brooks II to recognize the 2013 “Do the Write Thing” Challenge Program finalists.

SECOND READINGS:

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to an Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, Article V, SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Section 14, I-O (Wholesale and Warehousing) District, B. Uses Permitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to accept a portion of Hanover Drive in Northpointe Subdivision Section 10 as a city street.

Presentations regarding proposed park development projects were made by Recreation and Parks Executive Director Tony Black; Jerry Hellums, president of Better Tennis for Jackson; Charles Baldwin, tennis committee; and Pope Mulherin, president of Jackson Area Wide Soccer (JAWS). Tony Black advised the park development projects which included renovations at Forest Hill Park, the first phase of developing a tennis complex, and the reconfiguration of North Park so that additional soccer fields could be added. Tony Black explained why having a tennis complex in Jackson would be beneficial to the city and advised there were grant opportunities available for lighting at the city's existing soccer fields. Jerry Hellums advised the need for acquiring land to build a tennis complex and advised that the organization wanted to get more young people involved in playing tennis. Jerry Hellums also advised that the organization would be soliciting sponsorships from local businesses and other organizations for underprivileged youth to be able to participate in the tennis program. Pope Mulherin advised that the suggested reconfiguration at North Park to expand the number of soccer fields would allow for more game and practice space and would put Jackson in a much better position to host more soccer tournaments and other soccer related events which would ultimately benefit the Jackson tourism economy. Pope Mulherin also advised that J.A.W.S. has pledged to donate \$100,000 to the city for any project associated with the soccer fields and has already pledged to donate \$25,000 to the city every so many months just for the maintenance of the soccer fields. Councilmember

Brooks suggested that the city consider including track and field in the park development projects. Councilmember Foote suggested that the city consider converting one of the baseball fields at Malesus Park into a soccer field during off season.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Hart Freeland Roberts in the amount of \$10,000 for a master design to develop a tennis complex and a soccer complex.

On the motion of Councilmember Rahm, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to a contract with Delta Contracting Company LLC in the amount of \$3,498,931.70 for street resurfacing, based upon unit pricing, lowest and best bid received.

An Environmental Court and Building and Codes Department report on abatements and status of slum and blight in the city of Jackson was given by Building Department Director Tom Winbush and City Attorney Lewis Cobb. Councilmember Buchanan advised his concerns with abandoned and dilapidated houses in his district and suggested that the city provide brochures or pamphlets on housing agencies in Jackson and their services for distribution to citizens when housing inspections were done. Councilmember Conger advised he would like to have information regarding renters' rights added to the brochures or pamphlets, if the city was going to provide them.

A progress report on the Community Redevelopment Agency (C.R.A.) actions in tax increment financing (T.I.F.) districts 1 and 2 was given by Planning Department Director Stan Pilant and C.R.A. Attorney A. J. Reed. Stan Pilant advised that district 1 has generated approximately \$100,000 in tax increment financing dollars, whereas

district 2 has not generated any tax increment financing dollars up to this point. Stan Pilant advised that all of the funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H.U.D.) Section 108 loan for district 1 have been expended, whereas district 2 still has its H.U.D. Section 108 loan funds in an account. The Community Redevelopment Agency has approximately two millions dollars reserved for district 2. Attorney A. J. Reed advised that the master developer for district 2 has presented one actionable development plan to the C.R.A. and the C.R.A. was waiting to review finalized plans for other proposed development projects in the district.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Foote, unanimous approval was given to re-appoint Reed Kemp and Herman England to the Housing Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Monte Cooper, who will be replacing Jim Ferrell, and to the re-appointments of Charles Garrett and Jerry Spore to the Code Advisory and Appeals Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, unanimous approval was given to accept the resignation of Danny Wheeler who served on the Jackson Industrial Development Board.

On the motion of Councilmember Conger, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44555-900	Forest Hill Park Capital	0	154,500	154,500
315-44100-900	Recreation Capital	1,318,000	-154,500	1,163,500

The City will move \$154,500 from the money allocated in Recreation capital funding for park acquisition and development to the Forest Hill Park capital fund for needed renovations for this park.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Conger, unanimous approval was given to the following budget amendment requests:

CAPITAL		Current	Amendment	Amended
FUND:		Budget	Request	Budget
<i>Expenses:</i>				
315-44642-900	City of Jackson Tennis Complex	0	210,000	210,000
315-44100-900	Recreation Capital	1,163,500	-210,000	953,500

The City will move \$210,000 from the money allocated in Recreation capital funding for park acquisition and development to the City of Jackson Tennis Complex capital fund for purchase of land.

On the motion of Councilmember Bray, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, unanimous approval was given to the payment of invoices over \$10,000.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JERRY GIST, MAYOR