

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2019

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall with Mayor Scott Conger and Councilmembers Ernest Brooks II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Johnny Dodd; Russ McKelvey; Gary Pickens; Ross Priddy; Paul Taylor; and Marda Wallace present. Also present was Anita Brooks, recorder of the minutes.

Reverend Larry Mercer, Pastor of Cerro Gordo Missionary Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Councilmember Ernest Brooks II led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the September 3, 2019, meeting were approved and signed.

Mayor Conger called upon Councilmember Marda Wallace who recognized the Leadership Jackson Class of 2019.

Mayor Conger recognized Byanker Cole and William Comer, Jr. for their 40 years of service to the City of Jackson.

Mayor Conger proclaimed the month of October 2019, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Conger also proclaimed Tuesday, October 1, 2019, as the 36th Anniversary of National Night Out in the City of Jackson, Tennessee.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to amend the Official Code of the City of Jackson relative to Title 12, City Tree Board, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing open. Mayor Conger then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to amend the Official Code of the City of Jackson relative to Title 12, Keep Jackson Beautiful Commission, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing open. Mayor Conger then asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the passage of the ordinance, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, an Ordinance to rezone property located at 1132 Rushmeade Road from RG-1 (General Residential) District to SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District, comprising .40± acres, submitted by Gary Taylor, was approved 8-0-1 on second reading, with Councilmember Taylor abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, an Ordinance to rezone property located at the northeast corner of East Orleans and Hurt Street from RG-2 (General Residential) District to I-O (Wholesale and Warehouse) District, comprising .56± acres, submitted by Ronnie Hicks, was unanimously approved on second reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, an Ordinance to rezone property located on Vann Drive at Rushmeade Road from RG-1 (General Residential) District to SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District, comprising .70± acres, submitted by Staff, was approved 8-0-1 on second reading, with Councilmember Taylor abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, an Ordinance to rezone property located between Dr. F.E. Wright Drive, Watson Road and U.S. Highway 70 East from I-1 (Planned Industrial Park) District to SC-1 (Planned Unit Commercial Development) District, comprising 360.5± acres, submitted by Staff, was unanimously approved on second reading.

Bobby Arnold, director of City Finance, Accounting & Budget, introduced Nick Yatsula, Senior Advisor with PFM, and Doug Earthman, Bond Council, Glanker Brown, PLLC. Mr. Arnold then presented the following resolutions for the City Council to consider: The issuance of General Obligation Bonds not-to-exceed \$6,200,000 to fund capital projects for the City of Jackson this fiscal year and General Obligation Refunding Bonds not-to-exceed \$69,000,000. Mr. Arnold summarized the financial transactions that will result from the resolutions which will save the City \$4,200,000, if approved. Mr. Arnold stated that the City has accumulated about a \$1,000,000 fund balance in the Debt Service Fund in recent years and the current administration is recommending that the City Council consider spending down some of the fund balance to relieve some of the near term pressure on the City's Debt Service funds. The administration is suggesting spending \$250,000 a year for four years beginning in 2021. Councilmember Brooks made inquiry regarding the cost of issuance on both the General Obligation Bond Resolution (New Money) and the Refunding Bond Resolution. Mr. Arnold stated that the estimated cost of issuance would be approximately \$483,706 with most of that being the estimated underwriter's discount; also included in that amount would be the Municipal Advisor Bond Council's fee, and the cost of securing the credit rating with Standard and Poor's. Mr. Arnold also answered questions related to the 2019 Bonds Timeline. Mr. Yatsula stated that the \$483,000 is just for the refunding portion, there is an additional \$40,000 related to the New Money portion.

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution authorizing the sale and providing the details of not-to-exceed \$6,200,000 General Obligations Bonds, Series 2019, of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, and providing for the levy of ad valorem taxes in connection therewith.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, unanimous approval was given to a Resolution authorizing the sale and providing the details of not-to-exceed \$69,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, and providing for the levy of ad valorem taxes in connection therewith.

A report on Debt Obligation was presented for informational purposes only – No Vote was necessary.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, unanimous approval was given to the creation of the City of Jackson Commission on Aging.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, unanimous approval was given to the re-appointment of Herman England and Reed Kemp to the Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, unanimous approval was given to the appointment of Carol Clement, Virginia Conger, April Deberry, Marie Law, Delois Morris, Harold Nance and Richard Ramsay to the City of Jackson Commission on Aging.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR