

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2019

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the George A. Smith Meeting Room at City Hall. Anita Brooks was recorder of the minutes.

Mayor Scott Conger called the meeting to order, gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Conger recognized St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 6; Madison County Mayor Jimmy Harris; Madison County elected officials; his grandmother, Mrs. Virginia Conger; the City's Youth Advisory Council; and former City Council members Randy Wallace, Vicky Foote and Brenda Monroe Moses.

City Court Judge Blake Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Council members Ernest Brooks II; Harvey Buchanan; David Cisco; Johnny Dodd; Russ McKelvey; Gary Pickens; Ross Priddy; Paul Taylor; and Marda Wallace.

The meeting was recessed at 9:05 a.m. to allow City Council members an opportunity to sign their Oath of Office certificates. The meeting was called back to order at 9:15 a.m.

The minutes of the June 4, 2019, meeting was approved and signed.

Mayor Conger extended an invitation for public comment to those who wished to express comments related to any new business item on the meeting agenda.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of Gin Street between Young Street and the west margin of N & S Railroad, 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 Pickens, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

This being the time and place advertised for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to close and abandon a portion of an alley that runs between Westwood Avenue, Campbell Street, Prospect Avenue and North Lake Drive, 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. Sidney Cabler, present owner of 135 North Lake Drive, stated that he has a letter from the City that states the alley was closed by the City in 1990. Stan Pilant, City Planner, stated that his office has no record of this alley closing and that if the alley was closed in 1990, the Council's action will basically reiterate what happened back then. There being no one else 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 Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading.

Councilmember Buchanan nominated and made a motion that Councilmember Cisco be appointed as Vice Mayor for a one-year term. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. Councilmember Brooks made a motion that nominations for Vice Mayor be closed. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, Councilmember Cisco was elected Vice Mayor by acclamation.

Councilmember Cisco nominated and made a motion that Councilmember Priddy be appointed as City Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Brooks. There being no further nominations, Councilmember Priddy was appointed as City Treasurer by acclamation.

Mayor Conger made a recommendation that Al Laffoon be retained as City Recorder. On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, the re-appointment of Al Laffoon as City Recorder was unanimously approved.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the following appointments to the City of Jackson Budget Committee were approved 8-0-1, with

Councilmember Brooks abstaining: Ron Tharpe, Paul Taylor, Mark Johnstone, Doug Roth, Andrew Long and Ernest Brooks II. Councilmember Buchanan stated that Mayor Conger tried diligently to get two more African-Americans to serve on the City of Jackson Budget Committee but they declined.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the appointment of Mayor Scott Conger and Councilmember Marda Wallace to the City of Jackson Planning Commission to replace Mayor Jerry Gist and former Councilmember Randy Wallace was approved 8-0-1, with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the appointment of Councilmembers Johnny Dodd, Russ McKelvey and Gary Pickens to the City of Jackson Beer Permit Board was approved 7-0-2, with Councilmembers Dodd and Pickens abstaining.

City Recorder Al Laffoon stated that the City Council adopted a resolution at the June 4, 2019, meeting that encouraged the New City Council and City Staff to pursue various sources for funding the City of Jackson's forthcoming Capital Budget. Mr. Laffoon further stated that the former administration's intentions were to do a continuation budget but the State Comptroller ruled against that so he put together an operating budget on an exception basis which was accepted by the State Comptroller but had no input from City departments. Mr. Laffoon also stated that as the new administration go forward, they are going to have to address budget amendments in segments to make it a realistic budget. Mr. Laffoon then shared information regarding the City's Debt Service and Capital Budget Funding and Refunding with the City Council. Mr. Laffoon also shared information regarding fixed rate financing through the Tennessee Municipal Bond Fund. Scott Chandler, City Engineer, answered questions regarding Stormwater funding and projects. Mayor Conger stated that the Budget Committee will be tasked with developing a Capital Outlay Budget for the City and to also look at refunding options for the City's debt.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR