

## MINUTES

### JACKSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 2, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

### GEORGE A. SMITH MEETING ROOM

#### Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:

The Council of the City of Jackson met in regular session on **Tuesday, June 2, 2020**, at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Scott Conger called the meeting to order and asked Councilmember Johnny Dodd to lead invocation; he called on Pastor Benton from Mt. Moriah Baptist Church to say the invocation. The mayor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The mayor then called the roll. Councilmembers Ernest Brooks II, Harvey Buchanan, David Cisco, Johnny Dodd, Russ McKelvey, Gary Pickens, Ross Priddy, Paul Taylor, and Marda Wallace were present. For the City of Jackson, Mr. Bobby Arnold, Finance, Mr. Stan Pilant, Planning, Ms. Susan White, Purchasing, Scott Chandler, Engineering, and Percy Jones, Street Department. Guests also in attendance were Ms. Latonya Fason, and Mr. Mark Reed from Jackson Housing Authority Also present was Sandy Maxwell recorder of the minutes.

#### Approval of Minutes:

The minutes for April 7, 2020, meeting were approved and signed.

#### Proclamations:

1. None

#### INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Scott Conger reminded the audience this is a public hearing, and anyone is allowed to speak when the appropriate items are up for discussion. He asked that anyone wishing to speak would raise their hand.

#### First Readings:

1. **Consideration of a Budget Amendment to transfer an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund.**

Mr. Bobby Arnold of the Finance Department presented the amendment to the Debt Service Fund. He stated that there are a few reasons for this amendment; deficit in the fund because of the shortfall of projected revenues. On the expense side, the variable-rate debt the interest rate exceeded the budgeted variable-rate debt, most extensive issue was the bond issue from the fall of 2019 refunding but we received new debt of about 6 million dollars that was not included the budget and then for the writing-off an inter-fund receivable from the SportsPlex fund.

Councilmember Buchanan, Priddy, and Taylor expressed interest in knowing if these were the final numbers for the Debt Service Fund. Mr. Arnold said they would not have

exact final numbers until June 30, 2020, financial statements are prepared but would have firmer numbers for the Special Call meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**2. Consideration of a Budget Amendment to approve Dog Park funded by a grant from Boyd Foundation.**

Mr. Bobby Arnold of the Finance Department presented the amendment to the budget for the new dog park located out north by the ballpark.

Councilmember Taylor asked if the city has taken its final draw on the funds for the dog park and if the budget is still in the budget. Mayor Conger answered that the city had taken the final draw, and the dog park is within the budget.

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration of an Ordinance to close and abandon, in their entirety, Porter Alley, Arnold Alley, and Lawler Avenue.**

Stan Pilant of the Planning Department presented the ordinance.

Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**4. Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, ARTICLE V, SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Section 13. SC-1 (PLANNED UNIT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT) District, C.**

Stan Pilant of the Planning Department presented the ordinance.

Councilmember Wallace made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**Second Readings:**

1. None

## **New Business:**

### **1. Consideration of a contract with The Crone Law Firm PLC for legal services.**

Alex Reed from the Mayor's office presented the proposed contract for The Crone Law Firm for legal services to perform an external audit of the Jackson General invoices. Councilmember Brooks asked if we could handle that internally. The mayor said he thinks it should be done by an external third-party.

Councilmember Wallace made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, 7 Councilmembers voting aye, with Councilmember Buchanan voting nay and Councilmember Dodd abstaining, the motion passed.

### **2. Acceptance of Resignation of City Recorder Al Laffoon.**

Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Appointment of City Recorder.**

Mayor Conger recommended that Mr. Bobby Arnold be appointed the City Recorder

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Consideration of contract CMA 2172 between the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation, and the City of Jackson.**

Mr. Percy Jones from the Street Department presented the contract for Area 1, Highway 70 East and West, for the maintenance and mowing for \$175,117.05.

Councilmember McKelvey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Consideration of contract CMA 2173 between the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation, and the City of Jackson.**

Mr. Percy Jones from the Street Department presented the contract for Area 5, Highway 45 By-pass South, mowing and litter pick up for \$47,928.60.

Councilmember Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**6. Consideration of a contract with Alexander Thompson & Arnold (ATA) for the 2020 audit.**

Councilmember Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, 8 Councilmembers voting aye, and Councilmember McKelvey abstaining, the motion passed.

**7. Consideration of a contract with Traf Mark Industries for on-call pavement marking maintenance.**

Ms. Susan White from the Purchasing Department presented the proposed contract for \$402,705.00; she also stated that only one contractor submitted a bid. Mr. Scott Chandler from the Engineering Department spoke to why only one company submitted a bid, saying that this the largest company in West Tennessee that is TDOT certified and that does this level of work needed.

Councilmember Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**8. Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Five Year Consolidated Plan 2020-2024 & Annual Action Plan 2020-2021**

Ms. Latonya Fason from Jackson Housing Authority explained that they are responsible for submitting a five-year consolidated plan, and they need to provide the July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025 plan to HUD. The consolidated planning document will help the Jackson Housing Authority assess the needs for housing and development needs for the City of Jackson. The consolidated plan is carried out through the annual action plan by activities and resources as priority needs.

Councilmember Brooks asked if CDBG and Home funds were flat? Ms. Fason said that they had gotten an increase of about \$55,000 in CDBG and \$40,000 Home funds. Councilmember Brooks also asked if they received any federal government funds for COVID-19? According to Ms. Fusion, HUD has allocated \$342,526; it will be used for utility, rent, and mortgage assistance, and the United Way will resource the funds for

JHA. Councilmember Taylor asked if the council could get quarterly reports on how that money is spent. Ms. Fason said they could get those reports to the council.

Councilmember Brooks asked for an update on the broadband for our public housing. Mr. Mark Reed said that JHA and JMCSS have set up meetings with T-Mobile and AT&T to provide the service. They are also still collecting data on who needs access to broadband. But priority would go to Washington-Douglas, Allenton Heights, and Lincoln Courts because they have the most significant family units.

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**9. Consideration of board appointments to Code Advisory/Appeals**

- a. **Todd Krasner-reappointment**
- b. **Tom Allen-reappointment**
- c. **Josh Hayes**

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, 8 Councilmembers voting aye, with Councilmember Taylor abstaining, the motion passed.

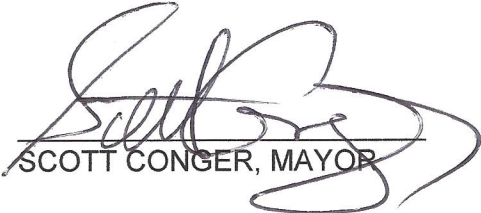
**10. Consideration of reappointment of Estelle Davis to the Civil Service Commission**

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**11. Consideration of invoices over \$10,000.**

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN.**



SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR