

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 7, 2020

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 07, 2020, 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 via Go-to Meeting. Also present was Sandy Maxwell recorder of the minutes.

Councilman David Cisco gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

There were no proclamations today.

This was the time and place advertised for public comment to items for opposition or in favor of items on the first readings. Comments would have been done before the meeting via Social Media Outlets, calls, or emails to the Mayor's office or Councilmembers. This meeting is held remotely in accordance with Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order #16 public meetings can now be broadcast electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This was the time and place advertised for consideration of a Budget Amendment for the Toyota Keep Jackson Beautiful Grant that was passed on the first reading. On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the second reading.

This was the time and place advertised for consideration of a Budget Amendment for the Tennessee Counts Census Grant that was passed on the first reading. On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Buchanan, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised for consideration of a Budget Amendment to Re-class Animal Control from Solid Waste Fund to General Fund that was passed on the first reading. Bobby Arnold said this consistent with the Tennessee Comptroller's office request to reclassify and move the item to the general fund. On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised for consideration of a Budget Amendment to Re-class Street Sweeping, Property, and Leaf Maintenance from Solid Waste Fund to General Fund that was passed on the first reading. Mr. Arnold reminded the council that reclassifying items to the general fund is keeping with the Comptroller's recommendation. Councilmember Taylor asked if management structure any or is this accounting. Mayor Conger stated management structure is changing as well. Property, Street, and leaf maintenance, those will be going to Groundskeeping and the Street Department. Budgets and equipment will be moving with the change. Councilmember Pickens asked if this was from the Comptroller's Office. Mayor Conger stated, yes. On the motion of Councilmember Pickens, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised for Consideration of a Budget Amendment to Write Off Inter-Fund Receivables and Payables between General Fund and Solid Waste Fund. that was passed on the first reading. Mr. Arnold said again that the Tennessee comptroller's Office requirements are requiring us to write off the Inter-Fund liability that exists between the funds by the end of the fiscal year. He said that it is an estimated amount, not to exceed \$500,702. On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised for consideration of a Budget Amendment to Write Off Inter-Fund Receivables and Payables between General Fund and Sportsplex Fund that was passed on the first reading. Mr. Arnold said this amount, not to exceed \$400,000. On the motion of

Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised for consideration of a Budget Amendment to Write Off Inter-Fund Receivables and Payables between Debt Service Fund and Sportsplex Fund that was passed on the first reading. Per Mr. Arnold, once again the same as items 5 and 6, not to exceed \$300,000 On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading. Bobby Arnold stated that on a daily basis, the budget had been disrupted due to COVID-19 situation, but none, the less, work has continued, and you can expect that in the days ahead. Councilmember Brooks asked if we are looking at any specific kind of modeling during COVID-19 relative to the lack of revenue. Bobby Arnold stated that yes, and we've had discussions with the Comptroller's Office as well as the State Department of Revenue. We are monitoring the situation daily. We will have to make some decisions regarding the impact before we bring a proposed budget for your consideration. We are working hard to understand the state stimulus opportunities and other grant opportunities that may help mitigate some of that revenue interruption.

This was the time and place advertised for consideration of an Ordinance to annex the property referred to as "Kingston Creek" that was passed on the first reading. On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised for consideration of a Resolution to adopt a Plan of Service. The proposed zoning of property referred to as "Kingston Creek" located on Cooper Anderson Road, east of Emerald Breeze Drive and south of Gatewick Drive, comprising 53.73 acres, more, or less that was passed on the first reading. On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised for consideration of The proposed zoning classification for the annexation area is RS-2/FH (Single Family Residential/Special Food Hazard)

District that was passed on the first reading. On the motion of Councilmember Pickens, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised for Consideration of a Budget Amendment – Arts Access Grant that was passed on the first reading. On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the second reading.

This was the time and place advertised for Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the text of the City Zoning Ordinance, ARTICLE V, SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Section 18. F-H (SPECIAL FOOD HAZARD) District that was passed on the first reading. On the motion of Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the second reading.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Brooks, to approve a contract with Sysco for the Sportsplex concessions, based upon unit pricing. Motion passes unanimously.

On the motion of Councilmember Pickens, seconded by Taylor, to approve a contract with Stansell Electric Company for a signal upgrade of South Highland at Harts Bridge Road, based upon unit pricing. Motion passes unanimously.

On the motion of Councilmember Dodd, seconded by Buchanan, to approve a contract for the street resurfacing project, based upon unit pricing. Motion passes unanimously.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Brooks, to approve Safe Hope Center Grant Application with Match. Motion passes unanimously.

On the motion of Councilmember Cisco, seconded by Brooks, to approve Street Acceptance Request for U.S. Highway Bypass Frontage Road from 228 feet north of the centerline of Sterling Farms Drive to Old Humboldt Road. Motion passes with one abstaining.

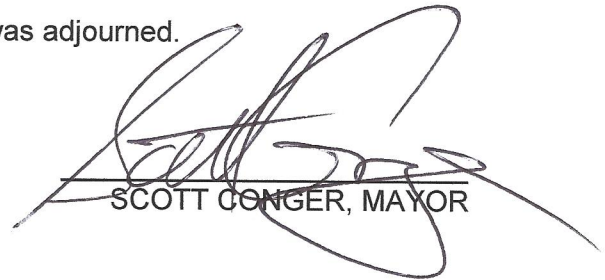
On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Taylor, to approve the appointment of Dr. Martha Robinson and Kara Reeves to the Jackson Madison County Education Foundation. Motion passes unanimously.

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, seconded by Buchanan, to approve the reappointment of Pam Finney, Candy Campbell, and Councilman Ross Priddy to the Municipal Solid Waste Regional Planning Board. Motion passes unanimously.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Pickens, to approve invoices over \$10,000. Motion passes unanimously.

Councilmember Brooks asked how we are engaging the homeless community related to the virus. Mayor Conger stated that we are working with Area Relief Ministries, and they are asking their volunteers not to come in. We have worked with one hotel owner, who owns two hotels. He's offered his hotels, one as a triage center for surge capacity and the other as a shelter for the homeless population. Matthew Marshall with United Way and Jason with EMA is working with TEMA and FEMA on how to classify the hotel as a shelter for the homeless population if need be, then if we have to move them, we have the availability. Councilmember Brooks asked if the totals for Madison County, do we know how many may have contracted the virus in the City? Mayor Conger stated no because they don't give addresses, just Madison County. Councilmember Brooks asked if there are any demographics information on race and gender of those infected with the virus. Mayor Conger stated no, we only get age and gender.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR