

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2020

The Jackson, Tennessee, City Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 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. Also present was Sharon Smith, recorder of the minutes. Also present was special guest, Mayor Taeshon Curry, Mayor for the Day.

Councilmember Paul Taylor gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Conger recognized Mayor Taeshon Curry, a fourth grader at Alexander Elementary School through his selflessness and willing to give, we want to show our appreciation for his leadership, compassion and empathy for his community, so he will serve as the boss today.

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

There were no proclamations today.

This was the time and place advertised for a public comment to items for opposition or in favor for items on the first readings.

This was the time and place advertised for Consideration of an ordinance to amend the 2019 Byrne Jag Grant Budget for the Jackson Police Department. Bobby Arnold gave an overview of the four budget amendments on their first reading. The first one is the Police Department and the Sheriff Department that improved again this year for the Byrne Jag Grant. The total of the grant is \$43,000, split between the Police Department and the Madison County Sheriff Department. It's a fully funded grant with no match. 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 ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the ordinance,

Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. 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 Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the Metro Drug Fund Budget for the Jackson Police Department. Director of Finance Bobby Arnold, stated this amendment would increase the budget for the Metro Drug Fund and was an oversight from a couple of months ago. Chief Wiser and his department made this budget request through the normal process, but when we were approving the amendment to the capital budget a couple of months ago, because this one is funded through revenues generated by the Metro Drug Fund, it was inadvertently overlooked and this would correct that problem. Councilmember Buchanan asked Director of Finance Bobby Arnold if we were amending the amount by \$66,050. Director of Finance Bobby Arnold stated that is correct. Councilmember Pickens asked why this is an ordinance and not a budget amendment. Director of Finance Bobby Arnold stated because we are increasing the original budget ordinance and amount, it requires two readings. Mayor Conger stated that the total amount increased for the capital budget is increasing, so that's what the comptroller told us we needed to do. Councilmember Brooks asked if that's for all the first readings. Director of Finance Bobby Arnold stated that is correct. 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 ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the ordinance, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the Capital Outlay Fund Budget for the 7 Pillars Monument. Director of Finance Bobby Arnold that the 7 Pillars Monument is being constructed in the Shirlene Mercer Park, was a project started under the previous administration and when this Council approved the amended capital budget a couple of months ago, through the bond issue and bond proceeds, we did budget right at \$82,000 for this project. A citizen made a generous contribution of \$5,000 to this project and we determined that there were some

invoices related to this project that were incurred back in June. This contribution will enable us to take care of those invoices. Councilmember Buchanan asked Mayor if he could ask Mr. Tony Black to tell us how far along are we on this project. Tony Black responded that we are working with the architect now, will begin the process after this next reading, and getting the stone delivered, so by the Spring we should be completed. Councilmember Brooks asked Tony Black if they have selected the folks who will be honored. Tony Black stated they have formed a committee of citizens group and they have six of the individuals identified and we have one more individual to identify. We will have that individual identified in the meeting tomorrow. Councilmember Brooks asked if he could let them know who those folks are and Tony Black stated that he certainly will. 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 ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the ordinance, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the first reading.

This was the time and place advertised Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the Capital Outlay Budget for the Jackson Fire Department. Director of Finance Bobby Arnold stated the Fire Department is in need of a vehicle to be used by our new Deputy Chief and this budget amendment is proposed to accomplish that. The Fire Department is committed to transferring \$29,141 of revenue and budgeted salary expense that was budgeted for a part-time position in the Fire Department. The Fire Department will take the \$29,141 and combine it with \$8,590, which was an unbudgeted insurance recovery from damage to a Fire vehicle earlier this year, and combine those two for \$37,731 to purchase this vehicle for the deputy chief. Councilmember Pickens asked if this vehicle will be equipped in a manner that the Deputy Chief can go onsite that might be a working fire and that sort of thing or is going to be an administrative type of vehicle. Fire Chief Darryl Samuels stated the vehicle will be used by the Deputy Chief Friddle and will be fully an emergency responding vehicle. Councilmember Pickens stated so this will not be an administrative vehicle then, so he could respond to a working fire. Fire Chief Darryl Samuels stated ye and that the vehicle will have lights and sirens. 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 ordinance. There being no one present to speak in opposition to or in support of the ordinance, Mayor Conger declared the public hearing closed. On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, 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 an ordinance to amend the Official Code of the City of Jackson Title 2 Boards, Commissions, Etc. relative to the Budget Committee. On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, 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 to the text of the City Zoning Ordinance, Article V, SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Section 20 O (Office) District, B. USES PERMITTED, to allow beauty shops as a use permitted. On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, the motion carried with a unanimous vote on the second reading.

Matt Wood of Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC, a firm of licensed certified public accountants, presented a power point presentation of the FY 2019 City of Jackson audit of the financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. There was discussion on the audit presentation. The City of Jackson's audit is described in full in the power point presentation attached. Mayor Conger thanked Matt Wood for his audit presentation.

Mayor Conger stated that the Council will be notified of some dates, before our normal budget hearings, on some work sessions to go through so you're better prepared and knowledgeable of our capital needs, our capital budget, our borrowing needs and our operating budget as well.

On the motion by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to the Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Audit Committee. Councilmember Taylor stated that on Consideration of a Resolution to Establish an Audit Committee, the Budget Committee reviewed the resolution and made the recommendation to change the language

in section two be changed since it was originally drafted, that would be line three, four and five. That needs to be clear as well. The way it reads now the commas are inclusive, rather than exclusive. On the motion by Councilmember Taylor to change that language to the following, "To ensure the committee's independence and effectiveness, no Audit Committee member will be an elected official, employee, spouse of an official/employee or person that comingles assets with an official/employee of Jackson with the exception of an elected City Council member." On the motion by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given on the amendment of section 2 of the Resolution to Establish an Audit Committee. On the motion by Councilmember Priddy, unanimous approval was given to the original motion as amended of section 2 of the Resolution to Establish an Audit Committee.

On the motion of Councilmember Brooks, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, unanimous approval was given to Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing Inter-Fund Loans.

On the motion of Councilmember Pickens, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, unanimous approval was given to Consideration of Budget Amendments for the Sportsplex. On the motion of Councilmember Priddy, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, unanimous approval was given to Consideration of Budget Amendments for the transfer of a City employee from one department to a new department in a permanent transfer for this position. Director of Finance Bobby Arnold stated this resolution can be approved today, as they do not require a second reading because we are not increasing the budget, but moving funds.

On the motion of Councilmember Buchanan, seconded by Councilmember Wallace unanimous approval was given to Consideration of a Street Acceptance Request for Johnson Creek Station 1 – Johnson Creek Boulevard, as depicted on the map.

On the motion of Councilmember Pickens, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, the Appointment of Councilman Ross Priddy to Budget Committee was approved 8-0-1, with Councilmember Priddy abstaining.

On the motion of Councilmember McKelvey, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, unanimous approval was given for the Mayor's Advisory Council on Domestic & Sexual Violence appointments and reappointments:

- i) Reappointment of Kim Tedford for a 3-year term.
- ii) Reappointment of Gail Gustafson for a 3-year term.
- iii) Reappointment of Stacy Miller for a 3-year term.
- iv) Reappointment of Sherrill Scott for a 3-year term.
- v) Appointment of Gayle Tacker-Gilbert for a 3-year term.

On the motion of Councilmember Pickens, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, unanimous approval was given for Industrial Development Board appointments and reappointments:

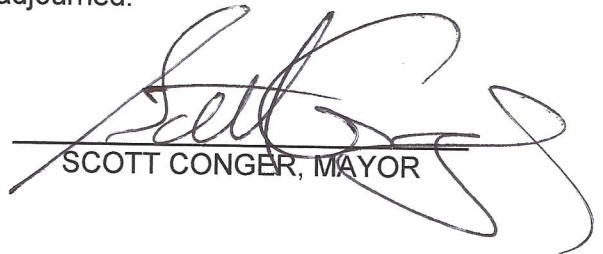
- i) Reappointment of John Nanney for a 6-year term.
- ii) Appointment of Dr. Andre Temple to fill the unexpired term of Mary Jane McWherter, who resigned. This term expires 7/5/2023.

On the motion of Councilmember Pickens, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, unanimous approval was given for the Jackson Housing Authority Board appointments and reappointments:

- i) Appointment of Don Morris to fill the unexpired term of Jimmy Cole, who resigned. This term expires 10/2022.

On the motion of Councilmember Wallace, 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