

MINUTES

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order, Invocation, & Pledge and Roll Call

The Council of the City of Jackson met in regular session on Tuesday, **August 4, 2020**, at 9:00 a.m. via Go-To-Meeting due to the COVID -19 pandemic. Mayor Scott Conger called the meeting called the meeting to order and asked Councilmember Harvey Buchanan gave the invocation and 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, Ms. Lauren Kirk, Mayor's Office, Mr. Alex Reed, Mayor's Office, Mr. Stan Pilant, Planning, Ms. Susan White, Purchasing. Also present was Sandy Maxwell, recorder of the minutes. For the full details, listen to the August 4, 2020 video at <https://www.youtube.com/c/CityofJacksonTN73>.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Proclamations:

None

Invitation for Public Comment:

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.

First Readings:

1. Consideration of an Ordinance to close and abandon, a portion of an alley located between Walnut, Park Roland and Prospect Streets (3:14 to 6:05)

Stan Pilant explained that this ordinance is for the abandoned alleys, except for the East side of the alley, to allow a homeowner to access the back of his property. Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone received any communication or public comment; there was none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

2. Budget Amendment - Victims of Crime Grant (6:21 to 7:40)

Bobby Arnold explained that the grant is for \$45,267 and a 20% local match \$11,317. Councilmember Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to approve the

agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone received any communication or public comment; there was none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment - TVA/JEA Invest Prep Grant (7:41 to 9:10)

Bobby Arnold explained that the grant is 50/50 split for a total of \$176,750. This grant of the gas line work out at the Industrial Park on Highway 223. Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone received any communication or public comment; there was none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

4. Budget Amendment - TN Arts Access Grant (9:11 to 10:26)

Bobby Arnold explained that the grant is for \$3,190 and does require a 50% city match. That match would come from a reallocation of already budgeted funds for Community Relations. Councilmember Pickens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Taylor, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone received any communication or public comment; there was none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

5. Budget Amendment - TN Arts Place Making Grant (10:26 to 12:40)

Bobby Arnold explained that the grant is for \$9,000 and requires a 20% in-kind match, which would come from the Park's Maintenance budget. Councilmember Taylor asked what would the money be used for? Lauren Kirk explained that this grant would be used for a mural downtown, and it also has a workshop component. In which the artist will work with some kids from the Boys and Girls Club as well as kids from Keep My Hood Good. Councilman Brooks, if the grant was for the artist's salary? Lauren Kirk said that the artist fee is \$6,000, and the \$3,000 is for equipment and other materials.

Councilmember Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cisco, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone received any communication or public comment; there was none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

6. Budget Amendment - JPD Capital (12:40 to 16:44)

Bobby Arnold explained that the grant is for \$118,798, \$89,168 to replace bulletproof vest and \$39,500 to increase the number of body cameras (allowing every officer to have a camera). The remaining \$6,130 to replace a server that is deemed non-complaint. The money would be funded by an \$84,783 emergency dividend from Equity Partners; this was not a budget revenue, so we increase our income to recognize the funds. We would use \$16,000 leftover from Capital Funds. These funds were already budgeted for the new pothole equipment, which has been

purchased. Finally, we would use \$34,015 from our fund balance to complete the funding for this amendment.

Councilmember Cisco made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone received any communication or public comment; there was none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

7. Consideration of an Ordinance to amend that Animal Control Ordinance for the City of Jackson, TN (16:45 to 17:56)

Councilmember Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Dodd, to approve the agenda item as submitted. The Mayor asked if anyone received any communication or public comment; there was none. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

Second Readings:

1. Proposed Budget Amendment in the amount of \$50,732 to fund the City's match for Airport Economic Development Grant (17:57 to 18:43)

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

2. Proposed Budget Amendment in the amount of \$80,000 to recognize the JPD award for JAG Grant (18:43 to 19:21)

Councilmember Brooks 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.

3. Consideration of an Ordinance to close and abandon, in their entirety, Porter Alley, Arnold Alley, and Lawler Avenue, in their entirety (19:24 to 20:08)

Councilmember Dodd 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, TN, ARTICLE V, SPECIFIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, Section 13. SC-1 ((PLANNING UNIT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT) District, C. USES PERMITTED, by adding Type III Climate Self-Storage facilities as a use permitted (20:09 to 21:02)

Councilmember Cisco 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.

New Business:

1. Update on CRA 1 and CRA 2 (21:05 to 31:37)

Report: Stan Pilant said that in CRA 1, the majority of the activity is centered on new construction, residential in the Morgan Street area. JCM and Madison schools are both under construction in that area as well. In CRA 2, there is a residential re-development in the Whitehall area to Dupree; this is a new housing area that we have partnered with Southwest. We have contributed to Lane College with improvements to the Kirkendoll Building. We also continue to look to re-development efforts along Chester Street in CRA 2. There is some new residential construction on Phillips and Cartmel, but they are still in the preliminary stages; we are waiting on the subdivision plat. We are currently in discussion with Michael Minor on some new construction projects in the Mound City area.

Councilmember Buchanan asked if David Hunt had 150 acres to develop and what are the plans for the old Lincoln school. Mr. Pilant was not sure the exact acreage Mr. Hunt has on Roosevelt Parkway. But he has heard that Mr. Hunt is discussing a possible solar farm to provide electricity for industrial use. As far as the old school, he is not sure about the possible uses, but the school is currently part of Lane College. Councilmember Buchanan also addressed the council, asking that sometime, hopefully, in the near future, that we collectively look at the re-development of the mall area. Per the Mayor, there is already a task force in place and working on that area right now.

Councilmember Taylor asked Mr. Pilant to speak to the financial stability of the CRA in regards to meeting their obligations (contributions) to the Madison project. Per Mr. Pilant, the CRA financially is stable and has met the obligations. He added that in terms of re-development dollars, we have basically exhausted all of those monies; through Section 108 dollars as well as local capital funds. Going forward, as funds become available, we would like to evaluate and attach some of those funds to other districts and projects. But to answer your question, I don't foresee any problems with us being able to meet our obligation, and we do get constant updates on the schools, and I will be glad to send that information out to the council.

2. Consideration of appointment of Sherita Graham to CRA (31:38 to 32:38)

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.

3. Consideration of Appointment for Janna Hellums to the Planning Commission (32:38 to 33:14)

Councilmember Wallace 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.

4. Consideration of a contract with Waypoint Analytical for monitoring the Jackson Madison County landfill on Highway 70 (33:15 to 36:25)

Susan White explained this is \$16,887 for a one-year contract with four options to renew. They would provide annual sampling and testing at the Madison County Landfill, post-closure. Councilmember Taylor 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.

5. Consideration of a contract with Paris Creative Agency for marketing and communication services (36:18 to 38:03)

Alex Reed explained that this contract is for higher-level intricate graphic design work on the website and social media. She will also be working with communications, and these fees will not be perpetual. He also said that we would use already budgeted funds for around two or three thousand dollars. Councilmember Brooks 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 Kimley-Horn for engineering services (38:04 to 39:54)

Alex Reed explained this is a contract for engineering services to be used as needed until a replacement is in place to replace Scott Chandler. This contract is for PE signature only; the management of the department has been divided up among the employees. 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.

7. Consideration of invoices over \$10,000 (39:56 to 41:01)

Councilmember Taylor asked Mr. Reed to find out that what the invoice for Big Toys is all about; Mr. Reed said he would check into it. Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pickens, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

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SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR