

MINUTES
JACKSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALL MEETING
March 8, 2022 – 9:00 am.
GEORGE A. SMITH MEETING ROOM

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND ROLL CALL (00:00 – 00:59)

The Council of the City of Jackson met in a special call session on Tuesday, March 5, 2022, at 9:00 am. Mayor Scott Conger called the meeting to order and led us in the invocation and Allegiance Pledge. The Mayor then called the roll. Councilmembers Ernest Brooks II, Johnny Dodd, Russ McKelvey, Gary Pickens, Ross Priddy, Tara Skinner, Paul Taylor, and Marda Wallace were present, and David Cisco was absent. Present for the City of Jackson, Mr. Stan Pilant and City Attorney Lewis Cobb. Also present was Sandy Maxwell, recorder of the minutes. For the full details, listen to the March 8, 2022 video by going to the City of Jackson website: jacksontn.gov/Government/Mayor & Council/Council Meeting Archives (time-frame reference).

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (01:00 – 01:13)

Mayor Scott Conger reminded the audience this was a public hearing. Therefore, please raise your hand at the appropriate time for anyone wishing to speak in favor of or opposition to any item on the first reading.

FIRST READING

1. Consideration of an Ordinance to reapportion the nine Council Districts of the City of Jackson (01:14 – 55:58)

The Mayor asked Mr. Harrell Carter and Bryam Elam to come forward and speak about the new proposed map, which was created by MGGG Redistricting Lab from Turfs University. MGGG (Metric Geometry & Gerrymandering Group) Redistricting Lab representative Chanel Richardson and professor Moon Duchin also spoke via live stream(02:13 – 36:21).

Councilmember Taylor made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brooks, to approve the agenda item as submitted but to include Stan Pilant from the Planning

Department on implementing Map A. The Mayor asked if anyone had a public comment. Mr. Billy Moore voiced his concern about the redrawn lines, especially in District 2 (36:45 – 43:08). Ms. Olivia Abernathy, who served on the redistricting committee, explained that the committee was only given the previously presented map (from 03-01-2022 meeting); she said she now favors Plan A (43:16 – 44:10). Robert Curlin also served on the redistricting committee; his concern was more about the people of Jackson not exercising their right to vote (45:21 – 51:14). Shelia Godwin (51:32 – 54:26) and Cindy Boyles (54:46 – 55:15) thanked the council for being open to change, and they both supported the Plan A map. Upon a call for a vote, all voted aye, the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Consideration of a Resolution to enter into a Land Sale Agreement with the Industrial Development Board for the property for Great Wolf Lodge (56:06 – 57:13)

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

ADJOURN (57:16)



SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR