

## **JACKSON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**April 7, 2026 – 9:00 A.M**

**GEORGE A. SMITH MEETING ROOM**

#### **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, AND ROLL CALL (00:08 - 01:30)**

The City Council of the City of Jackson met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Scott Conger called the meeting to order. Councilmember Candice Busby led us in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The mayor then called the roll. Councilmembers Candice Busby, Johnny Dodd, Richard Donnell, Julie Holt, Larry Lowrance, Russ McKelvey, Frank McMeen, and JP Stovall were present. Marda Wallace was absent. Also, present was Markeisha Johnson Recorder of the Minutes. For complete details of the meeting, please refer to the April 7, 2026, video available on the City of Jackson website: [jacksontn.gov/Government/Mayor & Council/Council Meeting Archives](https://jacksontn.gov/Government/Mayor%20&%20Council/Council%20Meeting%20Archives).

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (01:32 - 01:37)**

The minutes for March 3, 2026, meeting were approved as presented and signed.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS (01:39 - 26:38)**

- Jackson Fire Department Commendations (1:56 - 5:25)
- Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation (5:57 – 10:25)
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation (10:41 -14:34)
- Equal Pay Day Proclamation (14:57 - 19:12)
- Jackson Arts Council Update (19:34 - 26:38)

#### **INVITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT (26:50 - 32:19)**

*Paul Taylor*

**FIRST READING**

- 1. Proposed Budget Amendment #77 to Recognize \$39,804.00 and Appropriate \$25,663.91 for the Opioid Abatement Grant (32:32 - 33:21)**

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

- 2. Proposed Budget Amendment #79 to Recognize \$20,323.50 Insurance Recovery (JPD Unit 2275) (33:22 - 33:37)**

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

- 3. Proposed Budget Amendment #80 to Recognize \$147,390.00 for Sale of Land (Crossings Partners) (33:38 - 33:55)**

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

- 4. Proposed Budget Amendment #81 to Appropriate \$113,133.00 in Bond Proceeds, and Re-Appropriate \$202,896.09 in Bond Proceeds due to Typos or to Cover Increased Expenses (33:57 - 36:57)**

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

- 5. Proposed Budget Amendment #87 to Recognize and Appropriate \$56,402.00 for IT Insurance Recovery (Fiber Optic Cable Repairs)  
(36:58 - 37:15)**

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

- 6. Proposed Budget Amendment #90 to Re-Appropriate \$25,500.00 at Ballpark to Ensure Adequate Funding for Certain Supplies and Services  
(37:17 - 38:29)**

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

## **SECOND READING**

- 1. Proposed Budget Amendment #68 to Recognize and Appropriate \$31,012.00 Insurance Recovery for Police Vehicle (38:31 - 38:45)**

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

**2. Proposed Budget Amendment #72 to Recognize and Appropriate  
\$350,000.00 Development Contribution from Chick-fil-A (38:46 - 38:59)**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration of a Street Acceptance request for Columns III Section 2  
(39:04 - 39:19)**

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

**2. Consideration of a Street Acceptance request for Shiloh Springs Sections 9  
& 10 (39:21 - 39:34)**

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

**3. Consideration of a contract between Norfolk Southern Railroad and the  
City of Jackson for the purchase of a tract of land to be used for the Bemis  
Trail project (39:35 - 39:51)**

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

**4. Consideration of a resolution for Local Park and Recreation Fund Grant application (39:52 - 51:28)**

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, to approve the agenda item as submitted. Upon a call for a vote, the motion failed due to a tie vote.

**Vote:**

Ayes: Dodd, Holt, McKelvey, McMeen

Nays: Busby, Donnell, Lowrance, Stovall

**5. Consideration of a contract with BRINC for the VCIF Grant (51:33 - 51:58)**

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

**6. Consideration of a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Tennessee State Museum to support the TN Semi quinentennial Celebration (TN250) with a production of 1776 presented by The Ned R. McWherter West Tennessee Cultural Arts Center (51:59 - 53:17)**

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

**7. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing and Delegating Jackson Downtown Revenue Finance Corporation to enter into payments in lieu of taxes (Pilot) Economic Incentive Agreements (53:19 - 1:01:57)**

Councilmember Dodd made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McMeen, to approve the agenda item as submitted.

Councilmember Lowrance made a motion to amend the verbiage in the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Busby. Upon a call for a vote, the motion failed by a tie vote of 4-4.

**Vote on the motion to Amend:**

Ayes: Busby, Donnell, Lowrance, McMeen

Nays: Dodd, Holt, McKelvey, Stovall

Following the failed motion, the Council proceeded to vote on the original item. Upon a call for a vote, the motion passed with six (6) votes in favor, one (1) opposed, (Busby), and one (1) abstention (Lowrance).

**8. Consideration of a Committee and Board Appointments:**

**a. Madison County Board of Equalization: Reappointment of Mike Roland and Sandra Carter (1:01:59 - 1:02:15)**

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

**b. Ned R. McWherter Advisory Board: Reappointment of Leanne Braddock, Amy Dietrich, and Kemp Reed (1:02:16 - 1:02:29)**

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

**c. Jackson Recreation and Parks Advisory Board: Reappointment of Robert Starr (1:02:30 - 1:02:58)**

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

**d. Legends Music Museum Advisory Board: Reappointment of Steve Little, Jimmy Duke, Jimmy Exum, Randy Williams, and Steve Bowers**

**(1:03:00 - 1:05:10)**

Councilmember Stovall made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McKelvey, to approve the agenda item as submitted.

Councilmember Donnell made a motion to table the agenda item, seconded by Councilmember Busby. Upon a call for a vote, the motion to table passed with six (6) votes in favor, two (2) opposed, (Lowrance and Stovall).

**e. Jackson Municipal Regional Planning Commission: Reappointment of Charles Adams, Janna Hellums, Wayne Arnold, and Jerry Day**

**(1:05:12 - 1:06:40)**

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

**f. West Tennessee Healthcare Board: Reappointment of Ray Washington**

**(1:06:41 - 1:06:49)**

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

**g. IDB: Reappointment of Andre Temple and Appointment of Jared Smith**

**(1:06:51 - 1:07:02)**

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

**h. Jackson Downtown Revenue Finance Corporation: Appointment of**

**Jennie Keel and Ryan Porter (1:07:03 - 1:07:13)**

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

**9. Budget Amendments less than \$10,000 (1:07:14 -**

**10. Consideration of Invoices over \$10,000 1:07:25)**

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; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. **(1:07:28)**



**SCOTT CONGER, MAYOR**