



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

4:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

Chair Joe Hafner said, before we get into the agenda items I just want to make a brief comment. Obviously our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in the community, not only those impacted by the devastating tornado that came through here on Saturday, but also to the business owners, and employees that have been affected by the corona virus, just know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We are Jonesboro strong, there will be rough times ahead, but we will get through it. Also, Thanks to all of the First Responders, Police, Fire, City Water and Light, Center Point, and all of the volunteers, especially to those from other communities that came here Saturday right after it happened to help out. We ask for your patience during this meeting, it is a new approach and we are trying to get the kinks worked out. Hopefully we won't have to do business this way for very long. If you are on the phone and are from the public just be patient with us, and I will try to get everybody recognized at the appropriate time.

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance.

Present 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Joe Hafner

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:028](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on March 10, 2020.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson David McClain, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-20:040](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXECUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT

TO BE ISSUED TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)

Sponsors: Finance

A motion was made by Councilperson Ann Williams, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-20:041](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1403 OAKHURST, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS 72401, OWNED BY A+ PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1403 Oakhurst](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, I heard the Mayor say something about these, are they paid? Chair Joe Hafner said, no they are not all paid, he's double checked and this is a good one that needs to proceed. Deputy City Clerk, April Leggett said, these are all duplicates. Chair Joe Hafner stated these are all duplicates. April said they all need to be postponed indefinitely. Chair Hafner said, April said these all need to be postponed indefinitely. Councilmember David McClain said, say the reasoning one more time. Chair Hafner said, they are duplicates. Deputy Clerk, April Leggett, said they are all duplicates, they were entered on a previous date and are in Legistar for another Council date or they have been paid. But, they are all duplicates.

A motion was made by Councilperson David McClain, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-20:042](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT MIDDLEFIELD, PARCEL NUMBER 01-144284-07900, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS 72401, OWNED BY 3B HOLDINGS, LLC.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [Middlefield](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson David McClain, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-20:043](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT NORTH THIRD, PARCEL NUMBER 01-144182-22000, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS 72401, OWNED BY ALMA LETICIA AND NICHOLAS MATA

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [North Third](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Chair Joe Hafner asked if anyone had any other business they would like to discuss. Mayor Harold Perrin said yes. I will be asking the Chairman to call a Special Called Finance Committee meeting before the City Council meeting on April 7, 2020, to discuss a lease that we will have to enter into, because one of our building out at the airport was destroyed. That will be the only item I will have on the agenda. We have to get that done so that we can get our people in place. Do you know the timing of any other items that we will have to address through Finance Committee due to the tornado or the corona virus? Mayor Harold Perrin explained that he will not know that until after Wednesday. April 1, 2020. He explained that some members of the Arkansas Municipal League are coming up to meet with Finance Director Steve Purtee, myself, Purchasing Agent Steve Kent, and Chief of Staff Mike Downing. I don't think that at this time there will be any other items that will be put on the agenda.

Councilmember David McClain said, I have a question Mayor if you don't mind, regarding the Disaster Declaration and what that meant for homeowners. From my understanding the disaster declaration is mainly for the City to contract with clean up to help get us moving again. Is that correct? Chair Joe Hafner asked, who is asking this question. I can't hear it clearly. This is David, can you not see it when I talk? Chair Hafner said, no your screen is frozen.

Mayor Harold Perrin said, can you repeat your question? Councilmember McClain asked what the Disaster Declaration meant. Does it mean that homeowners wouldn't have to pay for cleanup? I just want to get some clarification around the Disaster Declaration that the Governor issued, and what that means for the city in terms of being reimbursed for expenses the city will incur, and what it means for the homeowners. Chair Joe Hafner said, I think he's referring to like the cleanup of the mess. Mayor Perrin asked are you talking about like the Legacy Landfill. Councilmember McClain said just in general, some citizens think that they won't have to pay.

Mayor Harold Perrin explained, first of all the Governor did declare Jonesboro a disaster. Also the way it is that anyone that takes material to Legacy Landfill it would be on the city unless it is residential, and then the residential would pay for that. The residents then would turn that into their homeowners policy and be reimbursed that way. It would be with damage claim they file on their home. I can tell you that I got a hold of Becky Keough, Director of ADEQ in Little Rock. What she said is that when Legacy Landfill collects the money they send \$2.50 per-ton to ADEQ, and she is waving that in an order effective today. Mayor Perrin explained that he has his Administration looking at other places where we might be able to take some of the debris besides Legacy Landfill. The reason for that is that you have to hit a certain

amount of money on the Federal level in order to be able to qualify for a 35% reimbursement of the city's cost from FEMA. We are looking at those things, and I will send an e-mail out to all of the Council Members explaining information as we receive it

Chair Joe Hafner said, I understand Councilmember McClain's question because I had some of the same concerns, like now that the Governor has said that we are an emergency area what does that mean exactly for our residents, and what does it mean for the city, if these people are having to pay \$42.00 a ton out a Legacy or more and they have a bunch of debris that is quite a bit of expense. Mayor Harold Perrin said, that will help them with their homeowners from my understanding since he has declared it an emergency. Chair Hafner said, I think if there could be information put together that would be helpful. Mayor Harold Perrin said I appreciate the question Councilmember McClain. Right now we have everything secured, and the First Responders continue to work on that. This Administration is working on five or six major areas right now, just give us a little time to get that done. Mayor Perrin explained he will get clarity on those concerns regarding the Governor's declaration and how it affects the homeowners.

Councilmember Ann Williams asked, about how many homes are we talking about? Mayor Harold Perrin said the total it showed in today's paper was 85 homes that were destroyed, and there were others that had damage. The last time that I met with Craighead County Judge Marvin Day and the OEM Manager we are probably looking at 150 to 200 homes that either have some type of damage or totally destroyed. So, that is why it is very important that this Administration look at other alternatives in case we do not meet those FEMA guidelines to get that 35% reimbursement. As you and I both know what we are paying to do a demo on a house today is going to run somewhere between \$5,000.00 up to \$6,000.00, if you take that by the number of homes we are looking at a cost of approximately \$1.6 million. So, trying to find other avenues such as disposal of some debris on other city owned property, and coordinating that with ADEQ so we don't have to take all of the debris to Legacy Landfill will help us with that.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson LJ Bryant, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant