



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

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Tuesday, December 5, 2017

5:00 PM

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### 1. Call To Order

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### 2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

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**Present** 6 - Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent** 1 - Gene Vance

### 3. Approval of minutes

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**MIN-17:127**

Minutes for the Public Works Committee Meeting on November 7, 2017

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**Attachments:** [Public Works Minutes 11072017.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance

### 4. New Business

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#### *RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED*

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**RES-17:179**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM TIMOTHY DALE JOHNSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE

## IMPROVEMENTS

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*Chairmember John Street asked if this is a standard drainage easement. He asked City Engineer Craig Light to explain. Mr. Light said yes, we have had some drainage issues in that neighborhood, and Mr. Johnson gave us a 15-foot drainage easement so we could run a pipe to the back side and collect some water that is accumulating on two or three different properties.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance

**RES-17:182**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING, LLC TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE STREET IMPROVEMENT/EXTENSION OF BOWLING LANE

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*Chairmember John Street asked City Engineer Craig Light to address that. Mr. Light said this is a project that we hope to go to construction some time in 2018. We are just trying to get the design work started on this. This is next to one of the Nettleton Public Schools off of Aggie Road, back to Hill Drive. Currently, people go to the school they have to enter, drop their kids off and then turn around and come out the same entrance. This will give them a better way to get out of that neighborhood and decrease the congestion due to the school traffic when it's constructed.*

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson asked what kind of improvements are we looking at on the road? That's a narrow road. Have we even taken into consideration the amount of traffic that will probably run through that neighborhood? Mr. Light said we are going to widen Bowling Lane to at least a 24-foot wide cross-section through there up to Hill Drive. There is a short section of Hill Drive that will have to be widened, as well, but then the second half, going out to Airport Road, is already 30-foot wide through there.*

*Mayor Harold Perrin said we're just hooking that onto, so we get onto Airport Road. Councilmember Johnson said I looked at it on the map. That's been a narrow road for years and a quiet neighborhood back there. I have concerns with how much traffic we're going to be dumping out there throughout the period of the day. Mayor Perrin said I think most of your traffic is going to be just during school. Councilmember Johnson said is there any way to just get an estimate on how much is going to be going through there in a day's time? Mr. Light said we can do some estimates on the amount of traffic using it. On Hill Drive there is already 60-foot of right-of-way. On Bowling Lane, North of the school, there is 30-foot of right-of-way. So, we would have to require some right-of-way from the Kitterman Property. Councilmember Johnson said I'm not saying it's not a positive thing in the long run, but I just kind of have concerns because we're dumping all this on some people who have had a quiet and closed neighborhood for some time.*

Mayor Perrin said when Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols gets back we can get a count because really what I would do is count the cars going in, but I'd also want the ones turning around. When they go through there for Kindergarten, first, second or third grades, the SOR officer has to work that traffic, plus worry about the other traffic. Councilmember Johnson said I realize that it is going to improve the flow of the school traffic. I just have concerns. Mayor Perrin said about the quietness in there? Councilmember Johnson said yes. Mayor Perrin said the way I see it, Kitterman's got a place down on the end, like apartments or something. I have drove down there and looked at it, and there's not that many people in there. If you'd like to get a count, we can get a count. Let's get a count. Councilmember Johnson said I'd like to have a rough idea. I don't want to spend a fortune trying to figure it out. Mayor Perrin said we can do that for you.

Councilmember Chris Moore said are you wanting to wait before we make a decision on forwarding this to Council or do you want to go on and forward it so they can start on looking to see what the design would be? Councilmember Johnson said I don't have any problem with it going forward, but I don't really want it to pass through the Council until we kind of have an idea of what we're looking at. Councilmember Moore asked if we were thinking about not constructing that until sometime next year. Mayor Perrin said it's in the budget for 2018 to do this, as well as the other road near the intermediate school. We have both those in the budget. We can get the count. School is in session now. We can get the count he is asking for before the next Council meeting so I wouldn't want to hold this up. We can just go ahead and move it on to Council.

Ms. Betty Koros, 3718 Hill Drive, said she lives in the narrow section before you get to the paved section on Hill Drive. She said there is not city sewage in that little section. So, we all have sewer septic systems. My septic runs right to the road and that will all be torn up and have to be repaired. Is there any chance of getting city sewage out there? Mayor Perrin said this engineer stated he would look at all what you're talking about. We'll look at everything out there, the right-of-way, any utilities and all that stuff in that report. I did not know that you weren't on sewer in that area. That is something to think about. Again, that's nothing the City does on that. The citizens would have to do that. Ms. Koros said we were told that because it's a hill there would have to be a "pumping station". Mayor Perrin said a lift station. Ms. Koros said yes, a lift station put in. That is something that would have to be considered, I would think. Mayor Perrin said right. In this study, if it comes back and it shows that we're going to have to get in that or go around that or whatever. We would certainly need to address that and we would work with you on that. If you don't mind, give your name and address to Mr. Light, who is our chief engineer. We will certainly work with you, and go over all the steps so you can stay right with us on those steps. Okay? Ms. Koros said okay. Mayor Perrin said we'd be happy to do that. Ms. Koros said I'd like to keep it a quiet neighborhood.

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance

**RES-17:183**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PUBLIC SIDEWALK EASEMENT FROM MCGILL HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A SIDEWALK

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**Attachments:** [Easement](#)

*Chairmember John Street said I believe the sidewalk has already been constructed. It is the one in front of Arby's. Mayor Harold Perrin said that's correct.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance

**[RES-17:185](#)**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTINUE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO STREAMGAGES IN JONESBORO

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**Attachments:** [2018 Agreement](#)

*Chairmember John Street said those are Whiteman's Creek and Industrial Drive and Lost Creek and Floyd. We have had those for several years now. This is our standard annual agreement with them.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance

**[RES-17:186](#)**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACKSON'S CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RAINS STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS (2017:24)

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**Attachments:** [Contract Documents 2017 24](#)  
[Bid Tab - Rains](#)

*Chairmember John Street said I believe that sidewalk runs from Rains and Nettleton to Rains and East Oak on the west side of the street. Mayor Harold Perrin said that's correct. This is the TAP grant we have been looking for a long time and finally got permission to bid it out. Chairmember Street said the low bid was Jackson's Construction. The bid tab was attached. It was \$100,249.50. I think the next one was approximately \$14,000 higher. Mayor Perrin said that was correct.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance

**RES-17:187**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACKSON'S CONSTRUCTION FOR THE THORN STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS (2017:25)

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*Mayor Harold Perrin said this is the TAP grant that we got this year and that's just now completing. We now know what the cost will be, which will be the \$73,634. You all approve this and we will go ahead and start getting the pre-con meeting. Again, Jackson won that construction. He was low bid in meeting specs.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance

**5. Pending Items**

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**6. Other Business**

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**RES-17:190**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE RACE ST. SIDEWALK & RR PED. CROSSING - JOB NO. 2017:26

**Attachments:** [Change Order 1](#)

*Chairmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-17:190. All voted aye.*

*Chairmember John Street said Mayor Perrin handed me this before the meeting. Each of you have a copy in front of you. It's RES-17:190. I would move that we suspend the rules and place it on the agenda tonight. The Mayor asked that it be walked on to the Council tonight.*

*Mayor Harold Perrin said this is the work that's been done. We've done our work on both sides. We cannot get in there. This is the Race Street crossing for the kids on the end of Race Street, Nettleton School District. City Engineer Craig Light said we knew when this contract was let and awarded that we were going to have to negotiate with the contractor to get the railroad protective liability insurance, and it's taken us about three months to finally get through all the process, but this is the additional cost for our contractor to enter in on the railroad's property to do the work. There are funds in the grant to cover this amount of money. We just need to change the contract to be able to have them move forward with it. Councilmember Chris Moore said so the insurance policy for us to work on the railroad's right-of-way is \$15,000? Mr. Light said it's a little shy of that. There is a \$500 permit fee, as well. Councilmember Moore said it's pretty crazy. The fact we have to spend \$15,000 to buy an insurance policy just to construct that sidewalk. It seems pretty excessive. Mr. Light said it's I believe a*

*\$5-\$10 million policy for about a week's worth of work.*

**A motion was made by Councilman LJ Bryant, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance

## **7. Public Comments**

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## **8. Adjournment**

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**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance