



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

4:00 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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Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 4 - Ann Williams; Darrel Dover; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent 2 - John Street and Rennell Woods

3. Approval of minutes

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MIN-16:029

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on March 8, 2016

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - John Street and Rennell Woods

4. New Business

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Resolutions To Be Introduced

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RES-16:031

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,

ARKANSAS REQUESTING CITY WATER & LIGHT (CWL) PURCHASE A FIRE TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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Sponsors: Fire Department

Mayor Perrin stated once the resolution is passed, then the CWL Board will approve a reimbursement to the city for the fire truck.

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

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - John Street and Rennell Woods

RES-16:034

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3007 DAN AVENUE FROM LINDA TATE

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Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [3007 Dan Ave](#)

Mayor Perrin explained this property is next door to the Parks & Recreation Department. They need to the property to store equipment for the Cemetery Department. They were able to purchase the property for \$61,000. He is asking for \$7,000 in escrow in order to tear the existing building down. The current property owner has been in and out of the hospice on several occasions, so the city will be giving her up to six months to continue living on the property rent free.

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

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - John Street and Rennell Woods

RES-16:038

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST RECYCLING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [2016 City Request for Recycling Grant Funds Presentation to Finance Committee Mar. 29](#)

Mayor Perrin stated a few months ago Abilities Unlimited announced it was losing money with the recycling program and that they would not be able to continue the program without help with funding. All of the mayors met with Abilities Unlimited and Legacy Landfill in order to find the funding to keep the recycling program.

Chief Financial Officer Suzanne Allen discussed the recycling program with Abilities

Unlimited. She noted there is a current grant given to the Solid Waste District by ADEQ that will be passed down to the city to help with the funding of the recycling program. The Solid Waste Board also voted to add a 50 cent fee at the landfill to also help fund the recycling program. But, due to the new 50 cent fee the city will also be assessed an additional \$14,000. The city could possibly re-coup some of that money paid in. She also noted there will be another fee of about \$45,000 per year if they continue purchasing the blue bags. They are looking at other grants and alternatives to the blue bags.

Mayor Perrin explained the cost will be for Abilities Unlimited picking up the recycling every other week as opposed to every week. He thinks the city could receive a grant to pay for roll out containers for recycling as opposed to the blue bags, but the purchase of a truck would be necessary for the recycling program. When comparing the cost of this program to what the city was paying when it took care of the recycling, the costs are about the same even though the program will be picking up recycling every other week as opposed to every week. He expressed concern about the recycling being picked up only twice a month and questioned whether that would be enough. He stated citizens may quit recycling.

Ms. Allen noted that if they decide to have Abilities Unlimited pick up the recycling every week that would be another \$4,000 cost per month. Mayor Perrin explained if the city takes the recycling over again and Abilities Unlimited quits the recycling program, then there would be no place for the city to take the recycling items resulting in an end to the recycling program. But, he thinks they may be able to negotiate a better contract deal if they move away from the blue bags and go to containers that are picked up by a truck. Ms. Allen added grants will not pay for blue bags, but they will help pay for containers, giving the city more funding. She further explained even if they have to pay for the truck, then the \$40,000 per year spent on blue bags could go to a truck payment.

Mayor Perrin stated the question will be who is going to pay for the truck. He's going to visit with ADEQ to see if there are any grants available to help pay for the truck. Questions were raised about whether or not one truck could take care of the whole city. Mayor Perrin stated he would have to look into that to see if one truck would be sufficient.

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

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - John Street and Rennell Woods

5. Pending Items

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6. Other Business

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Chairman Dover informed the committee that the Salary/Longevity Committee met yesterday to discuss the incentive program. He hopes to have a recommendation to the Finance Committee within the next month and a half.

7. Public Comments

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8. Adjournment

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A motion was made by Councilman Todd Burton, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - John Street and Rennell Woods