



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Absent 1 - Mitch Johnson

2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-09:064](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 16, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

[RES-09:103](#)

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 726 W Huntington

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [726 W Huntington Ave Building Inspection Report.doc](#)

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[CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)

[Condemnation Checklist - PDF](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-09:112

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1021 Hope St

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)
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[Condemnation Checklist - PDF](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

4. Pending Items

COM-09:089

Vector Disease Control mosquito report for June, 2009.

Attachments: [Vector mosquito control report for June 2009](#)

Mr. Jim Stark explained an aerial flight was scheduled for tonight, but due to the weather the flight has been rescheduled for either Wednesday or Thursday night. He noted the ground crews are spraying six nights a week throughout the City. He thanked the Council for their patience with the mosquito problem.

Mr. Stark stated due to the recent rain the City should have another hatch of mosquitoes within the next seven days. He noted they sprayed an average of 3 ½ nights a week in June.

This item was Read.

5. Other Business

COM-09:076

Proposal for collection of delinquent warrants

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Bid 2009-20 RFP Collection Agency Tabulation \(3\)](#)
[Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson](#)
[MSB Government Services](#)
[American Municipal Services](#)
[Information about Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson](#)
[publicsafetycollectionoffineslinebargergoggan \(2\)](#)

Police Chief Michael Yates explained he presented four RFPs for the collection of delinquent warrants at the June 16 Public Safety meeting. He added he would like direction from the Public Safety Committee on which company to choose and then he would present the resolution at the next meeting.

Attorney Scott McGlasson with Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson Law Firm explained the law firm has 45 offices located in 14 states. He added the law firm is dedicated exclusively to the collection of government entity receivables, most particularly court receivables that includes warrants.

Chairman Moore asked if the law firm provides service to other government entities. Mr. McGlasson stated the law firm provides service to approximately 2,000 government entities nationwide.

Chairman Moore asked what the law firm's collection rate is nationwide. Mr. McGlasson explained it is difficult to say on average because each jurisdiction has different laws. He noted the City could expect a collection rate in the range of 17.3% to 40.2%.

Chairman Moore asked what they believe the estimated delinquent fine amount to be. Chief Yates answered it depends on the time frame, but it could be up to \$7 million. Mayor Perrin explained the County Judge's Office estimated the delinquent fine amount could be approximately \$7.6 million.

Chairman Moore asked if the City had any contact with the other companies. Captain Scott Roper explained he checked the references for three of the companies, but Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson was the only company who contacted them.

Councilman Vance asked if the law firm is working with any cities in Arkansas. Mr. McGlasson answered no, but they are waiting on a RFP from Little Rock.

Councilman Vance questioned what the law firm charges for a collection fee. Mr. McGlasson answered a 25% contingency fee is charged on all collected fines. He noted there is no charge unless they collect a fine.

Councilman Gene Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that the Police Chief and Mayor decide which company to hire for the collection of delinquent fines. All voted aye.

This item was Read.

RES-09:116

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH CITY, WATER AND LIGHT OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ("CWL") AND THE CITY OF JONESBORO ARKANSAS ("CITY")

Sponsors: Fire Department

Attachments: [Fire Hydrant Maint FINAL \(2\)](#)

Fire Chief Leonard Jadrich explained there is a problem with dispatching the Fire

Department due to the system using analog equipment, which is not compatible with the digital equipment. He stated a year ago they were informed the equipment could not be purchased anymore. He noted they created a patch, but it is not working and is causing the Fire Department to miss pages.

He explained City Water and Light (CWL) will pay the cost to have the new system installed up-front. He noted for approximately 15-years CWL has maintained the fire hydrants. He added in exchange for the up-front cost the Fire Department will maintain the fire hydrants. He stated the maintenance of the fire hydrants is part of the City's ISO rating. He further explained the Fire Department will provide maintenance to the hydrants up to two times a year, which will add an extra point to the ISO rating.

Chief Jadrich stated the cost of the equipment is \$150,000. Mayor Perrin explained CWL will pay the City \$60,000 annually for as long as the City provides maintenance for the hydrants.

Chairman Moore questioned if training will be provided by CWL. Chief Jadrich answered yes and one person is already being provided training. He noted the Fire Department is scheduled to have training on Thursday and Friday. He stated the Fire Department will need to purchase some items to help with the maintenance on the hydrants.

He explained the Fire Department will remotely enter the information into CWL's database in order to keep a record for the ISO rating.

Chairman Moore asked if CWL is going to provide the parts needed. Chief Jadrich answered yes.

Discussion was held concerning what maintenance the Fire Department will be providing.

Councilman Vance questioned if maintaining the fire hydrants will require additional manpower. Chief Jadrich answered no.

Chairman Moore asked if the Fire Department already does a yearly review on all fire hydrants in the City. Chief Jadrich answered yes. He added there are approximately 2,600 plugs in the City, which is approximately 100 plugs per truck.

Councilman Hargis questioned if the Fire Department does the flow test on the hydrants. Chief Jadrich answered no because that is CWL's responsibility.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice

Vote.

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson