



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Thursday, November 6, 2008

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Formon was also in attendance.

Present 5 - John Street; Cecil Province; Chris Moore; Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-08:201 Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on October 7, 2008.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Cecil Province; Chris Moore; Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

MIN-08:202 Minutes for the special called Public Works Committee meeting on October 21, 2008.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Cecil Province; Chris Moore; Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-08:088 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM FEMA FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FLOOD RELATED DAMAGES RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO ON OR ABOUT MARCH 18, 2008.

Sponsors: Streets

Public Works Director Erick Woodruff explained the money is in the General Fund but it needs to be disbursed back to the Street Department for materials and labor.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Cecil Province, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Cecil Province;Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

ORD-08:099

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEALING ORDINANCE 3641 AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A CERTAIN TECHNICAL CODE ENTITLED THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS AND THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE DESIGN MANUAL

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Stormwater Drainage Design Manual - Final](#)
[Stormwater Board Minutes 102308](#)

City Engineer Craig Light explained there were a few comments and those are included in the Stormwater Board minutes. He added they did make a few changes. He also noted the manual was open for public comments for two months.

Councilman Chris Moore asked if there are requirements for more public hearings to be held. Chairman John Street stated they have the intention of having only one reading per Council meeting, so the community will still have three individual Council meetings over six weeks in which they can give the Council their comments.

Chairman Street thanked Mr. Light and his staff for their hard work with the manual.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Cecil Province, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Cecil Province;Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

4. Pending Items

CITY ENGINEER - CRAIG LIGHT

Long-range facilities update: Mr. Light explained the Street and Sanitation Departments have moved to the Strawfloor site, Planning relocated to the Huntington Building and the Police Services Division is located in the JETS building. He further explained there are problems at the Strawfloor site with the septic system. He stated they have submitted plans to the Health Department and once he receives the approval he will have the problems fixed. He added the septic system is being pumped out every 10 days. He stated work on leveling the shop floor is being scheduled with a contractor.

Mr. Light explained he has been in contact with Stuck & Associates concerning the design for a new Street & Sanitation building. He added he is still looking at sites to build the building. He further explained the spatial study that was done for 2011 indicated the Street and Sanitation Department building will need to be at least 60,000 square feet. He stated the cost could be approximately \$3 million to \$3.5 million for the building and then there will be additional cost for site preparation.

Mr. Light stated he needs direction from the Council on where to go with future administration facilities. He explained Council was going to set a date to discuss the issue, but he wasn't sure if a date had been set yet. Councilman Moore explained he will set the date for the meeting as soon as the election is over so the new Mayor can be involved in the decision.

Councilman Moore explained leveling the Edwards property for the Street & Sanitation Department building will cost approximately \$1.5 million to \$1.7 million. He

added they only need 15 acres. He suggested looking into buying other property for approximately \$300,000 to \$500,000 and building on the new property. He proposed having the architects design the metal building while the Council and new Mayor consider where to build the property, so when a decision is made concerning where to build the design will already be made.

Councilman Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that an architect be hired to design a new Street & Sanitation Department building. All voted aye.

Councilman Mitch Johnson suggested the committee be provided the report findings from the previous Building Inspector concerning the building condemnations at the Strawfloor Road site. He added he would like to know if it was just methane gas. Mr. Woodruff explained the site was re-inspected and the buildings were given a new certificate of occupancy. Mayor Formon questioned why the buildings were condemned. Mr. Woodruff stated the condemnation was for methane gas only; nothing else was listed. He noted the buildings were not condemned due to the sewer. Councilman Johnson questioned whether the heating and air system problems were addressed. Mayor Formon stated at the time the problems came up samples were taken and sent to the state for testing. He added the samples came out clean.

Councilman Moore asked if the litigation from the Edwards lawsuit has been settled. City Attorney Phillip Crego explained the Edwards' have filed some post trial motions concerning dismissing the judgment. He further explained once those motions are heard there are still possibilities of an appeal. Councilman Moore asked how long the issue could go on. Mr. Crego answered nine months to a year if an appeal is filed. Councilman Moore suggested the City find a separate site to build a Street and Sanitation building on due to the possible appeal. Councilman Johnson agreed.

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-08:202

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS RE-NAMING THE EXISTING HAWORTH DRIVE TO NICE PAK ROAD

Sponsors: Public Works

Attachments: [Haworth Drive](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Cecil Province;Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

5. Other Business

RES-08:203

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAMERON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASHINGTON AVENUE AND BRIDGE STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT;

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid 2008-29 Tabulation](#)
[Washington Ave. and Bridge Street Contract Documents \(Cameron Construc](#)

Mr. Light provided the committee with a resolution and explained the resolution is for the Washington Avenue and Bridge Street signalization. He added the bids were taken in August and Cameron Construction was the lowest bidder. He noted Cameron Construction agreed to hold the bid price to date. Mr. Light explained they were in negotiations with the utility companies to relocate some of their facilities and that is completed now.

Chairman Street asked if Mr. Light has the contract. Mr. Light answered he does not have it with him but it is in Legistar, RES-08:203.

Councilman Perrin asked if this is the first bid. Mr. Light answered it was bid out only once.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Cecil Province;Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

COM-08:155

ASU Overpass

Attachments: [ASU overpass drainage cost estimates](#)
[Routes](#)

Councilman Moore explained he had requested Mr. Light research whether the elevation would work if the drainage was taken down the alley. Mr. Light noted the original routes were in the Matthews Avenue right-of-way. He explained the Logan Street route is the route the City was looking at for the overpass and the cost will be approximately be \$363,400, which includes removing the road, the utilities and installing the drain pipe. Councilman Moore asked if the Logan Street route is the cheapest. Mr. Light answered the alley route would be the cheapest at \$226,685 plus the easement acquisition. He noted the route interferes with St. Bernard's future plans for expansion, so easement acquisitions from St. Bernard's could be high.

Discussion was held concerning the routes for the ASU overpass.

Councilman Moore asked ASU Vice President for Systems Operations Jennus Burton if the decision tonight could hold up ASU going through with the overpass. Mr. Burton answered no. He added they are expecting bids for Phase I to come back on December 5th.

Councilman Moore suggested the decision be held until it can be researched further.

This item was Read.

COM-08:150

Kohls Drainage

Sponsors: Public Works

Attachments: [Bruce Burrow ltr re Kohls drainage](#)

Councilman Moore asked if Mr. Bruce Burrow requested this item be put on the agenda. Mr. Woodruff explained he had requested it be put on the agenda to let the committee know about the letter.

Chairman Street explained on the advice from APERMA and Mr. Crego, the City does not have a liability.

Councilman Moore asked if the City would be on its own if they went against APERMA's advice. Mr. Crego explained APERMA would have the duty of defense, but there probably would not be any coverage for the money paid. He further explained there was no itemized list provided by Mr. Burrow showing what the monetary amount was for. He added Mr. Burrow alleges negligence, which is not a cause of action that can be held against the City. He further discussed the situation. Chairman Street questioned whether it was Mr. Crego's recommendation for the City to take no action. Mr. Crego stated it is his and APERMA's recommendation to not honor the claim, certainly at the requested figure. He added an itemized list had been requested in order to determine what Mr. Burrow claimed his losses are, but he never saw the list. Mayor Formon stated he provided the committee with a list, but the list did not go into detail. Mr. Crego reiterated that he did not see the list.

Mayor Formon stated he will let Mr. Ohm know the committee wishes no action to be taken, so Mr. Ohm can contact Mr. Burrow to inform him of the committee's decision.

This item was Read.

6. Public Comments

Discussion by Councilman Jim Hargis concerning traffic signals

Councilman Jim Hargis explained the area around Wallace & Owens needs to be marked better so traffic will know which way to turn. He added the light at Church Street needs to be synchronized better. He suggests an overpass on Church Street. Mr. Woodruff explained the master system has failed at the Church Street and Nettleton Avenue light. He further explained Mr. Mark Nichols with AHTB will be here next Friday to help synchronize the lights. He noted Mr. Nichols is also going to help with congestion at the Turtle Creek Mall.

Chairman Street asked about the status of the RFQs for signal synchronization. Mr. Woodruff answered the RFQs will be budgeted for in 2009.

Discussion of the Aaron Harris Condemnation

Mr. Crego stated he needs guidance on where the Committee wants to go concerning the Aaron Harris condemnation. He explained the appraisals the City received were \$13,000 and \$15,000 and the appraisal Mr. Modelevsky, attorney for Mr. Harris, received was for \$28,000. He further explained there is an offer of \$21,500 to settle the case. He recommended settling the case.

Councilman Moore questioned the future effect settling the case would have on the policy that is currently in place. Mr. Crego stated that is a concern. Mayor Formon noted according to the policy as is it now the City would only pay \$14,000. He explained the \$13,000 and \$15,000 were the closest together, averaging \$14,000. Councilman Moore stated all property owners should be treated the same. Chairman Street recommended they stay with the policy. Councilman Moore agreed.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Cecil Province;Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson