



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

Absent 1 - Mikel Fears

Election of a committee chair

Councilman Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that Mitch Johnson be the chairman of the Public Safety Committee for 2011. All voted aye.

2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-10:119](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on December 21, 2010

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

[ORD-10:095](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ACCIDENT DATA COLLECTION SOFTWARE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Quote - Visual MVA Dec 10.pdf](#)

Mayor Perrin explained he checked with IT Director Erick Woodruff to make sure this software will work with any technology the City buys, which it does. He noted this is a budgeted item and the City was given a \$3,367 discount, but if Council passes this ordinance he would like to negotiate further with the company on the price.

Chairman Johnson asked if this ordinance needs to be placed on tonight's Council agenda. Police Chief Michael Yates answered it does not necessarily need to be walked on, but it doesn't need to linger. He added the Police Department has been struggling on automating their accident reporting process for approximately five years. He stated this product will allow the Police Department to collect the GIS data for where the accidents occurred and will allow them to share the data with the Street Department, which could help alleviate some of the City's traffic problems.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

ORD-10:097

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 66, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, DESIGNATING THE MAXIMUM SPEED FOR UNPOSTED STREETS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Transportation Management Board

Chief Yates stated he has no objections to this ordinance.

Chairman Johnson stated this came from the Transportation Management Committee.

City Engineer Craig Light explained state law sets the speed limit for un-posted highways at 30 mph. He added the City has a lot of un-posted streets and the City has always thought the speed limit was 30 mph but there is no posted speed limit and state law does not cover it. He stated the Transportation Management Committee has received a lot of requests to set speed limits and they thought that 25 mph mainly in residential areas would be a good speed limit. He added this ordinance sets the speed limit for un-posted roads at 25 mph.

Councilman Moore asked if this ordinance would affect the streets that are posted 20 mph. Mr. Light answered no because this will only affect un-posted streets.

Mayor Perrin stated the 25 mph is the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, but if the Council would like to amend the speed limit to 30 mph they can.

Councilman Moore explained he would recommend this ordinance to the Council on the Transportation Committee's recommendation, but asked that the Transportation Committee consider abolishing any speed limit below 25 mph. He added any speed limit that needs to stay below 25 mph should be brought to Council and explained why it should stay under 25 mph.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

4. Pending Items

ORD-11:001

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF DIGITAL CAR CAMERA SYSTEMS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET.

Sponsors: Police Department

Councilman Moore stated he would like to walk this ordinance on tonight's Public Safety agenda, which was brought to him by Chief Yates. He added that Chief Yates would like for this to be placed on the next City Council agenda.

Chief Yates explained this ordinance is exactly like the one that was passed this time last year. He added the reason it is brand specific is because that is the kind of server the Police Department has. He noted they are trying to phase out the old systems because they are becoming money pits to maintain. He added there is some urgency to this ordinance only because he wants to make sure he can hold on to the price the City is getting them for.

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

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

5. Other Business**6. Public Comments****7. Adjournment**

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

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears