



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent 2 - Charles Frierson and Rennell Woods

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-13:001 Presentation by Mark Nichols, Traffic Engineer

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Mr. Nichols presented the Council with information concerning the traffic coordination plan (see attached file). Councilman Dover asked how the timing schedules will be changed. Mr. Nichols explained they will use the TACTICS Central Software to tell the signals what timing plans to use. Councilman Moore asked if that can be done on highways that are controlled by the state without interaction with the state. Mr. Nichols answered yes, but they may require permits when the plans are changed. Councilman McCall then questioned if there is a rough estimate as to when the work will be done. Mr. Nichols stated the work will take about 1-1/2 to 2 years depending on how much time is dedicated to the plan. Councilman Fears thanked Mr. Nichols for the presentation because not everyone realizes the work that is involved with coordinating the signals. Councilman Moore questioned if they will be able to figure out the amount of money saved per car after improvements are made to roads, such as Stadium Boulevard. Mr. Nichols answered yes. Councilman McCall then asked if coordinating the signals will decrease the number of accidents. Mr. Nichols stated after they are able to receive some data, they will be able to tell whether or not accidents were reduced. Further discussion was held concerning traffic signals.

This item was Read.

COM-13:008 Proclamation by the Mayor to the ASU Football Team for winning the GoDaddy.com Bowl Game

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was Read.

COM-13:009 Proclamation by the Mayor honoring Ryan Aplin of the ASU Football Team

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mr. Aplin was not able to attend.

COM-13:010 Proclamation by the Mayor to the ASU Rugby Team

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Charles Frierson

MIN-13:010 Minutes for the City Council meeting on January 22, 2013

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-13:001 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS HUNGER RELIEF ALLIANCE

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Partner Stipend Agreement](#)
[Satellite Partnership Agreement \(2\)](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-016-2013

RES-13:006 A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-017-2013

RES-13:007 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FY 2012 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM

Sponsors: Grants

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-018-2013

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-13:003 AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PURCHASE (3) MACK AUTO DUMP TRUCKS FROM TRISTATE TRUCK CENTER FOR STREET DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Finance

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman McCall, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Moore asked for a brief explanation of the ordinance. Mayor Perrin explained the City has tried to get bids regarding the trucks because they are too big for the work that needs to be done. They decided to trade-in the vehicles. Tri-State was the only one who would give them that high of a trade-in value. Street Superintendent Steve Tippett indicated other dealers were contacted and were not interested in the older trucks.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Rennell Woods

Enactment No: O-EN-004-2013

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-13:002 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF HIGHWAY 49, WEST OF

CLINTON SCHOOL ROAD AS REQUESTED BY JOHN KENNETT

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Rennell Woods

Enactment No: O-EN-005-2013

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

In the Public Works Committee meeting, they decided the City should do nothing concerning the paving of a street in the Harmon Industrial Park as requested by Mr. Don Latourette. City Attorney Phillip Crego explained a private developer cannot require the City make those types of improvements. He noted the City can make the improvements during regular business, but the City is not required to do so. Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Coleman, to uphold the decision of the Public Works Committee. All voted aye. Mayor Perrin stated he will send Attorney Skip Mooney a letter tomorrow concerning the decision.

The Highway Department visited last Friday. They toured the City and looked at several top priorities. They have received word the Highway Department is looking at a federal grant to help with the cost of an overpass on Highland Drive to go over the railroad tracks. He, along with Chief Operating Officer LM Duncan and Alderman John Street will be attending an upcoming Highway Department meeting and will discuss those priorities.

The signal at the new NEA Baptist Hospital is up. They will be asking the Highway Department to turn the signal on.

COM-13:002 Mayor to discuss Master Land Use Committee and Master Street Plan Committee

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

They will be adding a few names to the Land Use Committee. At the next meeting, he will be submitting some names in order to review the Master Street Plan. They have decided due to the addition of staff, such as MPO Director Marsha Guffey and Traffic Coordinator Mark Nichols, the City will go ahead and look at the Master Street Plan in order to tie it into the Master Land Use Plan.

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and place RES-13:013 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-13:013 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR MURRAY CREEK COMMONS

MINOR PLAT, A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Rennell Woods

Enactment No: R-EN-019-2013

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-13:012 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-13:012

AN RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON FORD AVENUE (A 15' ROAD RIGHT OF WAY), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLAT RECORDING, PENDING CONSTRUCTION BY THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNER AND PENDING FINANCING

Sponsors: Planning and Engineering

Attachments: [Petition](#)
[Abandonment Plat](#)
[Application](#)
[AdjacentPropertyOwnersConsent](#)
[AdjacentownershipMap](#)
[Utility Letters](#)
[11170-Notice](#)
[11170-Ordinance](#)
[Planning Letter](#)
[Engineering Letter](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Rennell Woods

Enactment No: R-EN-020-2013

Councilman Johnson asked if the Mayor would discuss with the Highway Department a reduction in the 60 mph speed limit in the area around the new NEA Hospital to at least 50 mph. He expressed concern about the area traffic getting worse. Mayor Perrin stated he would write the district engineer a letter requesting they look into

that.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Rennell Woods

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk