



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Thursday, November 10, 2016

4:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Perrin was in attendance.

Present 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; Darrel Dover; Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent 1 - Todd Burton

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-16:133](#)

Minutes for the Finance & Administration Meeting on October 25, 2016

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

4. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

[ORD-16:078](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR 2017

Attachments: [Delta Contract](#)

Chairman Dover stated that the Delta Dental Contract was the same as in the past. Mayor Perrin stated that there was no rate increase for 2017.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Mayor Perrin stated the bids came in for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Health insurance and they wanted a 12.5% increase. The City was able to negotiate down to 8% based on our utilization. The City had a very high utilization in our prescription drugs. Mayor Perrin said there was no change within the policy. They are in the process of getting the contracts back so City Clerk Donna Jackson and Mayor Perrin can sign them.

Mayor Perrin spoke about the budget process. He said they have projected the revenue in visiting with Finance. They took the expense side from the Department Heads and put those together. He said we are now in the process of going back and trimming the departmental budgets. We are about \$2 million over in O&M and about \$6 million over in capital improvements. Mayor Perrin stated that it would be a little tight next year. He said they would try to get the budget together for the council to look over before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mayor Perrin stated he would like to have a special called meeting of the Council so that Chief Financial Officer Suzanne Allen can present the budget to them. He said that it would be best if they had nothing else on the agenda but the budget because it is very important. Mayor Perrin said that one day after the Thanksgiving Holiday we will have that meeting. The first run on the budget is always that way and you have to go back and cut. We will then send it back out to the Department Heads to make a 3% or a 5% or whatever is needed reduction. We allow them to make those cuts. There are some things we cut, but there are some things they need to cut. Mayor Perrin said he doesn't want to rush the budget process.

Mayor Perrin said that the only increase was in health insurance and when you have \$8 million in costs and it increases, you have to make up that difference somewhere. He stated there was also a mistake in LOPFI and there wasn't enough budgeted for that. In just one department, the LOPFI is \$1.3 million. The amount budgeted was based on previous years of around \$650,000. Chairman Dover said they are hitting them twice for that. Mayor Perrin stated they are trying to take every line item and verify it before it comes to the Council.

Councilman Street stated this wasn't Finance related, but that he drove by the roundabout at Aggie and Airport Road. He wanted to know if Mayor Perrin knew anything more about it. Mayor Perrin stated the contractor was being fined \$1,200 a day. He said the contract is between the Highway Department and the contractor. Councilman Street said it didn't look like there was a whole lot being done. Mayor Perrin said there wasn't. He said the Highway Department has a watch list for the work being done.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Todd Burton