



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-09:054](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on May 19, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

[ORD-09:038](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE CITY PAY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO FOR THE POSITIONS OF CRIME ANALYST AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Police Department and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [2009 JAG-R Award Documents](#)

Police Chief Michael Yates explained the City is eligible to receive the Justice Assistance grant. He added the grant will pay 100% of the salary, benefits and training for the new Crime Analyst and Administrative Secretary positions and all associated equipment for three years. He noted the approximate amount of the grant is between \$270,000 and \$280,000, and requires no matching funds from the City. He explained the job description has been approved by Human Resources and has been placed in the pay and classification plan. He stated at the end 3 years or at the end of the grant money the City will have no liability concerning these positions. He noted the City will get to keep the capital equipment at the end of the 3 years.

Councilman Moore stated the job ad needs to specify the position will end when the funding ends. Chief Yates explained the job applicants will be notified that the position will end when funding ends. He added he would like for this to be taken to

Council tonight with the emergency clause due to the fact it may take awhile to fill the position.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be placed on tonight's Council agenda. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

4. Pending Items

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 \(2\)](#)

Chief Yates explained the City has been reviewing collection agencies that will help with uncollected fines. He added he would like for the committee to review the information before the next committee meeting. He noted the collection agencies will keep part of the fine money collected and the City will receive the rest.

Captain Scott Roper stated they have narrowed down the collections agencies to three.

Chairman Moore stated the committee will take the recommendations and forward them to the Mayor.

Captain Roper explained the City has over 20,000 uncollected warrants. Chairman Moore asked if there could be a couple hundred thousand dollars in uncollected fines. Captain Roper agreed.

Captain Roper stated he likes Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson law firm from Kansas City, Missouri. He added a law firm will get more of a response on collecting unpaid fines. He noted the fee for the collection of fines and warrants could be between 20% to 30%. Mayor Perrin stated he believes the City has between \$2 to \$3 million in uncollected fines. Chief Yates noted the uncollected fine amount will depend on how far back the City goes.

This item was Read.

Discussion concerning tornado sirens

Mayor Perrin explained 31 out of 33 tornado sirens are up. He added all of the sirens should be up in the next week or two.

Discussion concerning mosquito control by Vector Mosquito Control

Mr. Jim Stark with Vector Mosquito Control discussed the April and May information. He stated they had nine service requests during April. He added he expects a large hatch around July 4. He noted they are unable to find artificial sites such as tire piles, etc., so something has been done to clean the sites up.

Mayor Perrin asked when the aerial spray would start. Mr. Stark answered it will start on either the 1st, 2nd or 3rd of July and then as needed.

6. Public Comments**7. Adjournment**

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

Aye: 4 - Chris Gibson; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance