



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Services Council Committee

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

4:30 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 3 - Bobby Long;Chris Gibson and Ann Williams

Absent 2 - Joe Hafner and Charles Frierson

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-18:030](#) Minutes for the Public Services Committee meeting on March 20, 2018

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Ann Williams, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Bobby Long;Chris Gibson and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Joe Hafner and Charles Frierson

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-18:090](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PIZZA INN FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE OUTFIELD SIGN AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [PIZZA INN CONTRACT SSSBC](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Ann Williams, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Bobby Long;Chris Gibson and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Joe Hafner and Charles Frierson

[RES-18:091](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH FIRST COMMUNITY BANK OF ONE OUTFIELD SIGN AT THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [FIRST COMMUNITY BANK](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Bobby Long, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Bobby Long;Chris Gibson and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Joe Hafner and Charles Frierson

[RES-18:092](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF JONESBORO FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE OUTFIELD SIGN AT THE MIRACLE LEAGUE PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [JUNIOR AUXILIARY](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Bobby Long, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Bobby Long;Chris Gibson and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Joe Hafner and Charles Frierson

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Councilmember Ann Williams said I had previously made a request that we have, at some point, a presentation by the Parks and Recreation Department of a long-term plan, as far as locations of any new parks or neighborhood parks. Particularly, because of requests made to me by people in the northern part of the city, like the Airport Road and Aggie Road area, as far as having park accessibility for their children. I know there has been discussion of plans to acquire some properties for some neighborhood parks, but I would like to have this committee hear what the long-term plan for that is and, also, future water park facilities.

Chairmember Chris Gibson said I believe now that Mr. Danny Kapales has been appointed as the Parks and Recreation Director that he is aware of that and will be reporting at our next regularly scheduled meeting. Councilmember Bobby Long said on that side of town there is absolutely nothing. You can put good pocket parks in on three to five acres of land and have a really nice self-maintainable, or just about, park. Chairmember Gibson said exactly. Councilmember Long said for people to go to and I'd love to see that happen. Chairmember Gibson said I'll make sure Mr. Kapales is ready to present at the next meeting.

Councilmember Williams said I've also had it mentioned to me by people, regarding a swim facility, concerned that if they are in the northern part of the town that they might not be close to any future swim facility, as far as accessibility. Mayor Harold Perrin asked what was that now? Councilmember Williams said as far as any future swim facility because if we have all of those located in the western part of the city then those in the northeastern part might not have good accessibility to a swim facility.

Councilmember Long said I think that needs to be looked at as part of that overall when we start looking at water parks and aquatic centers. What would the feasibility be and how would our public be better served? Would it be better served with one huge facility or several smaller facilities located at different parts in the city? Because as we grow, that's going to be an even bigger issue. Chairmember Gibson said very valid point.

Councilmember Williams said with the way we are spread out, for someone at the Airport and Aggie Road location, Joe Mack Campbell Park might as well be in another town, as far as they are concerned, as far as being able to get there quickly. Councilmember Long said if you're on that side of town, it takes you longer to get to Joe Mack Campbell Park then it does to get to this side of Paragould. Mayor Perrin asked Councilmember Gibson if he was going to notify Mr. Kapales about getting the presentation together? Chairmember Gibson said yes.

Mayor Perrin said we have pulled a map. We have all the parks located and we also have tentative areas that we are going to look at, but I wanted him to get his feet on the ground before he did some of this. Councilmember Williams said yes, understandably. Mayor Perrin said that's not a problem. In fact, he has even got it drawn out for Northside Park and we're looking for another grant right now for North Park to even change all of that. It is not being used and it should be used. It was bought back in 1973 by a federal grant for \$78,000. Two years later, the Earl Bell Community Center pool was put in, in 1975, for \$99,000. That was everything, filtration and the entire pool. So, you can imagine inflation today compared to when we did that. My point is, on North Park, I would like to get a lot of that done before this fall so they can start using it and have multi-purpose fields on that, the parking lot and all of it. Just wanted to share that with you.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Bobby Long, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Bobby Long;Chris Gibson and Ann Williams

Abstain: 2 - Joe Hafner and Charles Frierson