



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

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2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

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Mayor Perrin was not in attendance.

Present 7 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

3. Approval of minutes

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MIN-15:104

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on November 3, 2015

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

4. New Business

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Ordinances To Be Introduced

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ORD-15:061

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 117-330, ADOPTING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF SIDEWALKS ON ALL NEW COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS HAVING 5 OR MORE UNITS, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

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Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [1962 JONESBORO CODE SIDEWALKS Maintenance](#)
[Jonesboro sidewalk policy and policies of other cities](#)

City Planner Otis Spriggs explained they were asked to bring this ordinance to the Public Works Committee at the request of Councilwoman Williams. They have provided the committee with the necessary background information concerning sidewalks and the history of the ordinances. The existing ordinances were not being enforced and they wanted to provide clarity regarding commercial and multi-family developments five units or more may be required to have sidewalks. There will also be a waiver process. The process will be handled through the MAPC in the development process. This proposed code does not require sidewalks in any of the residential areas right now because they are not prioritizing that at this time. They are trying to deal with the core of the city where a lot of development is occurring from a multi-family and commercial standpoint. Mr. Spriggs noted there is no emergency clause in this ordinance.

Chairman Street added Mayor Perrin has put \$250,000 in the 2016 budget for sidewalks.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Resolutions To Be Introduced

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RES-15:165

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTINUE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO STREAMGAGES IN JONESBORO

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Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [2016 Agreement](#)

Chairman Street stated this is the same agreement the city has had for several years now. City Engineer Craig Light explained this is the continuation of an agreement that the city has had in place for several years. The funds used to pay the USGS are used as a credit against the money paid to the Corps of Engineers for master studies.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

5. Pending Items

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6. Other Business

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7. Public Comments

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Bill Smith, 314 Main Street, discussed sidewalks. He noted there used to be an ordinance on the books requiring sidewalks, but it wasn't being enforced. Councilwoman Williams stated she thinks the language was discretionary in that the sidewalks may be required, leaving the Commission with the concerns of applying the ordinance to some and not others. She added the new ordinance will state the sidewalks shall be required, as opposed to being discretionary. Mr. Spriggs agreed.

Mr. Smith expressed concern about the ordinance not being applied to residential. He explained in 2010 the Council passed a plan requiring sidewalks for arterial roadways. Dan Avenue is a principal arterial, but does not have sidewalks. He questioned why. Chairman Street stated funding is problem a reason for not having sidewalks on Dan Avenue. Councilman Vance added Dan Avenue is a state highway, so the city has nothing to do with it. The state would be at least partially responsible for the sidewalks or, at the least, have to approve the sidewalks to be put on the roadway.

Mr. Smith stated he thinks the Council should be concerned with adding sidewalks where there are no sidewalks at this time. He added if there are road designs where sidewalks should be required, then the city shouldn't be finding ways to waive the requirement; rather, the city should be encouraging compliance.

8. Adjournment

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A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams