



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC SAFETY 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 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-13:089 Jonesboro Masonic Lodge 129 check presentation to Mayor Perrin for the Miracle League project

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

The Masonic Lodge presented the City with a check for the Miracle League project. The funds were from their recent Pancake Day. Mayor Perrin thanked the Lodge for their donation of \$2,832.

This item was Read.

COM-13:091 Proclamation by Mayor Perrin to Pat Qualls and the "Overcomers Choir"

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Ms. Qualls.

This item was Read.

Award from FTA

Mayor Perrin announced JETS has received an award from the Federal Transit Administration for highest rider growth in 2013.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

MIN-13:102 Minutes for the City Council meeting on November 5, 2013

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-13:181 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICE FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR PUBLIC PARKING LOT SIGNS

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-189-2013

RES-13:189 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: EXTENSION OF PARKER ROAD TO THE WASHINGTON AVENUE/HIGHWAY 63 INTERCHANGE

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement of Understanding.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-190-2013

RES-13:192 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FISHER & ARNOLD, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-191-2013

6. NEW BUSINESS

COM-13:088 Request by the Sage Meadows Property Owners Association to set an appeal hearing regarding the approval of the site plan requested by The Reserve at Sage Meadows, LLC for apartment units located at the end of Prairie Dunes Lane in Sage Meadows.

Attachments: [Appeal letter](#)
[MAPC minutes August 13, 2013](#)
[MAPC Minutes October, 2013](#)

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to set the appeal hearing for December 3, 2013, at 5:15 p.m. All voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-13:112 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE SUGGESTED RENAMING OF STADIUM BOULEVARD TO RED WOLF BOULEVARD AS REQUESTED BY ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [ASU letter October 2, 2013](#)
[Stadium Blvd Street Name Change Letter](#)
[Hwy Dept Response Letter Stadium Blvd](#)
[Stadium Blvd Retailers](#)
[Postal Service Response Letter](#)
[ASU letter asking for postponment of resolution](#)

Mr. Harold Carter spoke in opposition to the resolution. He expressed concern over the possible confusion of the name change due to the several names that Stadium is already referred to, such as Highway 1, Highway 49, etc. He encouraged the Council to keep the street name the same.

Mr. Doyle Yearta also spoke in opposition to the resolution. He explained he does not see any benefit to the City or citizens. He noted the City already supports ASU. He added ASU is not a public school since the students pay to attend. He further explained streets should be named for the local, public schools such as Nettleton and Westside.

Mr. Dan Passmore spoke in opposition to the resolution. He stated he thinks the road name should be confined to the area between Stallings and Johnson so that it affects no one other than ASU.

Mr. Clifford Toney also spoke in opposition. He noted he has property on Stadium and was not contacted concerning the name change. He added another company along Stadium, Jonesboro Cycle, was also not contacted and is in opposition to the name change. He explained cost, confusion and consistency are his reasons for being opposed to the name change. He further explained he is not opposed to supporting ASU, just changing the name of Stadium. He suggested putting up signs around the City near the bypass to show the City's support of ASU as opposed to changing the name of Stadium.

Mr. Eddie Kaufman spoke in opposition to the resolution. He spoke of the benefits of the City, including ASU. He stated the street is already known as Stadium Blvd and if a street is re-named, then to consider renaming Johnson Avenue.

Mr. D'Andre Anderson, President of the ASU Student Government Association, spoke in favor of the renaming on behalf of all the students of the university. He noted the Council's support with this request would be very beneficial.

Ms. Mary Ann O'Hara also spoke in favor of the resolution. She explained ASU brings in revenue for the City and this is the least they could do to thank ASU for what they do.

Ms. Shawnee Carrier, Chief of Staff in the ASU Chancellor's Office, spoke in favor of the name change. She explained the students, faculty, alumni and Chamber of Commerce are all in support of the name change.

Mr. Mark Young, President of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce, also spoke in

favor of the name change. He explained he thinks it's appropriate to thank ASU for their impact on the community.

Ms. Beth Smith, Executive Director of the ASU Alumni Association, spoke in favor of the resolution. She stated when people see Red Wolf license plates across the state they relate them to ASU. She noted ASU has already stated their intention to pay for any signs that need to be replaced, so the money will not have to come from the City.

Mr. Chris Rogers spoke in favor of the name change. He referred to earlier comments that were made by the opposition concerning how people will know where the university is. He pointed out that when you get off the bypass there are signs directing traffic towards the university. He stated change always brings confusion, but people will get used to it and maps will be updated.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Nay: 4 - Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He was able to participate in a round table discussion with the assistant directors from the Department of Transportation today in Little Rock. It was a good discussion concerning sustainability regarding using grant funding and letting them know what else needs to be done. They will be looking at better communication with cities regarding grants in order to make it more clear what grants can be used for and to allow cities more time to apply for funding. He noted grants, sales tax and private funding are all needed to fund a city government.

The Code Enforcement Department has torn down 60 homes this year. They have also identified 86 individuals who did not stay within their contract and have subsequently lost their government assistance.

The open house was this past Sunday. He thanked the Council for their support with the new Municipal Center. Services will be more effective and efficient now that all departments are in the same building. The Planning Department is working to streamline services since all of the departments are together.

The City has a new fire truck. It will be used at Station 3.

He received a letter from Valley View Schools for E-911's recent program there.

They will have a pre-construction meeting tomorrow regarding the armory building.

He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-13:191 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-13:191

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CONSTRUCTION NETWORK, INC. FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE OLD ARMORY BUILDING TO HOUSE THE JONESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Bid Tabulation Sheet Jonesboro Police Department](#)
[Construction Network Contract Police Dept](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

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Councilman Street stated that one of the sister's from St. Bernard's Hospital wanted to express her appreciation for the splash pad in north Jonesboro, for the landscaping around the bypass, the flag on City Hall, the landscaping around Cate & Church and the AR Care clinic on Highway 141. She also expressed her appreciation for the Mayor's consistent support for St. Bernard's.

Councilman Dover asked for an update concerning the Moratorium Committee. Mr. Gary Harpole, chairman of the committee, explained the committee set aside the early part of the fall to go over educational workshops. They also had a more detailed housing study done. J-Quad will be presenting the findings this Thursday. This Thursday they will be putting together a working format of how the rest of their work will be laid out. They feel like they will be able to make their deadline and submit recommendations to the Mayor's Office.

Councilman Woods recognized JETS for their work.

Councilman Moore suggested removing Mr. Don Parker from the Moratorium Committee. He explained this is due to a lawsuit Mr. Parker filed on behalf of Unico Bank. In addition, Sage Meadows Property Owner's Association has filed an appeal concerning apartments at Sage Meadows. Mr. Parker also works on behalf of The Reserve at Sage Meadows, whose MAPC decision is what the Property Owner's Association filed their appeal against. Councilman Moore expressed concern that because of those relations it might be a conflict of interest for Mr. Parker to continue serving on the Moratorium Committee. Councilman Fears questioned if Mr. Parker is still serving on the Land Use Committee. Mayor Perrin answered yes, but their work is almost done.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Coleman, to remove Mr. Don Parker from the Moratorium Committee. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Vance and Councilman Frierson who voted nay.

Councilman Moore stated his parents attended the open house Sunday and spoke positively about it.

Councilman Coleman asked for an update concerning the work on Patrick and Washington. Mayor Perrin explained they are waiting on the appraisal for the house on the end of the street. After that is done, they will take the appraisal to the Building Facilities Committee to make a recommendation as to whether or not to purchase the property.

Councilman Coleman then asked for an update concerning the letter he asked Mayor Perrin to write to the Highway Department in order to change Highway 141 to Dr. Martin Luther King. Mayor Perrin stated last week he received a response saying they would have no objection to changing the name. He added it will be from Johnson Avenue going north to the city limits.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Mary Ann O'Hara thanked the Mayor for addressing some issues she brought up at the ward meetings. She noted at the meeting it was stated the Landlord's Association had been brought in by the City concerning complaints about people not maintaining rental property. She asked if the Association will report any recommendations back to the Council. Mayor Perrin explained the head of the Landlord's Association, Mr. Dan Pasmore, also serves on the Moratorium Committee. He will be taking her concerns to the committee. Mayor Perrin added he gave the department heads a list of the issues that were discussed at the meetings and asked them to provide him with a timeline to address the issues.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk