



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 5 - Joe Hafner; John Street; Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-26:053](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 09, 2026.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - John Street; Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-26:063](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY26 BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM PLANNING GRANT

Sponsors: Grants

Councilmember Ann Williams said, are there specific bridges that are being looked at or a focus of this that...I was wondering about is the Bridge Street bridge. Would that be part of this? Grants Director Chris Richey approached the podium and said, Craig says it is. He was shaking his head. We went through the list that we get from the National Bridge Inventory in the state of Arkansas and tried to pick the 17 most critical bridges based on their different evaluations and pick those to do a study on. So, eventually then we could use that to apply for another grant for the funds to replace and build bridges in the future. Councilmember Ann Williams said, it's been a subject for concern for a while. Grants Director Chris Richey said, sure. So that's why

we need to get a study done so we can come up with a plan.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, let the record reflect that Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman is present.

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

Aye: 5 - John Street;Anthony Coleman;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - David McClain

[RES-26.068](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE ATTACHED FEE PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE S CARAWAY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Fee S Caraway Rd CE and I revised 09222025.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street said, I just wonder, what's the timeline on that? Hey Craig, what's the timeline on that? Engineering Director Craig Light approached the podium and said, the bids are scheduled to be opened on July 15th. We're hoping to see a groundbreaking by late August, early September. But it's going to be a two-construction season project, so they'll get started this fall, and it'll probably be delayed some during the winter, and then it'll be possibly by the end of next, 2027 that it would be complete. That's kind of the tentative timeline for it right now.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I don't know if you can answer this, but possibly. I was thinking about the bond itself. Are we on schedule as it relates to the financial portion of this bond with the road and all the other projects that we have going? Engineering Director Craig Light said, with this particular project, yes. I mean, we're at one year, roughly one year into the bond. We still have another two years to have the funds expended, so. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, what about the cost itself? Is it still in line with the budget that you have for that? Engineering Director Craig Light said, it is. We'll open bids on the July 15th and we'll know exactly what the construction cost is at that point. The estimate is, yes. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, okay.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, approached the podium and said, I know on one of the bid proposals from the company is that my understanding from the last one is that it's going to be five lanes down to, I can't think of that one street, and then is it going to be three lanes all the way down to Fox Meadow? Because on the one proposal it said Fox Meadow Lane there. So, is it going to be like a center turn lane down to Fox Meadow? Because it said it on the proposal sheet. Engineering Director Craig Light said, the current construction drawings, it's a five lane from Parker Road to Latourette, and it transitions to a three lane and will continue three lanes south to Glenn's Place and then transition back down to the two lane road section at Glenn's Place. So, it does not go all the way to Fox Meadow. Now the ten-foot side path on the west side of the road will continue all the way to Fox Meadow. But that will be the only roadway approved south at the Glenn's Place other than that transition. So, it will transition out around the driveway, northern most driveway to The Links is where it will transition back.

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

Aye: 5 - John Street;Anthony Coleman;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - David McClain

[RES-26:069](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2410 W MATTHEWS, PARCEL 01-143143-01900, OWNED BY GEORGE HANNAH SR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5566

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [BILLING REQ 255464](#)
[COUNCIL NOTICE 255464](#)
[INVOICE 2 255464](#)
[INVOICE 255464](#)
[ORIGINAL VIOL 255464](#)

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

Aye: 5 - John Street;Anthony Coleman;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - David McClain

[RES-26:070](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR THE PARK LOCATED ALONG DISCIPLE DRIVE

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Disciple Drive Park Scope CDs - 06-2026](#)

Councilmember Ann Williams said, yeah, I have a question. Is there any possibility at this stage of a swimming pool being included in Phase 1 of the Disciple Drive project? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, at this point, we're working to fulfill the requirements that we laid forth in the grant, to qualify for the grant, and it includes the multi-use fields, playground equipment, walking trails, pickleball courts. And so, the priority is trying to identify enough money to be able to do that. And then as always, we're continuing to try to identify funds available for another swimming pool, rather it be there or at Allen Park or somewhere else in the city. Obviously, you know, with the opening of The Ridge coming up early next year, hopefully that will alleviate some of those as well. But we also have some pretty serious maintenance decisions that we need to make on the YMCA pool as it continues to age. Councilmember Ann Williams said, because I think, you know, we have to realistically think of ourselves as having one working public pool right now. And so that puts us in kind of a crisis as far as public swim facilities, for a city our size. That's about a quarter of what's recommended by the Parks and Rec Association. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, and I think as we continue to look at future budget cycles, you know, we're going to need to identify one, you know, as a body, if we're going to prioritize a pool and two, where that funding is going to come from. You know, you're probably looking at the Parker Park pool at the time we built it somewhere around a \$4,000,000 pool. You know, I think you're going to probably see at least that for any other pool facility that we build. So, you know, we'll just have to decide what takes a back seat to be able to create funding for that. And thankfully, we have a pretty skilled Finance Department that can look and really try to kind of cut

anything that might need to be cut or reduce anything or look for excessive, you know, areas that maybe we can help promote efficiency. I know that, you know, last Finance meeting, we kind of worked through some staff realignments that actually saved a little bit of money, so it's going to take a lot of small bites. But at the end of the day, it's just a matter of resources, and we're not necessarily blessed with the strongest sales tax percentage of, you know, cities around here, so we have to make do with what we can, and we'll have to seek out grants as well to help offset some of those costs. So, it certainly is a priority to continue trying to find funding for more swimming. It's just where it's going to come from and what expense, right?

Councilmember Ann Williams said, well, we've seen that there is a demand, you know, as far as lanes for competition, swimming practice and all, but we also need plenty of access for young children to be able to learn how to swim, to be able to grow up some lifeguards for these pools, you know. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, and our priority of the city is recreational swimming for all the kids in Jonesboro to have a place to learn to swim and to enjoy to swim, and, you know, that's obviously very evident at Parker Park. It's a very popular pool. We're very proud of that pool, and we all should be, and we'd really like to see that replicated elsewhere. Councilmember Ann Williams said, but it's not really made for, like, swimming competition practice, so... Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, it's made for the community to enjoy. Councilmember Ann Williams said, yes, and swimming lessons to some extent, yeah. But we have to be realistic about the various needs we've got, and we don't have the facilities currently to really meet those needs. And that's all. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, agreed.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, did you have something, Dr. Coleman? Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I do. Thank you, and I agree with you, Ann, on that and prioritizing pools. But my question was, I was looking at the actual contract itself. I can't pronounce that name. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, Halff & Associates. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, alright, great. I'm not too familiar when it comes to construction or even commercial construction in that regard, but part of that fee was, in that first phase, a meeting for \$6,000 just for the meeting. The first meeting. Is that realistic? I mean, I just so happen to see that. I mean, \$6,000 for an initial meeting. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, now, I know that they came up and they spent some time here on the ground doing the evaluation of the site. I'd have to look at the exact details of that contract. I don't know if Mr. Light's still in the room, but he was the one that kind of worked with him on that. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I mean, it's literally one of the first things. Over \$10,000 for a meeting and then \$4,000 for a tree survey or something like that. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, like I said, they did come here for several days on the site inspections, but I can definitely get some more detail about exactly what that consists of. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, yeah, because from what I understand, this phase is literally, and you can correct me, this proposal or this resolution is for us to pay for them to come in and basically give us a plan, right? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, so it's a plan and it's also to manage the actual construction of the project. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, to manage the construction. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, so, doing all the different engineering designs and drainage and layout. Obviously... Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so, it will include all of those, all the, excuse me for my lack of better understanding, but the blueprints. It'll include all of that in this? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, yes, this will, you know, currently we're at about 60% plans and this will get us to basically construction ready plans. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, you're saying basically. I'm listening to your words. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, well, I mean, it's, you know, obviously this is a pretty in-depth design and build and there's a lot of intricacies that come in and out to make sure that we don't

damage any of the ecology or cause any kind of runoff issues or actually retain some little bit of water in some green space and also to make sure that we save as many significant trees as possible during the build of it. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, sure, I'm not questioning the validity. I'm not questioning that. I'm just questioning the amount to make sure that it makes sense for what it will produce. I'm just asking. I'm just looking at that. Let's say a project management of \$6,000 in a tree survey. Tree survey, okay. But kick-off for a meeting?

Engineering Director Craig Light approached the podium and said, that \$6,000 is for kick-off and project management of the entire contract. So, that is not just a one-time meeting. That's for managing the completion of the project, to get it to a 100% construction drawings, get it bid out, get it awarded, get it constructed. That's what that fee is. It's not just one meeting. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, okay. Just, sorry if I sound ignorant, but I just...

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, approached the podium and said, I'm glad that you brought that up because I was kind of confused. So, as of right now, there is nothing out there then? I have not had a chance to go out there, so is there anything being done on that property yet? Nothing? Okay. Thank you.

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

Aye: 5 - John Street;Anthony Coleman;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - David McClain

[RES-26:071](#)

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE JONESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR NEW HIRE INCENTIVES

Sponsors: Police Department, Human Resources and Finance

Attachments: [INCENTIVE PROGRAM JPD FINAL](#)
[Incentive Repayment Agreement FINAL](#)

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, yeah, I do. Chief, can you give me kind of an idea of what these incentives would look like if I was to apply and what I'm assuming for the applicant? Chief of Police Rick Elliott said, yeah, I don't have the breakdown sheet in front of me, but in short order, if you're a non-certified officer, there's a \$5,000 incentive. And upon hiring, you receive a portion of it. And then as you reach certain milestones, like graduating the academy, you'll get part of your incentive. As you complete your FTO, you'll get another part of your incentive. After your first year anniversary, there's another part. So, all these incentives are spread out over multiple years. It's not all lump sum. If you're a certified officer upon hiring, you'll sign a contract. All these contracts will be signed by the applicant. For a certified officer upon completion signed contract, there's a \$5,000 hiring on immediate incentive. And then after they reach their first milestone of FTO completion, in the one year, there's \$2,500. And then in the second year, \$2,500. In the third year, \$2,000. So, for a total of \$12,000 for a certified officer. Chairman Joe Hafner said, that's certified over a two-years of experience, right? Chief Rick Elliott said, certified over two years and more experience. Chairman Joe Hafner said, it's like certified less than two years is \$3,000 upon hiring, and then \$1,000, \$1,000, \$1,000 on their anniversary day. So \$6,000 total. Chief Rick Elliott said, correct, yeah. Chairman Joe Hafner said, I know you're at a disadvantage. Chief Rick Elliott said, yeah, well, Keith handed me a sheet, so I was trying to remember off the top of my head, but you should have the sheet on your screen at this point. So, that's a breakdown of it at this point. Then on the second part of it is a

recruiting bonus to incentivize officers to get out and talk to people individually, to recruit applicants, and we have found that's the best way to get officers in the door, just one-on-one conversations with individuals and talking up the Police Department and policing itself. It works the best. We have advertised by radio means, social media means. It brings in applicants, but, you know, it's getting the quality applicants. And when you have a one-on-one conversation, you generally initiate that conversation because that person has character traits that you identify that are probably a good police officer. And that's probably having good people skills, good social skills, talking to the public. So, officers tend to recognize individuals that we encounter that are probably going to make a decent officer. So, to incentivize that, we offer this \$5,000 recruiting bonus, and, again, that comes in increments as the recruit reaches their milestone and then they get part of their incentive also. So, it creates a relationship between the recruiting officer and the recruit, kind of a... You kind of have an investment to make sure that recruits going to make their milestones through the incentives. So right now, no go ahead you had a question. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, no, no, no. Chief Rick Elliott said, but with this coming to light, we have kind of began to publish this information and it's immediately had the desired effect. Currently, we're working at or we're looking at about 14 certifies in the background process. I'm hiring two at the end of the month that's already completed backgrounds. One of them is from Knoxville, Tennessee Police Department. And then an upcoming test will be in two weeks. There's another seven certifies that have recently applied. And so right now, as of today, we have 34 scheduled to test in two weeks. And just a few weeks ago, we did a test. And we're doing backgrounds on 20 out of that pool. So, in the past month, this is the biggest recruiting cycle we have seen in quite a while. Historically, the past year, we've processed close to 300 applicants, and I got seven qualified out of that. It's not that I'm short of getting applicants. I'm short of getting quality applicants. So, these incentives, I think we're, hopefully, we're going to get some quality applicants come in. All will still have to go through extensive background investigation. Everything that we have on cue, they may not pass our standards. But the fact of the matter is that the numbers are coming in at a better rate than we've seen in a long time. So, I think once we get fully staffed of this program, we can re-evaluate and we can re-evaluate the numbers. If we need to stay in existence or lower the numbers. But my goal is by November 1st, hopefully at the latest, we'll be fully staffed. We'll have a list of eligibility lists. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, wow, that's major. I just thought, and I read this, but I just thought the question warranted an opportunity for the Chief to really address this openly, because everybody don't read. So, I just wanted to make sure you could see it. Chief Rick Elliott said, you're correct, and I'm sorry I kind of, you know, I tend to go more off into it than normal, but I know there's people listening besides y'all. But at the end of the day, you know, we're 25 short today. I just had another retirement last week, so it put me back up to 25. But as they say, there's light at the end of the tunnel, and the light's getting brighter every day right now. So, things are looking very promising, and my staff's been advised. It's all hands on deck. Get these backgrounds done and get people on board. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, thank you, Chief. It was great to hear. Thank you. Chief Rick Elliott said, thank you.

Councilmember Brian Emison said, Mr. Chairman, I was going to wait for other business, but I feel like this is a good time to ride this wave since we're talking about all the good from the recruitment efforts that we're having here. Chief, I know that we were talking about a 14% deficit in the staffing model that we've been carrying over the last six months to a year. Chief Rick Elliott said, correct. Councilmember Brian Emison said, on that, I know that we've had 151 officers that's been picking up that slack in the meantime, and a point of conversation that we've been having and been talking about is, you know, doing something for those officers, more focusing on the retention component of this. I was playing around with some of these numbers just a

little bit earlier today, and, you know, looking at it from an annualized basis on the 24 vacancies, even if every one of those officers would have been at the P1 level as a recruit at \$51,000, that would have landed us at about a \$1,200,000 budgetary savings from the salary line item on that side. And even on the recruitment and incentivized efforts, even if we max those out, best-case scenario, 24 recruits that are fully certified with more than two years of experience, along with 24 officers that we paid out for those 24 individuals, that comes at a cost of about \$168,000 that I was looking at. And, I mean, if we look at that minus and doing some kind of one-off bonus for the officers that we currently have that's been picking up the slack over this entire time and working overtime, protecting the streets, making sure we all sleep well at night and everything else, those 151 police officers that have been holding the line and been protecting us, if we did something like a one-off bonus, let's say it's something that would be in the neighborhood of, like, \$2,000, that would land us at approximately \$302,000 to be able to do a one-off bonus to say thank you, the appreciation for those officers that have been working in this minus 14% category here. I mean, that still would allow us, which we know it's not going to be the full annualized visual of this, we would still be able to bring roughly \$730,000 of unrealized expense and salaries back to the general budget. Is that something that you think that would help us retain the current officers that we have, just trying to get a pulse on our men and women out there in the field? Chief Rick Elliott said, well, yes, sir, I certainly do. You're correct in everything you stated, that, you know, there's 151 that's been towing the line, and the call volume has certainly not decreased. And there are certain divisions that I have had to shut down because of staffing shortages. And I think that if we could do something like what you mentioned, it would certainly go a long way with the current staff that's been out there day in and day out and working over, working multiple shifts just to help keep our staffing minimums. There's times, you know, we're running seven or eight officers on the street instead of, you know, the 18 or 20. And it's kind of a safety concern, but I commend the men and women of the department who that have stepped up and have towed the line during this whole process. Councilmember Brian Emison said, great. And I know that we've got a very skilled Finance Department. I know some of these aren't necessarily realized savings or expenses at this point, but I'd like to continue this conversation and see if there would be something we'd be able to do maybe in the near future with them.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, and I just wanted to point out a quick clarification, Councilman. If you recognize the, I guess, the full possibility of, kind of like you said, everybody gets the \$12,000 bonus and all the retention stuff is taken care of. In order for this to not be a budget amendment, to not, I guess, impress on next year's budget, we're going to actually, all of these multi-year commitments will be committed to a restricted fund. So, you know, theoretically, you could be looking at somewhere around \$400,000 budget impact for this year. So, it would be a little higher than what you had mentioned, but I understand the methodology you're talking about this year, the next year's money goes on next year's budget, but we're trying to make sure that we don't do anything that restricts next year's growth potential or next year's funding. But if you're an applicant, you qualify for the \$12,000 and there's a \$5,000 incentive, so we're talking about \$17,000 that we're going to put over your restricted fund, and that's what we'll pay out in years 2027, 2028, and so forth. So, we're trying to secure this program with leftover funds or additional funds that are available for the 15% shortage this year. Councilmember Brian Emison said, sure, definitely, and that \$2,000 was just a shot from the hip number on that. I think that it would be great if there's any opportunity at all for us to say thank you to those men and women. I'd like to see us move forward with that. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, sure, and like I said, I just wanted to clarify, there's a good opportunity for me to point about why this is not a budget amendment because the funding exists, and again, not to put

any kind of limitations on next year's budget or make any commitments towards next year's budget until the budget time comes around. Councilmember Brian Emison said, gotcha. Thank you, Brian.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, Chief, my only a question I guess, how many officers would, in this situation, would move up the ladder? Has that been a part of the incentive plan? Chief Rick Elliott said, to move up the ladder? Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, yeah. Chief Rick Elliott said, well, in order for somebody to end up in rank, somebody in rank would have to retire, and so over the past couple years, there has been some movement up in ranks. In the next five years, there will be a lot more movement up in ranks as in the upper administration or the upper level supervision in the department is going to start seeing a major turnover. There's eight of us right now who can retire any time. So, I'm trying to set the department up for the future and develop those upcoming leaders, getting them prepared in leadership classes and things like that, and ready them take over to continue running this department. So, it's important that we keep what we got. Thank you for bringing that up. Again, I think those officers that are watching I think would be certainly appreciative of these efforts. Councilmember Brian Emison said, thank you, Chief.

Councilmember John Street said, I just want to say, according to what I know, and I appreciate your comments on that, Councilman Emison. I know I've talked to officers who've gone when the call volume's high, several weeks without a 94, or an evening meal break or a break in the middle of their shift to eat. Call volume's been so high they couldn't even take off to grab a sandwich or anything. So, we've got a very dedicated bunch of folks, and I think if we can afford to do something like that and let them know that we do appreciate them for their dedication to the city. Councilmember Brian Emison said, right. We're lucky to have them, and we always try to take care of those that take care of us. Chief Rick Elliott said, we appreciate what you do. Thanks. Councilmember Brian Emison said, thank you, sir.

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

Aye: 5 - John Street;Anthony Coleman;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - David McClain

5. PENDING ITEMS

[RES-26:061](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 300 E PINE STREET, PARCEL 01-144183-21000, OWNED BY UNICORN, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$865

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

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Chairman Joe Hafner said, Mr. Roper has asked that this be tabled indefinitely.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison,

to postpone indefinitely RES-26:061. All voted aye.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - John Street;Anthony Coleman;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - David McClain

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Joe Hafner said, alright, Mr. Richardson. Are we going back to other business now? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, it was just an announcement. Chairman Joe Hafner said, okay. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, I think each of y'all got the e-mail earlier, but just for the public watching at home, and if you haven't got it, we are going to have a groundbreaking on Thursday at 9:11 a.m. for the 9-11 center downtown. So, I hope to see everybody in attendance and look forward to getting this project started.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, and I do have to correct something. I think earlier Mr. Richardson referred to it as the RAC, or the Ridge Athletic Center. I think that may have a new name now. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, yes. Chairman Joe Hafner said, what was that name, Mr. Emison? Councilmember Brian Emison said, I don't know. I hear it in my dreams. The First Community Bank Sportsplex. Chairman Joe Hafner said, thanks for First Community for stepping up and doing that.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anthony Coleman, seconded by Brian Emison, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - John Street;Anthony Coleman;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - David McClain