



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Final Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 6 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-12:038

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on May 1, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-12:073

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE OLD JONESBORO YMCA

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Change Order #1.pdf](#)

Chairman Street asked what the change order is for. Mayor Perrin answered the change order is for a bond and for the replacement of the bathroom and foyer ceilings. He noted there will be another change order for this project, but this change order amount is for \$32,383 with \$10,000 of that being for the bond.

Mayor Perrin stated he is having the City's maintenance department go through the building and come up with a price list, which he will take to the Building Facilities Committee. He added at this time he knows the building will have to have a new roof. He noted the YMCA has asked for a 48 hour extension so they can finish moving out of the building, which should be by Friday.

Councilman Dover asked what the building could be used for. Mayor Perrin answered he is wanting to get a cost estimate to determine if the building should be renovated or

torn down, but it could be used it as a Senior Center.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

RES-12:074

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM JONESBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A SIDEWALK

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Permanent Construction Easement](#)

Mayor Perrin asked if this project is for Southwest Drive. City Engineer Craig Light answered this project is for Thomas Green Road and the City has submitted all information to AHTD. He noted the City will still have to have the 30 day advertising period so this resolution can wait to go to Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

RES-12:077

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR AN ORIGIN AND DESTINATION STUDY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Agreement of Understanding Origin & Destination Study](#)

Mayor Perrin stated this resolution needs to be placed on tonight's Council agenda . He added AHTD stated the City needs to do this study before the City can get the money transferred from federal government in order to extend Parker Road. He noted the City has the money for the study with AHTD.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

RES-12:079

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE AND ABANDON ROLAND STREET (A 50' ROAD RIGHT OF WAY) AND LOGAN STREET EAST OF ROLAND STREET (A 50' ROAD RIGHT OF WAY) AS PETITIONED BY JONESBORO REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS CO., INC.

Sponsors: Planning and Engineering

Attachments: [Roland-Logan Closing Documents](#)
[Abandonment Drawing](#)

Chairman Street stated part of this street was previously abandoned, but this portion of

the street is included in the St. Bernards master plan. He noted the City has received all of the letters from the utility companies. He added the Jonesboro Real Estate Holdings Company has asked that this resolution be placed on tonight's Council agenda so the public hearing can be scheduled for the next Council meeting.

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

Aye: 4 - Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

Abstain: 1 - Gene Vance

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

COM-12:038

Discussion concerning closing of an alley by Abilities Unlimited

Attachments: [Plat from Abilities Unlimited](#)

Chairman Street explained this information is just FYI. He added the adjoining property owner does not want to close the alley, but the person who wants to abandon the alley has proposed to re-route the area and will also give an egress and ingress easement to the other property owner.

Darren May, representing Abilities Unlimited, stated they own an assisted living facility at 710 Walnut and all the property on the east side of Walnut between Jefferson and Matthews. He added they have had issues with the traffic from the apartment complex east of their building. He further explained they did a survey and thought they could close the alley on both sides of the property that they own, but City Attorney Phillip Crego determined they could not do that without all of the property owners consent. He noted there are two other property owners and one has agreed to close the alley, but the other one hasn't because the other owner would have nowhere to go if they closed the alley. He added Abilities Unlimited has agreed to give that property owner an easement for the property where the old church was located so the tenants to the apartment complex could use it to access Matthews Avenue. He noted the adjoining property owner agreed to look at that option, but has not met with him to discuss the issue.

Discussion was held concerning issues that they have had with the apartment complex.

Councilman Chris Moore stated if they can't get the alley closed then the City should be able to help Mr. May in terms of policing the area. Mr. May stated the other property owner will not lose his access to his property because the easement would allow him to turn onto Matthews instead of going straight to Vine Street.

Mayor Perrin stated he would be glad to try and set up with a meeting with the adjoining property owner Jason Willis and Mr. May to discuss this issue. He added he will have Code Enforcement and the Police Department look into the problems he stated he has been having.

Mayor Perrin asked if the alley is closed will it be fenced. Mr. May answered yes and

they are willing to gate it so access can be obtained in case of an emergency.

This item was Read.

Speed limit in Craighead Forest Park

Chief Operating Officer LM Duncan stated the City will have an ordinance on the Public Safety agenda concerning raising the speed limit to 25 mph in Craighead Forest Park.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman