



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Services Council Committee

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Monday, August 8, 2011

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

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### 1. Call To Order

*Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.*

**Present** 4 - Charles Frierson; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

**Absent** 1 - Tim McCall

Election of a chair

### 2. Approval of minutes

**MIN-11:050** Minutes for the Public Services meeting on June 13, 2011

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 3 - Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

**Absent:** 1 - Tim McCall

### 3. New Business

#### *Resolutions To Be Introduced*

**RES-11:130** A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SUDDEN LINK COMMUNICATIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF BASEBALL FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

*Assistant Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler stated this renews the contract for 5 years.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 3 - Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

**Absent:** 1 - Tim McCall

#### 4. Pending Items

#### 5. Other Business

##### Discussion concerning whether the Public Service Committee is needed

*Chairman Charles Frierson inquired if the Council needs a Public Services Committee. He added some of the items could go to the Finance Committee or the Public Works Committee.*

*Councilman Rennell Woods asked if the City is required by law to have the Public Services Committee. Mayor Perrin answered no because the Council set up which committees they wanted according to what kind of business the City handles. He noted anything that affects the citizens should come through this committee.*

##### Southside Ballpark improvements

*Mayor Perrin stated the City has applied for a Parks & Tourism grant for improvements at the Southside Ballpark. He discussed various improvements at the ballpark. He explained Mr. Huffstetler and Ms. Sharron Turman met with the Department of Human Services Board of Directors last week and was able to get the City's lease for the ballpark extended an additional 50 years.*

*He further explained the City has applied for a grant that will help purchase playground equipment and build a miracle field for the handicapped, which would be located next to the Children's Colony. He noted the cost of the miracle field would be approximately \$300,000. He added the Children's Colony would be allowed to use this every day for their exercise program. He stated the City will also be able to hold state ball tournaments there, which would be only the second one in the state at that caliber.*

##### New possible JETS grants & projects

*Mayor Perrin explained the City has also applied for a grant for the fire station located on Matthews Avenue. He added if the grant is approved the City could receive \$2.2 million from the AHTD to build a transfer station for JETS at the Matthews Avenue location. He noted the balance of the money would allow for the City to build sidewalks to the JETS rider shelters. He then asked if the City would only have 5 years to use the money. JETS Director Steve Ewart answered it is not specific but generally that is the amount of time allowed.*

*Mr. Ewart discussed a new possible VA grant and various projects it would allow JETS to do.*

##### City of Distinction for Workforce Training award

*Mayor Perrin explained the City won the City of Distinction for Workforce Training award from the Arkansas Business & Economic Development. He added this will help the Chamber of Commerce recruit new industry to the City. He stated within the next few weeks any City employee will be able to train online from their workstation for various software.*

**6. Public Comments**

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Frierson adjourned the meeting.