



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

4:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Darrel Dover and Todd Burton

Absent 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

3. Approval of minutes

MIN-16:041

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on April 12, 2016

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

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

4. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-16:024

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE SOLE SOURCE FROM CONSOLIDATED TRAFFIC CONTROLS, INC.

Grants and Community Development administrator Kimberly Marshall explained that the City is trying to purchase more Opticons for the city's signal lights. She said the City currently has seven that are going to be attached. She said they were given the go ahead with the GIF funds. The City has the software system in place already so it only makes sense to have the hardware so it talks to each other correctly. This is to be used in case of an emergency.

Councilman John Street questioned if they are the only compatible equipment supplier for this system and that is why they are the sole source. Ms. Marshall replied yes. Chairman Darrel Dover asked how many are in operation. Ms. Marshall replied that there are already 18 in operation and another seven are being added. Chairman Dover asked if that would give the city 25.

Mayor Harold Perrin stated that the City will apply for a grant through the Federal

Highway Administration to purchase Opticons for all of the City's signalizations which will include battery backups on every signal within the City. He stated that when they were in Washington, D.C. they visited with Robert with the Federal Highway Administration. Mayor Perrin said that Robert wanted the City of Jonesboro to be a model city. Robert realized that some of the city's intersections are not large enough, and the city needs to control what is in place. Robert stated that if the city will submit the application, they might be able to get the grant. Mayor Perrin stated if that's the case, we will go from 25 to 90 something. Chairman Dover asked how many traffic lights are in the city and Mayor Perrin responded with close to 90. Ms. Marshall replied that we had talked about 52 of them, but this will put it with all of them.

Mayor Perrin stated that the City will be talking with Mayor Gaskell of Paragould to do a regional type deal on another one as well as one with Brookland. He said that the City helps with Brookland's stoplights when something goes out. Mayor Perrin said that it would be good if we could go ahead and regionalize this out. He stated that the City would be the applicant and Paragould would be the co-applicant on that grant.

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

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-16:048

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003).

Councilman Street asked if the Resolution was for the expansion. Chairman Dover replied yes. Mayor Perrin stated that this is for the building out there. He said under state law, you can apply and the city can approve those applications. Mayor Perrin stated the county had already approved their application last night and now the city is working on it. He stated the business will get a tax back on what they do or spend to expand capital improvement inside of the building.

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

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

A discussion was initiated by Mayor Perrin over what the definition of reserves is. He said there was some discussion on what will be happening over the next few weeks regarding reserves and what the reserves are earmarked for. Mayor Perrin stated that the Chief Financial Officer, Suzanne Allen, will be working on the breakdown of the funds. He said the funds include: \$4 million for the Hwy 18 overpass, the Tiger

grant (if the city gets funded) for \$5 million for the overpass on Patrick, and several other earmarked projects. Mayor Perrin noted that grants have been changing from 80/20 to 70/30 and the city has to be careful with funds. He said the City has to have the matching funds in order to get the grants. Mayor Perrin said it should come down to 15% for the discretionary fund. He said the City needs to look at all of the capital improvements for the next 3-5 years. Mayor Perrin stated that the City needs cash flow in order to spread it out for upcoming projects.

Chairman Dover asked if the City was still on course for the overpass at Nettleton/Highland. Mayor Harold Perrin replied that yes, they hope to go out for bids in late August or September. He said that the City has asked the Highway Department when they get to 90% of plans, to allow the City to start acquiring right of ways. Mayor Perrin said that part of the \$4 million that has been set aside is for the right of way as well as relocation of utilities and that will save the city a lot of time when we go to bids and we do have a contractor, we will have a lot of this ahead of us instead of having to wait to do a precon and probably not start until 2018. Mayor Perrin stated that Parker Road has already been paid for. He stated that with the breakdown of funds, the city will show the name, description, what's been paid for, and the year.

Councilman Street asked what is the 5% of the amount need for the Highland/Nettleton overpass project. Mayor Perrin replied that he believes the projected cost is \$15 million which includes roads, the wats, and the overpass on 18. Councilman Street stated that we will pay 5%, the railroad will pay 5%, the federal highway will pay 80%, and the state will pay 10%. Mayor Perrin replied that he asked for a breakdown last week when they were in Little Rock. He said when he gets that information; he will shoot out an email. He also stated that the fund balance is misleading.

7. Public Comments

Scott Bridger from FMH Conveyors, Inc. wanted to express his appreciation to the City for their assistance.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Todd Burton, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods