



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

4:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 6 - Ann Williams; John Street; Darrel Dover; Charles Coleman; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-16:023](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on February 23, 2016

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; Charles Coleman; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

4. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

[RES-16:024](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE JONESBORO BASEBALL BOOSTERS

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Jbb contract 2016.pdf](#)

Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler explained this will be a three-year contract with Jonesboro Baseball Boosters. The city goes up 5% on their contract after the third year. They do a good job with the park and help put money back into the fields, which is why the city has been able to do so many upgrades over the last five years. He noted they get to keep the funds received from the concession stand sales, gate and entry fees. That money also helps pay for their umpire fees. He noted JBB is spending over \$100,000 this year on the park.

Councilman Street asked if there will be any more big tournaments this year. Mr.

Huffstetler stated the city will be getting a one-day showcase in June. There will be over 500 kids from the south in the area. It's held so college coaches can see the kids workout. There will also be several regional and state tournaments. Jonesboro has also been asked to host the world series again, so they are trying to figure out what year they want to do that.

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: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

RES-16:025

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH NEA BAPTIST FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A BASEBALL FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [NEA Baptist Baseball Field.pdf](#)

Mr. Huffstetler explained the contract is for five years for \$2,500 per year to sponsor a baseball field. This is a renewal for their contract. It is paid every year. He added this is a way of getting more money into the budget to offset costs.

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: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

RES-16:026

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH FIRST SECURITY BANK FOR SPONSORSHIP OF SOCCER FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [First Security Bank 2016.pdf](#)

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: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

RES-16:027

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CERTIFY FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO THE ANNUAL FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (JET)

Sponsors: JETS and Grants

Attachments: [FTA FISCAL YEAR 2016 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES - 2016 C](#)

Mayor Perrin explained this has to be done every year to be compliant.

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: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Mayor Perrin informed the committee that Friday they moved some money around in CD's in order to get a higher rate. They moved \$17 million. There was no penalty for early withdrawal.

Councilman Street noted there will be more money for JETS in the 2020 STIP. Mayor Perrin stated the committee met this morning and agreed to go from 20% to 22% to help build up the reserves for the MPO. Councilman Street asked if they went over the salaries. Mayor Perrin answered yes.

The Salary/Longevity Committee met Monday concerning the incentive plan, which is the second half of the salary plan. They will be working on that over the next few months in order to bring forth a recommendation to the Finance Committee.

Chairman Dover asked for an update concerning the committee that will study the city's reserves. Mayor Perrin stated they have not set it up yet. Chairman Dover suggested it be set up within the next month or so. In the meantime, he suggested someone start researching other cities to see how they handle their reserves. Discussion was then held regarding starting the 2017 budget process.

Chairman Dover questioned the frozen pension plan. Mayor Perrin explained it goes back and forth all the time, but the city is in good shape. He stated he can't say the city won't ever have to fund it, but the city is a long way off from that position.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Rennell Woods