



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman arrived at 5:05 pm during Public Comments.

Present 7 - John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent 1 - Anthony Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:011](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on February 6, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Mitch Johnson, seconded by Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-24:016](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRAC-WORK, INC. FOR THE CRAIGHEAD TECHNOLOGY PARK LEAD & NESTLE LEAD MAINTENANCE & GRADE CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (2024:06)

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[Contract](#)

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, Mr. Chair, could Craig just kind of give us a rundown on what this is? Engineering Director Craig Light approached the podium and said, this maintenance contract this year is to add some ballast to the six miles of track and then re-tamp and compact it ballast. Includes several hundred tie replacements

before and then crossing at Frito-Lay that the panels are all broken up, so it's replacing that crossing as well. It's a pretty heavy maintenance. I've been with the city 17 years now and we've not done a tamp and compact job on that rail in that time. It's beyond time. If you go out there and look at it, it's like a roller coaster and this will get everything nice and level and straight again. Get the trains moving more safely along the track. That's what the project is. Councilmember LJ Bryant said, thank you.

A motion was made by Mitch Johnson, seconded by Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember Chris Moore said, Mr. Chair I have a question for Craig. Craig, I mentioned it at the last Council meeting, I'm concerned about the condition of the streets downtown due to the contractor who's excavating Oak and Warner. I noticed their expanding the scope of that work. Are they going to come back and remove the chat and put flowable fill in there so we don't have to? Engineering Director Craig Light approached the podium and said, we met with City Water and Light last week about their plans for that. They're going to get their contractor to patch those spots, and then we're talking about them paying for an overlay of Oak and Warner. There is a list of other streets that are in their plans. They have a pretty robust plan of pipe bursting the downtown area so we're trying to get ahead of all that. I don't know that we have a real good grasp on what that looks like yet or agreement in place on the other streets, but we have met with them and they are aware of our concerns. We have not talked to them about pulling that material out and putting flowable fill back in. That just hasn't been part of the conversation. Councilmember Chris Moore said, well you know our ordinance, Steve probably knows more about it than me, our ordinance requires at least 12 inches of flowable fill. Mainly because the SP2 will eventually settle and even if you overlay the street. That's why all the private contractors, and I've had several calls from private contractors saying why do we have to put the flowable fill in and yet the City of Jonesboro is not and I'm telling them it's not City of Jonesboro. Director Craig Light said, yeah, that particular project was done without really any conversation with us. We were just kind of taken back by the project and trying to get up to speed with it and come up with a solution on how it's going to be repaired. City Water and Light is willing to make those repairs so we'll work through that. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I would think our minimum requirement would be our ordinance, so whatever the minimum required by that ordinance they should abide by it just like everybody else. Because the extent of the excavation down there is pretty crazy, I mean there's 55 street cuts that average about anywhere from 40 to 60 square feet a piece, maybe more. It's going to have to have flowable fill at the minimum it's going to have to be saw cut and have asphalt patch, preferably an overlay on the street. I would just ask that ya'll keep an eye on that. It looked like to me when I went in the downtown area today there were a couple of streets over that had locate flags on that maybe more than just those two streets. Director Craig Light said, there are several

streets in the downtown area that they're planning on doing. I got their list, I believe yesterday, kind of their order of work of where they plan to go next, so I can share that with you if you would like to see it. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I understand the need for it, you have clay tile pipe with water infiltration issues. I understand their need to pip burst down there. I just want to make sure when they're done we're not caught holding the bag that has to come in and dig all that out in a couple of years. Director Craig Light said, we're on the same page about that. That is our plan.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mitch Johnson, seconded by LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 7 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams;Janice Porter and Anthony Coleman