



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Services Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Monday, September 10, 2007

5:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office was also in attendance.

Present 4 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis and Cecil Province

Absent 2 - Tim McCall and Faye McCall

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-07:1702 Minutes for the August 13, 2007, Public Services meeting.

Attachments: [081307](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Jim Hargis, that these Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis and Cecil Province

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Faye McCall

3. New Business

Change to meeting time

Councilman Frierson motioned, seconded by Councilman Hargis, to change the meeting time to 4 p.m. All voted aye.

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-07:186 A RESOLUTION TO LOCATE CITY PARKS AND OTHER GREENSPACE ADJACENT TO POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS WHERE FEASIBLE

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained the Land Use Committee forwarded the resolution to him for consideration. He further explained the resolution would recommend developing parks with fire and police stations, but it would not be mandatory. He noted he sent the resolution to the Fire and Police Chiefs and they were okay with it. Discussion was also held concerning whether the City can require developers to provide greenspace so a park can be built. Councilman Province stated it was his understanding the City could not legally require developers to do that. Discussion was also held concerning putting parks in where the City is developing detention ponds. Mr. Wilkie explained they could build baseball fields or walking perimeters depending on the size of the pond.

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Cecil Province, that this matter be Recommended to the Public Works Council Committee. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis and Cecil Province

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Faye McCall

4. Pending Items

Lights on Bridge Street bridge

Mr. Wilkie stated he has not looked into re-lighting the lights on the bridge yet. Councilman Frierson suggested Mr. Wilkie contact Kevan Inboden from City Water and Light.

5. Other Business

COM-07:038 Re-naming of N. Main Park to Doss Hutson Park

Attachments: [Doss Hutson Documents](#)

Mr. Wilkie stated the Parks Advisory Committee did not recommend re-naming the park because they did not feel Mr. Hutson met the requirements. Discussion was held concerning the criteria that must be met for re-naming. Mr. Wilkie suggested in the future they may want to look into adding language stating the City would initiate re-naming a facility, not someone from the community. Mr. Tony Thomas stated they don't get many requests at this time, but they could look into adding that language if it becomes a problem. Councilman Frierson motioned, seconded by Councilman Hargis, to not recommend re-naming the parks because it does not meet the requirements as set in the resolution. All voted aye.

This item was Read.

Greenway project

Mr. Wilkie stated the contractor has been issued the notice to proceed and has begun working. He added they have already started planting trees along the trail with the Forestry Commission money.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Cecil Province, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis and Cecil Province

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Faye McCall