



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-10:020 Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on February 16, 2010.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-10:010 AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF DIGITAL CAMERA EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE UNITS

Sponsors: Police Department

Chairman Johnson asked if this ordinance needs to be placed on tonight's Council agenda. Police Chief Michael Yates answered this ordinance is not time sensitive so it can wait till the next Council meeting. He added the Fleet Safety camera systems cost \$1,500 to repair each one, so the Police Department wants to replace them. He noted Council has already approved an ordinance that waives competitive bidding.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

ORD-10:017 AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE ROADSIDE SALE OF ANIMALS, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsors: Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman

Chris Gibson, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely to allow Police Chief Michael Yates more time to re-word the ordinance. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-10:024 A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO INSTALL STOP SIGNS ON BELT STREET AT THE INTERSECTION WITH SCOTT STREET ESTABLISHING A FOUR WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION

Sponsors: Police Department

It was noted this resolution was approved by the Traffic Committee.

Discussion was held concerning the proposed stop sign at Phillips Drive.

Police Chief Yates stated 50% of the requests are denied by the Traffic Committee and he does not know the process of choosing where stops signs are placed.

City Engineer Craig Light explained the stop sign on Phillips Drive was requested by the hotel owners along that road due to wanting their visitors to have access to other businesses. He added he did not make the recommendation on adding the stop sign.

Councilman Fears inquired if the location for the proposed stop sign on Phillips Drive is at the bowling alley. Mr. Light answered yes. Councilman Vance stated the stop sign would be located by the skating rink, not the bowling alley.

Chairman Johnson asked if the resolution can state that Phillips Drive needs to be excluded. City Clerk Donna Jackson answered the resolution will need to be amended.

Police Chief Yates explained it is the responsibility of the property owners to bring the stop sign request for Phillips Drive and Fairpark Street back. He added he thinks Belt Street & Scott Street needs a stop sign.

Mayor Perrin stated he will visit with the property owners along Phillips Drive. He added they are also requesting sidewalks be added to Phillips Drive.

Councilman Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, to amend this resolution by striking the Phillips Drive & Fairpark Street stop sign request. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

RES-10:030 A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN PROPERTY AT 404 N. DRAKE OWNED BY JUAN LUIS GARCIA

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

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Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver explained this property was sold to Juan Garcia, who received the permits, but quit renovating the property.

Councilman Moore stated the City may need to raise the fines for various property code violations. Councilman Fears asked what the City could do to raise the fines. Councilman Moore answered the fines need to be reviewed and then the recommendations be brought back to the committee by the Mayor. Mayor Perrin stated the City is working on this issue. Mr. Shaver noted in previous years the City has been property managers and that needs to stop.

Discussion was held concerning code violations possibly being sent through the courts instead of being brought before Council.

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

RES-10:031

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN PROPERTY AT 314 N. FOURTH OWNED BY MARGARET KINDALL

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

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Chairman Johnson asked if this property is a burnt structure. Mr. Shaver answered yes. He added he could have the Fire Marshall declared this property an emergency, so the City could go ahead and tear down the structure. He stated four of the family members refuse to sign the disclaimer.

Councilman Fears asked if the family is being cooperative. Mr. Shaver answered he is having problems only with the family members that live out of state.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

4. Pending Items

5. Other BusinessDiscussion concerning speed limits

Councilman Moore recommended doing a cleanup of the speed limits in town. Chief Yates stated the recommendation would better be served if it came from the Street Department, who has the ability to look at the engineering of the streets. He added certain neighborhoods want their speed limit lower and some want speed bumps added in their neighborhood.

Councilman Moore asked how speed limits are set. Mr. Light answered a set of design standards for each classification of roadway was adopted in the 1990s. He added the standards call for residential streets to be set at 25 mph, but the City's ordinance says the streets can be 30 mph unless otherwise posted. Mayor Perrin noted this needs to be changed.

6. Public Comments**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears