



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent 2 - Chris Moore and Tim McCall

4. Special Presentations

5. Consent Agenda

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, to suspend the rules and add four resolutions to the consent agenda: RES-09:098, RES-09:105, RES-09:106, and RES-09:111. All voted aye.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Tim McCall

MIN-09:068 Minutes for the City Council meeting on June 16, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

MIN-09:069 Minutes for the special called City Council meeting on June 30, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

RES-09:098 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF GIS SERVICES FROM ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING

Sponsors: Engineering and Mayor's Office

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-063-2009

RES-09:105 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ADOPT PERMANENT LAND USE RESTRICTION FOR THE FORMER STRAWFLOOR ROAD CLASS 4 LANDFILL

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Permanent Land Use Restriction](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-064-2009

RES-09:106 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 FOR SURVEY OF PIPE INVENTORY THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF JONESBORO - JOB NO. 100614

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Supplemental Agreement No. 1](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-065-2009

RES-09:111 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAMERON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY GRADING PROJECT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid 2009-26 PW Grading Specifications 1](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-066-2009

6. New Business

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances on Third Reading

ORD-09:020 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM RESIDENTIAL R-2 TO RESIDENTIAL RM-16 LIMITED USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 921 WARNER AS REQUESTED BY MAX DACUS JR.

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Mayor Perrin explained the property owners have sold the property and asked for the Council to withdraw the rezoning request. Councilman Vance noted that according to City Planner Otis Spriggs if the new owners want to rezone the property they will have to go through the whole process again starting with the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Tim McCall

Ordinances on Second Reading

ORD-09:035 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 14 THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REZONE FROM AG-1 TO RS-6, CERTAIN PROPERTY ON FLEMOR ROAD AS REQUESTED BY CHAD, JENNIFER AND DUSTIN KING

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Street questioned whether there has been any opposition to the rezoning request. Mr. Spriggs answered they have not received any opposition. Councilman Dover referred to a history of drainage issues in that area and asked if this rezoning was okay in reference to drainage. Mr. Spriggs stated the plans will be sent to the Engineering Department to make sure they comply with stormwater drainage guidelines.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Frierson, to suspend the rules and waive the third reading. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-037-2009

ORD-09:039 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LIMITED USE OVERLY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4008 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE OF ARKANSAS

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Street questioned whether any opposition had been received concerning the rezoning. Mr. Spriggs answered no.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and waive the third reading. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-038-2009

8. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Perrin introduced Mr. Gary Harpole as the new Operations Director.

Mayor Perrin stated he will be in Little Rock tomorrow meeting with the Highway Department to discuss signalization and lane improvements in Jonesboro. He added the recent department head retreat went really well and he expressed his appreciation to the department heads for attending. He noted City Engineer Craig Light has been working on a compost facility project and they will be sending a letter to ADEQ stating the City's intent to work with Legacy Landfill to come to a conclusion about a compost facility. Mayor Perrin stated he, Police Chief Michael Yates and Councilman Chris Moore have been working with the county concerning the jail bill. He explained he is encouraged by the discussions and are drafting some information to present to the county next week. Mayor Perrin also explained he and Mr. Light will be meeting with the Corps of Engineers next week to discuss funding for drainage issues related to the 300 miles of ditches the City currently has. He added they only have one tornado siren left to put up and hope to be able to test them for the first time in August. Mayor Perrin stated the auditors are currently working with the City and he expects them to be finished in August. He explained they are going to sign a waiver in order to let Finance Committee Chair Ann Williams sit in on the exit interview. He also explained Information Systems employee Jack Turner has been training the department heads concerning Springbrook. He noted the budget process this year will take place on Springbrook.

COM-09:082 Legal report from City Attorney Phillip Crego as presented to the City Council at the meeting on July 7, 2009.

Attachments: [Legal Report Council July 2009](#)
[06-30-09 Case Status - Revised](#)

This item was Read.

COM-09:084 Financial report as given by Finance Director Jim Barksdale at the City Council meeting on July 7, 2009.

Attachments: [Financial report](#)

Finance Director Jim Barksdale discussed the City finances. He stated the City funds are strong with \$20.3 million in the fund balance as of June 30th. He noted the 2009 budget approved spending \$8.3 million over projected revenues, but due to the current economy they have decided to slow the rate of spending. He explained they have already reduced \$491,000 from the 2009 budget. He further explained those

purchases and expenditures have been put on hold until the economy improves and they see how the revenues will come in during the third and fourth quarters of this year. Mr. Barksdale added all travel has been suspended unless it's absolutely required and they will continue to look at all the expenditures that come through. He then discussed the financial report. Councilman Dover questioned how much of the current deficit is made up of once a year expenses that have already been made. Mr. Barksdale stated \$2.8 million was the lease payoff with another \$1.7 million spent in fixed asset purchases in January and February of this year, which leaves \$149,000 deficit after also taking out the \$491,000 that has been cut from the budget to date. He added they have also been more aggressive about past due collections. He explained they have collected \$12,000 to \$13,000 in past due fees. He added if there are people that are past due after Thursday, they will start turning the information in to City Attorney Phillip Crego. Mr. Barksdale discussed the money spent by the City for the ice storm. Councilman Dover questioned when the City anticipates receiving reimbursements from FEMA for the money spent. Mr. Barksdale stated they should be receiving some of the money in the next three weeks with the balance of it anticipated in the next six to eight weeks. He further discussed the financial report.

This item was Read.

COM-09:083

Presentation by City Planner Otis Spriggs concerning the Planning Department as given at the City Council meeting on July 7, 2009.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Mr. Spriggs gave a presentation concerning the Planning Department. Councilman Hargis noted that in 2007 there was a higher level of work that was done. Mr. Spriggs stated that was partially due to them refining processes with other departments after he was hired in 2006. He explained they started being more accountable after they reviewed the processes.

This item was Read.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Street commended the Mayor and Mr. Barksdale on cutting back the budget. He also thanked Mr. Spriggs and his staff for all their work in the Planning Department and the improved level of service to the City and citizens. He also welcomed back City Clerk Donna Jackson from her recent knee surgery.

Councilman Dover asked for an update concerning the non-uniform pension plan. Councilwoman Williams explained the deadline is this week and they hope to set up interviews as soon as possible. She stated they will narrow the applicants down and give a report to the Finance Committee at the meeting next week.

Councilman Hargis stated he has noticed the traffic is flowing pretty well, but the City could propose spending the money well if the City receives funding from the Highway Department.

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a

Voice Vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Tim McCall

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

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Donna Jackson, City Clerk