



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Services Council Committee

Monday, December 10, 2012

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Councilwoman Williams arrived late.

Mayor Perrin was unable to attend.

Present 4 - Charles Frierson; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent 1 - Tim McCall

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-12:081 Minutes for the Public Services Committee meeting on October 8, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Charles Frierson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Tim McCall

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-12:213 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH MEDIC ONE FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A BASEBALL FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Medic One](#)

Assistant Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler explained each field has a sponsor and that is how the fields are designated during tournaments. He added this contract is for \$50,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Charles Frierson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Tim McCall

RES-12:214 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ST BERNARDS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A BASEBALL FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [St Bernards](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Rennell Woods, seconded by Councilman Charles Frierson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Charles Frierson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Tim McCall

RES-12:215 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF 2 BASEBALL FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Arkansas State](#)

Councilman Woods questioned how long the contract period is for. Mr. Huffstetler answered all of the contracts are for five years. He further explained three of the four fields are going to be used in the upcoming World Series. He is currently working on additional deals for sponsorships with Wallace Fowler and Academy Sports. He noted they will be sponsoring baseball, soccer and softball fields. Mr. Huffstetler stated NEA Baptist Clinic will also be sponsoring a field that will be used during the World Series.

A motion was made by Councilman Rennell Woods, seconded by Councilman Charles Frierson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Charles Frierson;Ann Williams and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

Update from JETS

JETS Director Steve Ewart stated they have been working with their board for the past year to work out some route revisions that will take place after the first of the year. Changes included adding services for ASU students. But, they are facing challenges with the routes such as traffic on Caraway Road which is where many international ASU students like to go. To make the changes happen they will have to hire four additional drivers, but due to their pay scale they are having a problem finding candidates. This may set them back three months to implement the changes. Mr. Ewart further discussed the challenges with hiring drivers. Councilman Frierson asked what else they will do to hire the new drivers. Mr. Ewart explained their current pay scale is \$9.25 per hour and he has received permission to go up to \$9.75 an

hour in 2013. He added other organizations are having a hard time finding drivers.

Update from Parks

Mr. Huffstetler stated the lighting project is about 65% done. It should be finished by the end of the year. He explained he did a lighting audit on the City parks with a result of most parks having fair to poor lighting. They have received complaints from the Police Department and parents concerning lighting not being adequate enough. They installed 250-watt LED white lightbulbs, with others being as high as 1,000 watts. This will make the areas more secure at nighttime. The main areas of focus are playgrounds and pavilions. Councilman Frierson questioned what CWL is contributing. Mr. Huffstetler answered nothing, that the City is paying for the lighting at a cost of \$9,300.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Charles Frierson; Ann Williams and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall