



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC SERVICES MEETING AT 5:45 P.M.

SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING AND RULES MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:15 P.M.

Regarding the abandonment of Logan Avenue between Houghton Street and Roland Street (50' public road right of way) as requested by St. Bernard's

No opposition was voiced.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation honoring the "Super Summer Shape Up and Slim Down"

Mayor Perrin presented a proclamation to Ms. Amy Godsey for the summer diet program to promote exercise and healthier living.

COM-10:060 Presentation from Jonesboro Unlimited by Kevan Inboden

Mr. Inboden, who is also an employee of City Water and Light (CWL), thanked the Mayor and City Council on behalf of CWL for the job they do for the City. He then discussed Jonesboro Unlimited (JU) and the Jonesboro Economic Development Corporation (JEDC). He noted JEDC works with the Chamber of Commerce to secure industry for the City. He added JU is a part of JEDC and helps to raise money for JEDC. He stated Jonesboro was one of only six metropolitan areas in the country that saw job growth during the recession. He thanked the Mayor and Council for

supporting JEDC and the economic development of the City. Mr. Inboden stated the City contributions are vital to JEDC.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

MIN-10:053 Minutes for the City Council meeting on June 1, 2010.

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-10:056 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-053-2010

RES-10:059 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 2605 LACY DRIVE, 2601 DAN AVENUE, 2603 DAN AVENUE, 2605 DAN AVENUE, AND 2607 DAN AVENUE FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-054-2010

RES-10:060 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM BCD ARKANSAS, LTD. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2350 EAST NETTLETON AVENUE TO CONSTRUCT STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-055-2010

RES-10:062 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 2010 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-056-2010

RES-10:063 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH GILLIS, INC. FOR DESIGN/BUILD SERVICES

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-057-2010

RES-10:073 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GILLIS, INC. FOR THE OAKHILL TERRACE DETENTION BASIN IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-058-2010

RES-10:075 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A JOINT OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION AGREEMENT WITH CITY WATER & LIGHT (CWL) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GPS BASE STATION, ACCEPT THE BID NUMBER 2010:15 AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SURVEYING EQUIPMENT FROM NAVIGATION ELECTRONICS, INC.

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-059-2010

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-10:046 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS ARTICLE 5 AND ARTICLE 6 OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-033-2010

ORD-10:048 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 112-129 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Assistant City Attorney Carol Duncan noted a change has been made in the ordinance. She noted that in F (2) the ordinance should read the "designed lowest floor of any structure" as opposed to "proposed lowest floor of any structure".

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Frierson, to amend the ordinance as described by Assistant City Attorney Duncan. All voted aye.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-034-2010

ORD-10:050

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON LOGAN STREET BETWEEN HOUGHTON STREET AND ROLAND STREET (A 50' ROAD RIGHT OF WAY)

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Councilmen Gibson, Vance and Frierson abstained from voting and discussion on this item due to personal conflict.

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilmen Gibson, Vance and Frierson who all abstained from voting.

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

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Abstain: 3 - Charles Frierson; Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

Enactment No: O-EN-035-2010

ORD-10:058

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1702 GREENSBORO ROAD AS REQUESTED BY LARRY AND BARBARA CAROL MCHALFFEY AND CHARLES HARRIS

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only and requested it be held at one reading.

This ordinance was Held at one reading.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING****ORD-10:049**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5930/5934 EAST HIGHLAND DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY CIVIOLOGIC, ELAM ENTERPRISES AND YATES LIVING TRUST

Councilman Dover questioned whether there was any opposition to this rezoning. City Planner Otis Spriggs answered no.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-036-2010

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He announced he, City Clerk Donna Jackson, Councilman Street and Councilman Fears will be leaving tomorrow for the Municipal League meeting in Hot Springs. He will bring back a full report on what they attend.

They have received the deed for the detention pond behind Walgreens. They will be paying the \$8,000 in back taxes and will be working with CWL to get an interlocal agreement to provide funding for the pond. The pond has already been designed and construction should start within three to four weeks.

They are anticipating the legislative audit to be complete at the end of the month. He has sent a letter asking for Chairwoman Williams to be allowed to attend the meeting.

The City was awarded \$81,900 in Safe Routes to School funding this year. Most of the funds will go towards the Valley View School District. The superintendents of the school districts decide who will get to use the funding. He met with the superintendent from Valley View and will be coming back to Council with recommendations for approval.

The street overlays are complete and there should be no outstanding bills. They are looking for additional overlays.

All of the striping has been completed for this year.

They sent a letter to the Highway Department concerning a right-hand turn lane on Parker Road at the intersection with Highway 226. They are expecting an answer in the next three to four weeks.

They are continuing to hold the public meetings concerning the public tax. They are still getting the word out and yesterday met at St. Bernard's Village. They are going to be visiting several civic clubs to discuss the tax.

They have discussed a central purchasing system for the City. They think funds can be saved by going to a central purchasing system.

As of July 1, a Finance Department employee will be located in the Inspections Department so builders and others purchasing a permit can pay for the permit in Inspections, instead of having to go to City Hall. They are working towards having an online system set up for applying and paying for permits to increase customer service and save time.

Regarding the financial reports, the City is almost \$1.4 million under budget with the Operations and Maintenance Fund. He noted there are still several items that need to be paid for, including the retirement plan.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street questioned the status of the incinerator. Mayor Perrin stated the incinerator is up and has electricity. The fencing has been ordered and they are hoping to test the incinerator out next week. He added ADEQ will be touring the incinerator after it is up and running.

Councilman Street noted Mayor Perrin was appointed to the Arkansas Good Roads Committee. Mayor Perrin stated the first meeting is next week.

Councilman Woods motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and add RES-10:080 and RES-10:081 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-10:080

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH HARMONY LANDSCAPING TO FURNISH AND PLANT TREE AND TO PROVIDE WATERING AND MAINTENANCE OF TREES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-060-2010

RES-10:081

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST FREE UTILITY SERVICE FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR 99 PURYEAR STREET

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Frierson abstained from discussion and voting due to being an attory for City Water and Light.

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Abstain: 1 - Charles Frierson

Enactment No: R-EN-061-2010

Councilman McCall commended the City's new website.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and add RES-10:077 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-10:077

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Johnson abstained from discussion and voting due to one of the appointees being CEO of his employer.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Abstain: 1 - Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: R-EN-062-2010

Councilman Fears stated the recent NEA Biker Classic was a success and he's heard several good things about the event. He recognized the Police Department for their work with the event.

Councilman Gibson added to Councilman Fears' statement commending the Sanitation Department for cleaning up downtown Jonesboro after the event was held.

Councilman Moore referred to a recent discussion concerning raising the mowing fine from \$25 to \$100. He questioned the status of raising the fine. Mayor Perrin stated he hasn't meet with City Attorney Phillip Crego regarding the matter yet. He added they are looking at several fine increases in Public Works.

Councilman Hargis discussed the employee retirement account and noted Principal Financial has been slow to release the funds. He added he hopes the letters sent to the retirees that will allow the City to transfer the funds to Stephens will be returned quickly. Mayor Perrin noted they have a meeting Monday night concerning the pension fund.

COM-10:061

Letter from Little and Associates regarding the feasibility study for the old City Hall building located at 314 West Washington

This item was Read.

Councilman Vance stated they have discussed land sales at a recent meeting and the Mayor is making progress. He is hoping the Mayor will have something to bring in the next meeting or two to consider. He also noted the JETS facility should be ready the second week of August.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

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

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk