



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

SPECIAL CALLED FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:15 P.M.

Regarding the abandonment of an existing drainage and utility easement located north of Pinnacle Pointe as requested by Pete and Sarah Murphy

No opposition was voiced.

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 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

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, 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-09:058](#)

Minutes for the City Council meeting on June 2, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-09:056 A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUGGESTED RENAMING OF A STREET IN HONOR OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-057-2009

RES-09:081 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL AID MONEYS TO CONSTRUCT SECTION FIVE OF PHASE I OF THE TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [2009 Rec Trails Overview Form](#)
[2009 RecTrails Application](#)
[2009 Property Ownership](#)
[2009 Rec Trails Area Maps](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-058-2009

RES-09:085 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAMERON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REALIGNMENT OF THE INTERSECTION OF AGGIE ROAD AND OLD PARAGOULD HIGHWAY

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[Contract - Cameron](#)

Mayor Perrin informed the Council he will be bringing before them a resolution and memorandum of understanding to use the Associated Engineering GIS Specialist to help the City's new GIS Specialist get caught up. He explained Associated Engineering will donate their GIS Specialists' time up to 490 hours and after that the City will have to pay for services.

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-059-2009

RES-09:087 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Storm Water Management Plan](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-060-2009

RES-09:093 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF JONESBORO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Computer Use Policy](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-061-2009

RES-09:094

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Sponsors: Municipal Airport Commission

Attachments: [2009 AIP Grants Overview Form](#)
[Airport Improvement Program Grant No. 3-05-0033-016-2009](#)
[Letter handed out at the Finance Meeting](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-062-2009

6. New Business

Ordinances on First Reading

ORD-09:035

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

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

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

This Ordinance was Held at one reading.

ORD-09:037

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A 5' PORTION OF AN EXISTING 10' DRAINAGE & UTILITY EASEMENT. SAID PORTION BEING THE SOUTH 5' OF THE NORTH 10' OF LOT 58 OF TOWER PARK ESTATES, PHASE FIVE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, LYING EAST OF AN EXISTING 10' DRAINAGE & UTILITY EASEMENT.

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[Petition](#)
[Utility Letters](#)
[City of Jonesboro Letter](#)

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

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

Councilman Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adopt the emergency clause. 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 an 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-031-2009

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 Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

This Ordinance was Held at one reading.

7. Unfinished Business

8. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Perrin stated 31 out of the 33 sirens are up. He explained they are working closely with City Water and Light to hook up the sirens and hope to have them ready to go in four to six weeks. He added the sirens have silent tests, but they will continue to test the sirens every Thursday at noon so the public knows the sirens are working.

Mayor Perrin informed the Council they are taking bids for cell phones and data lines for the City. He stated they are also going to look into the City employees who have cell phones and decide if there are any that don't need City cell phones.

Mayor Perrin stated the department head retreat will be this Saturday, June 20, until 3 p.m. He then thanked the Street and Sanitation Departments for their work during the recent City auction. He added the City collected \$235,000 from the auction with the funds going back to the City.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman McCall asked the Mayor to look into the drainage situation at Country Woods Subdivision on Aggie and Airport. He stated he has received numerous calls from residents in the area. Mayor Perrin explained they have been out there and plan to look at the area.

Councilwoman Williams explained the Finance Committee has decided to have Wertz and Associates look at increasing the City non-uniform pension plan multiplier to 2. She added they are also going to run an RFQ concerning hiring an outside firm manage the Principal Finance Group funds instead of continuing to use Principal Financial to manage them.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to add an ordinance to the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-09:038

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE CITY PAY

PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO FOR THE POSITIONS OF CRIME ANALYST AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Police Department and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [2009 JAG-R Award Documents](#)

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

Councilman Moore explained it is a 100% that will pay for the two positions for the City for three years with no match needed from the City. He added the ordinance is time sensitive.

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this Ordinance be Passed. 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

Enactment No: O-EN-032-2009

Councilman Moore then discussed a recent meeting he, Mayor Perrin, Police Chief Michael Yates and County Judge Haas had concerning the City's jail bill. He noted they had sent a list of questions to the Attorney General in order to get his opinion on some matters and received the answers, which provided them with some assistance. He explained during the meeting the County agreed to present the jail bill information in a more understandable manner and they hope to be able to review April's bill in the next 10 to 20 days. He added once the newly formatted bills come in, the City could owe more or less in jail bills. Councilman McCall questioned whether any discussion had taken place during the meeting regarding the City and County portions of 911. Councilman Moore stated Chief Yates mentioned it, but the problem is there is no contract or agreement between the City and County concerning 911. He added an agreement needs to be made.

Councilman Hargis questioned the status of the new construction of the ASU overpass using City streets. Mayor Perrin stated he received calls about utilizing Matthews and Camerson Construction, who is in charge of the overpass construction, has discussed using Johnson. He added he thinks that part of the project will take a few more weeks, but was unsure of the specific time length.

Councilman Vance informed the Council they are working on a design for the new Street/Sanitation/JETS facility. He added they are on schedule for JETS and hope to start taking bids for grading starting tomorrow. He explained they only budgeted \$2 million for the project, but it could cost more than that to build it. He stated they anticipate presenting a contract for the grading at the next Council meeting.

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment.

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

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Donna Jackson, City Clerk