



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Councilman Chris Gibson arrived at 5:22 p.m.

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

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-09:028 Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on March 17, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-09:054 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 206 N PATRICK STREET AND 1413 W NETTLETON AVENUE

Sponsors: Fire Department

Attachments: [Recap of Change Order No. 1](#)

Fire Chief Leonard Jadrich explained this resolution will allow City Water and Light to provide free utilities to the new fire stations.

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

RES-09:055 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE A

CHANGE ORDER WITH CONSTRUCTION NETWORK, INC FOR FIRE STATION
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (#2 & #6)

Sponsors: Fire Department

Attachments: [Change Order](#)

Fire Chief Jadrich explained most of the amount in the change order is for concrete work at the new fire stations. He stated since the concrete work was bid out so far in advance they were not able to find companies that would bid at the time due to price fluctuation. He added the moving of the AT&T lines and signage were left out of the specs. He also added he is not sure why the fee for installing power to the two fire stations by City Water and Light was left out of the specs. He added the money is in the budget, so there is no need for an appropriation. Councilman Gene Vance stated he assumes the utilities going to the building will probably be installed underground. He added it may have been assumed by the architect that City Water and Light would provide the utility work at no cost.

Chairman Moore stated he believes City Water and Light had not charged the City for utility work before. Mayor Perrin stated he would check with City Water and Light as to why they charged the City for the utility work. He added if City Water and Light does not charge for the utility work, it will be removed from the change order.

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

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

4. Pending Items

ORD-09:016

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE TITLE IV BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 32: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE III, SECTION 4.32.31 (4) CHANGING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BEVERAGE TAX FROM THREE PERCENT (3%) OF GROSS RECEIPTS OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [Opposition material](#)

Police Chief Michael Yates explained the Revenue Enhancement Committee and the Finance Committee recommended an increase in the percentile tax for alcoholic beverages.

Chairman Moore stated the increase to 5% is within the state guidelines.

Chief Yates stated he had the City Collector check with other cities on what their base license fee is. He added Jonesboro is among one of the lowest.

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this Ordinance be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

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

5. Other Business

COM-09:045 Jonesboro Fire Department First Responder Response Protocol

Sponsors: Fire Department

Attachments: [JFD First Responder Response Protocol](#)

Fire Chief Jadrich explained he meet with Mayor Perrin, Police Chief Yates and 911 Director Jeff Presley on protocols related to responding to the calls. He added when the First Responder program started they were receiving an average of 20-22 calls daily. He stated they are now screening calls for life threatening issues. He noted the Fire Department is now down to 7-8 calls a day.

Chairman Moore asked if the 911 dispatchers will have the same protocol. Chief Jadrich explained 911 is the trigger and they follow the same protocols.

Councilman Chris Gibson asked what the cost effectiveness of the protocol will be. Chief Jadrich stated he does not think he can come up with a dollar amount due to lives being saved. He added he should have an amount on the cost of fuel after a full year of operation.

Chairman Moore stated everyone appreciates the help, but protocol is needed.

Chief Jadrich noted they have been following the protocol for 2 weeks and he sees no problem with it.

This item was Read.

Discussion concerning the Police Department's ICAC program

Councilman Mitch Johnson explained in 2008 the Police Department started a program called International Crimes Against Children (ICAC) in CID.

Detective Kelly Baggett explained the Police Department purchased a computer that will allow them to gather information off of computers seized during search warrants. He also added the computer requires software called Encase, which was left out of the budget. He added the software is needed along with personnel training to make the program work.

Chairman Moore explained this item does not require an ok from the Public Safety Committee because it is just a line item transfer.

Chief Yates stated the City will have the only forensic computer lab in the northeast part of the state. He noted they received a grant to purchase the computer. He added they were recommended for a grant to pay for the software by the U.S. Attorney General's office, but no one in the state received the grant. He explained they budgeted \$20,000 to do improvements to CID and the evidence area, but they did not have to spend the money and that is where the money for the software is coming from.

Councilman Johnson noted this software will allow for the evidence to be taken care of in-house.

*Chairman Moore questioned when the software would be online and operational.
Chief Yates answered hopefully by the end of the year.*

Discussion of letter to CALEA

Chief Yates explained he sent a letter to CALEA requesting they send their inspectors to inspect the Police Department for national accreditation. He added once they have passed the two meetings, they will receive the accreditation.

Black Iron Shooting Range

Councilman Mikel Fears explained he was asked by the Black Iron Shooting Range to let City employees know they offer discounts. He added the fee to enroll is \$60.00 a year.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

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

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