



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

4:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Perrin was not in attendance.

Present 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Darrel Dover and Todd Burton

Absent 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

3. Approval of minutes

MIN-16:035

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on March 29, 2016

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

4. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-16:039

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR 2016 TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT ROUND EIGHT REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THE PATRICK STREET CONNECTOR AND OVERPASS PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Grants, MPO and Engineering

City Engineer Craig Light explained the Patrick Street overpass project is the largest project that will be completely locally funded. There are no funds available from the Highway Department to help fund the project because it is located on a city street, so they would like to apply for the Tiger Grant. They are proposing different items with this project, including the closing of Fisher Street after the completion of the project which may result in funding from the railroad companies for the overpass project in addition to the Tiger Grant. He noted the minimum local match would be 20%, but it

may be larger in the final application. They also anticipate Bridge Street being closed in the future to vehicle traffic. In the past few years, they have spent \$800,000 to make improvements on Bridge Street in order to extend the life of the bridge. But, the bridge should be considered for closing to vehicle traffic and leaving it with bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Vehicle traffic would be transitioned to this overpass on Patrick Street. Those specifics will be included on the Tiger Grant application, but without any sort of timeline.

Councilman Street asked if this would also result in the prioritization of the widening of Patrick Street. Mr. Light noted they included funding for design work in the Tiger Grant application for the entire length of the improvements, not just for the bridge itself. This would allow them to have plans ready for the entire roadway, and then receive funding for the two phases of the project. They are estimating \$1.5 million for design fees, which will be a portion of the local contribution. He added a contract will be have to be approved by the City Council in the future to move forward with the project. Right now, they are just submitting an application to see if the city can receive funding for the project.

Councilman Burton questioned how long the life span of the Bridge Street bridge will be increased if vehicle traffic was deterred to the possible Patrick Street overpass. Mr. Light stated it would add some life to the bridge, but he can't be sure by how much. He noted the bridge was built in 1936, so by the time this project is completed the bridge will be pushing 90 years old.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams;John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

RES-16:042

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDED FY2015 CDBG ACTION PLAN WITH REVISED BUDGET TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [2015 Amended Action Plan 3.8.16](#)
[2015 Action Plan 4.9.15](#)

Grants Administrator Kimberly Marshall explained HUD found \$230,000 in their bank account that they tracked back to 2005. After researching where the money came from, they found it was from sales tax monies. HUD informed them they had to spend the money, so they are amending the 2015 Action Plan. The money will allow them to put a little over a mile in sidewalks in north Jonesboro around Word and Belt Streets.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams;John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

RES-16:044

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF 1 SOCCER FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Arkansas State 2016.pdf](#)

Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler stated this is ASU's renewal after five years. It is a typical sponsorship for \$12,500 for five years.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

RES-16:045

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO SUBMIT THE FY 2016 CDBG ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [2016 Action Plan draft rev03222016](#)

Ms. Marshall discussed the 2016 Action Plan. This will finish up the last of the five-year consolidated plan. Funding was increased by \$14,000, bringing the total up to \$588,535. They will be updating Lewellen Park, as well as setting aside \$175,000 for rehabbing homes. Councilman Street asked if that was part of the money intended to be used if the Property Maintenance Code is approved. Ms. Marshall answered yes. She explained it is for homeowners who have low to moderate income and fit their criteria. If they are approved for funding, they will bring the home up to standard. She noted there is also emergency funding as well as \$20,000 for demolitions.

Councilman Street then asked about the \$5,000 funding for the West End Association. Ms. Marshall explained it is for lighting the neighborhood. They toured the neighborhood with Lt. Todd Nelson from Code Enforcement to determine criminal activity hot spots. They think lighting will help reduce the crime in that area in order to encourage mixed income families to live in that area.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Todd Burton, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the

following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; John Street and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Rennell Woods