



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:15 P.M.

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 8 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent 4 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Tim McCall and Chris Gibson

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilman Frierson abstained from voting on the consent agenda due to business connections with City Water and Light.

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

Aye: 7 - Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 4 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Tim McCall and Chris Gibson

Abstain: 1 - Charles Frierson

[MIN-10:072](#)

Minutes for the City Council meeting on August 3, 2010.

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

[RES-10:089](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM ESTHER L. KITTERMAN REVOCABLE TRUST FOR THE

PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-076-2010

RES-10:090

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM CITY WATER & LIGHT PLANT

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-077-2010

RES-10:093

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATES AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FOR THE JONESBORO, ARKANSAS MASTER DRAINAGE PLAN STUDY

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-078-2010

RES-10:096

A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NETTLETON LODGE 657

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-079-2010

6. NEW BUSINESS***ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING*****ORD-10:069**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2010 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Finance and Mayor's Office

Councilman Moore 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.

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 matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 8 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 4 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Tim McCall and Chris Gibson

Enactment No: O-EN-048-2010

ORD-10:070

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-3 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2822 EAST NETTLETON AS REQUESTED BY WILLIAM GRIMES

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

Councilman Moore questioned whether there was any opposition to this rezoning. Mayor Perrin answered no.

It was noted the address on the MAPC Report was wrong. The address for the property is supposed to be 2822 East Nettleton.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Waive the Second Reading . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 8 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 4 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Tim McCall and Chris Gibson

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-10:095

A RESOLUTION TO SET SEPTEMBER 7, 2010, AS THE DATE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000,000 CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS AND RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY REVENUE BONDS (NORDEX USA, INC. PROJECT); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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: 8 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 4 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Tim McCall and Chris Gibson

Enactment No: R-EN-080-2010

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He congratulated Councilman Rennell Woods for receiving a state award for the Children's Food Program for serving meals to children at CityYouth Ministries. He thanked Councilman Woods for helping the children.

On August 2nd, ADEQ sent the City an air permit. They will be working on a September date to have an open house for the incinerator.

Two weeks ago, he asked the Police and Sanitation Departments to let Code Enforcement know of any code violators if they saw any while they were driving around the City. Within one week, 48 violators were reported to Code Enforcement. They will also be transferring \$51,000 in funds in order to proceed with condemnations on several homes around the City.

Documentation has been sent to the law firm handling possible litigation with Principal Financial concerning the non-uniform pension plan. He is hoping to hear something from them by the end of the week in order to proceed.

Central purchasing for the City departments will be split into two areas: cleaning supplies and office supplies. They anticipate saving money through this procedure.

The exit interview with Legislative Audit has not happened yet. They were called out of Jonesboro on business.

He, along with Councilman Darrel Dover and City Engineer Craig Light, visited with the Corps of Engineers this morning to discuss some issues and hear presentations. He noted the Council passed a resolution tonight on the consent agenda regarding a contract with the Corps for the master drainage study.

COM-10:082

Jonesboro Airport Commission financial statements for the seven months ended July 31, 2010, and 2009

This item was Read.

COM-10:085

Proclamation concerning the recent election for the sales tax for Public Safety

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street thanked Mayor Perrin and his staff for their work to inform the public regarding the need for the public safety sales tax. He also thanked the Council and the community for their support.

Councilman Woods motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to add RES-10:097 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-10:097

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE CITY WATER AND LIGHT BOARD AND THE JETS COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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: 8 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 4 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Tim McCall and Chris Gibson

Enactment No: R-EN-081-2010

Councilman Moore asked for an explanation from City Attorney Crego as to what Principal's justification is for withholding the City's non-uniform pension fund. Mr. Crego stated Principal's argument is the City has a contract with them and they are intending to stand by that contract. He noted he has a letter from Principal dated February 14th that details Principal's decision and he will send it to the Council at their request. Councilman Moore then questioned whether the City has an out in the contract. Mr. Crego states the City is maintaining that, yes, there is an out due to Principal's poor performance and self-dealing. Mayor Perrin noted they have record of at least one other city having the same issue with Principal in which Principal ended up agreeing to transfer their pension fund money. Councilman Moore asked if the other city had the same arguments with Principal as Jonesboro. Mr. Crego stated the case was not litigated, so he can't tell fully. He added he thinks in general the city had the same complaints as Jonesboro. Councilman Hargis stated they should also look into making Principal held libel for some of the investments Principal has made on the City's behalf.

Councilman Vance stated there will be a walk-through on the JETS building tomorrow. The building may not be able to be occupied due to the lack of communications in the building. He added there was a pre-bid conference this afternoon on the mechanics shop and the bids should be received on the 25th. He explained hopefully there will be a contract presented at the next Public Works Committee meeting for construction of the shop. He also explained the Buildings Committee is continuing to look at excess City property and they have identified one piece that they feel they have received a reasonable offer on. They are looking to present it at the next Public Works meeting. Councilman Hargis questioned whether the sale of that piece of property was being advertised. Councilman Vance explained the committee took bids on the property and rejected all of the bids. He added they have since received another bid and they will be recommending the acceptance of the bid to the Public Works Committee. Councilman Hargis then questioned where the property is located. Councilman Vance explained the property is located east and across the street from First Baptist Church near Kitchen and Logan. The property is south of Logan and behind First Baptist Church. He further explained they have received fresh bids on some of the property. He noted the Buildings Committee only makes recommendations to the Public Works Committee.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parks Department Employee Larry Jackson stated they all owe the citizens of Jonesboro a special thank you for the recent sales tax passage. He added the Employee Representative Committee also thanks the administration for their work to help get the tax passed.

Mayor Perrin wished his wife a happy anniversary and added they have been married for 42 years.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 8 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 4 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Tim McCall and Chris Gibson

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

Attest:

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