



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 7 - Joe Hafner; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-23:085](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee Meeting on August 29, 2023

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-23:170](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY A UTILITIES EASEMENT TO CITY WATER AND LIGHT (CWL)

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Tract 15 - City of Jonesboro Agreement](#)

Councilmember John Street asked to be recused due to being on the CWL Board.

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by Anthony Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Recused: 1 - John Street

[RES-23:171](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE

LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BAILEY CONTRACTORS, INC.
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARKER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER POOL
ADDITION (2023:24)

Sponsors: Engineering, Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Certified Bid Tab](#)
[Parker Park Final VE Recap and Breakdowns](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I will say that the base bid was almost \$3.5 million after the deductions and the value engineering. It came in at \$2,917,999.89. I did contact the Parks Director Danny Kapales and just made sure that he was comfortable with the changes in the contract, and that he was good with everything. So, I am excited to have this pool coming next year for North Jonesboro; but any questions or comments from the committee members?

Councilmember David McClain said, I have a quick question. So looking at that \$2.9 million, so it looks like we are going to do more than just the pool. I see that we have a concession stand. Chairman Joe Hafner said, that came out. Councilmember David McClain said, okay, the concession stand came out. What all came out, because it looks like it is over \$481,980.11 of value engineering, if you will? And do we feel like this budget would not change drastically also? I mean, it's \$2.9. Do we think there is going to be something that comes back and all of the sudden, hey, the price shot through the roof, or change orders? Chairman Joe Hafner said, I wouldn't think so based upon the sheets that were attached showing the changes.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, a large portion of that changeover was actually some parking lot work that was proposed that just doesn't seem like it needs to be considered right now. I know our engineering department has been kind of looking at that to see if that was actually necessarily a scope of this project, especially considering that we are also looking at property there immediately to the south of that. I know Land Bank is in discussions with some of those property owners about maybe adding some additional parking over there. So it just seemed like those were two different projects, and I am not so sure that it was really necessary for it to be part of this overall project. That was \$200 something thousand. Another thing that we discussed regarding the concession stand is not the elimination of concessions, but just kind of the way that was laid out, where engineering is going to work towards a little bit more of an efficient model there to handle concessions that was similar to what we have at the YMCA building or the Jonesboro Youth Center, kind of some built-in windows into Parker Park. That was something that we felt comfortable that we could probably be able to negotiate and work through some solutions on that for a lot less than the deduction price on there. So really what you've got here is, you've got some bathroom work. You've got a really nice pool, the deduction on the fences. The fence that you are going to see is a pretty nice fence right there on the front end. On the back end, we worked through a little bit more feasible fence for the backside of the property that's not really so much in the visual eye. Over all what you are going to get is a really nice pool facility over there. There might be some tweaks and stuff to it here and there, but I feel comfortable with what this is going to look like. Dr. Coleman has probably been in a lot of these conversations, and he might be able to add some additional information on how that process played about. The line share of those deducted alternates had to do with parking lot paving type infrastructure. It doesn't necessarily fit what we are immediately trying to accomplish here.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, there were a couple things on the plan that we didn't think was necessary; but at the same time, the bidding of the fence at the beginning proposal, I think that was elaborate fencing, and so that needed to be changed so it would be a great fence area, but not so elaborate. I think the other money should be going toward the pool itself and all the amenities, which is a lot better. Mr. Richardson said, generally what we try to do is you start out at the high end on everything; and then you try to work towards what is actually reasonable here without taking away from the experience and the overall success and enjoyment for the residents that are going to be using it. I believe when we first discussed this many months ago, there was discussion on, well, this is probably going to cost more than \$1.5 million. In today's construction market, that is absolutely true; but I think this is a really good investment in that area and I think it will serve. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I didn't think the price was really actually that bad because I think maybe 10 years ago, they built almost the same park and it was \$1.7. So everything has really gone up, but I think at the price that we got, I personally think the price we got is real conducive to what we need to do and get it done.

Councilmember Ann Williams said, has there been mention of maybe being able to spend some of the covid money on things like dressing rooms and other aspects there at the community center? Is that a possibility? Mr. Richardson said, well this will have, and Danny can jump in here any time, but this will have dressing rooms and I guess a shower type facility for people getting out of the pool. Councilmember Ann Williams said, could we spend some of the covid money for that particular thing, because you know there is a possibility of that being used for emergency purposes, like an emergency shelter at times. Chairman Joe Hafner said, I think that is what they are referencing when they say the American Rescue Plan Act. Councilmember Ann Williams said, okay. Mr. Richardson said, yes, because the current budget is \$1.5 million. The requested price is \$2.917, so basically the balance of that would be an appropriation of \$1.417 and 89 cents in ARPA funding. Councilmember Ann Williams said, can't some of that be spent on the parking and some other aspects of that? Mr. Richardson said, correct.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, is there like an architectural rendering that we could see? I mean, I don't need to see it right now, but just at some point maybe email it to us or something that shows what the pool is going to look like. Mr. Richardson said, I actually thought it was attached, but I may not have sent that down. Chairman Joe Hafner said, I didn't see it. If it was, I overlooked it. Mr. Richardson said, that will be on there before next week.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, this is the finance committee. I've already said before. I think this is a total need, but I am always in the mindset of that the eastern part of Jonesboro needs the same type of pool as some other places. I want to make sure that this is on record, that if we get this done, that maybe they can look at it later. I know you guys have a lot on the table, but at the same time, I guess I'll use the term 'I am never satisfied.' Because the whole of Jonesboro needs more than what we have. Chairman Joe Hafner said, is there room at Allen Park for a pool? Has there been talk about a potential pool over there? Mr. Richardson said, yes, potentially. I mean, you can make room in a lot of different places. I know that, as Dr. Coleman stated, a park in East Jonesboro is a very ultimate goal, and it needs to be a priority. We actually have a grant out right now that is in consideration to help support an East Jonesboro park facility. I feel good about where we are at, and I feel good about hopefully being able to acquire the property that is necessary to make that happen. But that is an absolute top priority is to invest in and build a quality, strong park in East Jonesboro. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I think it's more than just

an investment. I've said this before. I guess it is a redundant statement. You have so many people from the north side and east side, kids more importantly, that don't know how to swim, can't get to certain places. I think sometimes we don't look at that but I want to make sure that is said 100 times, and if somebody doesn't like it, I don't really care. But we have kids who can't swim. We even have adults on the north side, whether they are black, white, Hispanic, it doesn't matter. We need a facility to get on with it. Mr. Richardson said, and this will be a really nice learning to swim type pool. It will have a zero depth entry, so it will kind of slope down. So there won't be a huge drop off and you'll be able to comfortably try to get into that. I really think this will be the kind of facility that people all around the city will be able to enjoy.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:172](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 112 W. WOODROW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-24700, OWNED BY COLUMBUS ROBINSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: HALTOM'S 2ND ADD 50X132

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [112 W Woodrow Affidavit](#)
[112 W Woodrow](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:173](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 308 B VINE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-25400, OWNED BY DAVID & GAIL OESTERBLAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NISBETTS 1ST ADD PT LOT 3 59.10X123

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [308 B Vine Affidavit](#)
[308 B Vine](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, I noticed that these two on this are deceased. Do we still just put that in, and if somebody wants to buy the property, they have to pay those liens off? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, the lien is attached to the property. Councilmember David McClain said, that is what I thought, but I wanted to confirm.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:174](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS,

TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 405 STATE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144171-03500, OWNED BY CHARLES E. NOELL JR. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 2 in Block "A", Cedar Heights First Addition to the City of Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas, as recorded in Book 179 Page 63 in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [405 State Affidavit](#)
[405 State](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:175](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 ALLEN, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-30100, OWNED BY KENNY L. COLEMAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Block 13 of Meyers Addition, J JB Jonesboro City

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [500 Allen Affidavit](#)
[500 Allen](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:176](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 646 WARNER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144192-33400, OWNED BY NILE THRASHER FAMILY RE INVESTMENTS LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SHARP SUB N1/2 BLK 24 KNIGHT ADD

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [646 Warner Affidavit](#)
[646 Warner](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:177](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 716 W. WASHINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-17800, OWNED BY HRB PROPERTIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NISBETTS 1ST ADD PT LOT 2 E53'; PT LOT 4 S13' MILES REPLAT PT LOT 1 S13'

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [716 W Washington Affidavit](#)
[716 W Washington](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:178](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 816 HOOVER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-14800, OWNED BY ROBERT WHITAKER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 3, Block 1 of Dixon's Third Addition to the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [816 Hoover Affidavit](#)
[816 Hoover](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:180](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 922 W. JEFFERSON AVE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-29200, OWNED BY JAMES W. ROBINSON, JR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NISBETTS 1ST ADD PT LOT 3

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [922 W Jefferson Affidavit](#)
[922 W Jefferson](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:181](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1020 HOPE ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144173-04400, OWNED BY GARY TOOMBS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PATRICKS 1ST ADD 15X175 PT LOT 3 75X175 LOT 4

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1020 Hope \(232163 & 233043\)](#)
[1020 Hope Affidavit](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter

be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:182](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1107 BURKE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-00600, OWNED BY INVEST AMERICA, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 3, BLOCK 14 OF ARMOUR, MINNIE ADD

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1107 Burke \(232990 & 232462\)](#)
[1107 Burke Affidavit](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:183](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1119 BURKE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-00700, OWNED BY INVEST AMERICA, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 4, BLOCK 14 OF ARMOUR, MINNIE ADD

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1119 Burke \(232991 & 232465\)](#)
[1119 Burke Affidavit](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:184](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1212 FRENCH, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-11000, OWNED BY OLGA HERNANDEZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: CARTWRIGHT & FRENCH ADD LOT 3 BLOCK 11

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1212 French Affidavit](#)
[1212 French](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:185](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1328 HUNTINGTON,

JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18100, OWNED BY DKI, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 9, Block "C" of the OAKHURST ADD 50X145

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1328 Huntington \(232993 & 232494\)](#)
[1328 Huntington Affidavit](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:186](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1506 PRATT CIRCLE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144082-09900, OWNED BY JOSHUA JONES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$335; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PRATT SUB DIV OF PT SW 8-14-4

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1506 Pratt Cir](#)
[1506 Pratt Circle Affidavit](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:187](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2210 MARY JANE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-25300, OWNED BY FRANCISCO TRUJILLO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 3 BLOCK E OF FAIRVIEW ACRES EAST

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [2210 Mary Jane Affidavit](#)
[2210 Mary Jane](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:188](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2501 MARY JANE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-24200, OWNED BY KENNETH L. & DENA BRADWAY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 23, Block D of the Fairview Acres East Add.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [2501 Mary Jane Affidavit](#)
[2501 Mary Jane Case 232443](#)
[2501 Mary Jane Case 233070](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:189](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3116 RHONDA DR., JONESBORO, AR 72404, PARCEL 01-144311-00501, OWNED BY RICKEY LANGSTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: EDGAR'S RHONDA DRIVE REPLAT PT NE

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [3116 Rhonda Dr. Affidavit](#)
[3116 Rhonda Dr](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:190](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3806 SCHOOL ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-16500, OWNED BY OLGA HERNANDEZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK IV, OF WATTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FORMERLY TOWN OF NETTLETON, AS RECORDED IN BOOK 18, PAGE 621, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, WESTERN DISTRICT, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [3806 School St. Affidavit](#)
[3806 School St.](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:191](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4304 RACE ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-19900, OWNED BY CHARLES CRAIG CONYERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 15 of Earl Kiech Third Addition to the City of Jonesboro, Formerly Town of Nettleton, Arkansas, Less and Except the North 84.25 Feet Thereof

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [4304 Race St. Affidavit](#)
 [4304 Race St.](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I have a question, Chairman. I know this is quite premature, but I know that we are heading on the last quarter of the year before we are able to approve budget for January for this coming year. I am sure you all are working on it. I just wanted to know what kind of timeline and plan on probably presenting that to the committee where we can be looking at that in advance.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, in the past it has been like the third week in November or so. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, traditionally, we try to shoot for getting that in your hands to be able to take home and review over Thanksgiving break. I don't see any reason as of right now why that wouldn't be the case now. Obviously, the earlier the better. We kind of work through that process. We will have a little bit clearer understanding exactly when that is going to go out, but that is just the traditional time that it has been presented. I would assume that we are going to probably stay around that timeframe.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so great. Can I ask the committee, since I am the new guy here, is that usually a pretty good time for everyone on the committee to be able to see that, review it, and have an educated response? Chairman Joe Hafner said, I haven't had any issues with it. I think we've had plenty of time to have meetings. You know, technically, the budget does not have to be approved until, what, February or something like that? Mr. Richardson said, first of March. Chairman Joe Hafner said, yes, but we typically like to get it approved before the end of the year just so we don't have to do temporary appropriations and all that fun stuff. But I haven't had any issues with the timing of it. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, sure. Just thought about it. Mr. Richardson said, sure, and you know as always, if there is a particular project or subject that you kind of had in mind, you might shoot me or the mayor or Tony an email and we can absolutely make sure that it is considered and discussed and kind of have conversations about that. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, yes, and another reason that provoked that question was I know the mayor had talked about something that he is going to be presenting, some items that he had in mind; and he asked us the same thing, if there are some areas that we would like to implement. So that's why I was asking about timelines and so on.

Councilmember David McClain said, to answer part of your question, I would like to see whenever we present that budget. I know we have had a working session in the past, but a real working session where if we have questions and concerns or we would say, let's maybe reduce something here or we change the number instead of what is presented. We ask questions and really don't change anything, but we just get a presentation and we vote on it and that is it. That is my request going forward, so it's not just the same thing we have done in the past. I know in the past I've been told in previous administrations even before the two, they actually had a working session where they actually worked on the line items and said here is where we are. Do you

agree, disagree? We may change some things, again, instead of a here it is, approve it or not.

Councilmember John Street said, we have done that in the past, but I think that was when Ann was on the finance committee. We've been on there for beaucoup years, but we had a mayor one time who did not do the budget. We actually did the budget, which is not right. Correctly, it's our job only to approve or disapprove the mayor's budget. He makes the budget, we approve it or disapprove it. I mean, we can talk to him if he is willing to change something. Technically, he doesn't have to change anything. He can just present it. Councilmember David McClain said, I get that, but at the same time, if we are going to do a work session, I think it would be beneficial. Councilmember John Street said, well, I would like to have one to ask questions, but we shouldn't be involved in haggling about the numbers or doing anything while the mayor is writing the budget. When he presents it, we can say, well Mayor, don't you think that Parks needs another truck? You know, I know they have one that just broke down or something. You can do that kind of stuff, but really we don't need to meddle in the mayor's budget.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I think the working sessions that we have had at lunch time or early afternoons where we schedule two hours or whatever, I think we go into that meeting saying, hey, no action is going to be taken as far as forwarding this to council at this time. This is a time for back and forth and open discussions. If there is something that needs to change, then that is the time where he can go back and change his budget if he sees fit to. But I agree that we don't need to just have one meeting where we get the budget and then decide whether or not to send it to full council. I think we need to schedule a three to five o'clock meeting or whatever so we can have a good back and forth. What I always try to do is review the budget over that Thanksgiving weekend and kind of come up with my list of questions and send it to them. That way, to me that makes the meeting more productive when they have had time to answer your questions instead of just, here is my question about the budget. I would give them as much heads up as you can via email or phone call or whatever. Then you can cover that in the working session so it is public, and we can go back and forth that way.

Mr. Richardson said, I think the working session provides a really good opportunity for the mayor and the city council to educate and share what are some exciting developments that come out with the budget as far as capital improvement projects that are being funded. Obviously, the better job that we can do as far as making the community aware of what all goes into the budget, what some of those projects are going to be, and how the city business is actually run is always helpful. So I am definitely a fan of the working session; and again, I will repeat that budgeting is a living process. You know, those conversations have been under way for quite some time. I know that the directors have already been looking at their needs; and ultimately, they supply their needs and wants and their priorities. Then we have to operate within a limit on what we do have available to spend and what is responsible to spend. During that process, some things get moved around, and other cost alternatives are considered. Again, I would encourage you that if there is any particular area or all particular areas that you are interested in, just reach out during that process, not just at the end.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, and as an example of that, I sent the mayor and Brian and Tony an email probably a week or so ago about, and we've heard a lot about the trails out at Craighead and how good they are, that they are first class and all that; but I told them that the only thing worse than not having good trails is having good trails and not taking care of them. So I said, please make sure you review Craighead's budget and try to make sure that there are enough people to take care of the trails, enough of the

proper equipment, enough supplies. Because those things don't take care of themselves. They have to be maintained. I don't want to put a bunch of money into having really good trails and then a year later they are not rideable because they eroded, you know, and stuff like that. So we have to make things an attraction and we have to keep them that way. Mr. Richardson said, yes, and that ultimately has to be considered on any project, because the entry level for a lot of different projects is not the same as what it is going to cost you ten years later. That always has to be taken into consideration as well.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, you know, it may be one of those things where we may need to have more than one working session. I mean, they can always be addressed at that time. Councilmember David McClain said, again, I think not only should we approve the budget, I understand what our job is to do, but at the same time, we should also have some input in things that go on. We are elected to do a job, not only to approve things and not approve things. We should have some input, in my opinion. Others may feel differently, but in my opinion that is part of it as well. Chairman Joe Hafner said, I think we can definitely have an influence on what goes into the budget without a doubt, because we are the ones that, unlike the mayor, we hear from our citizens and constituents. We definitely need to make our feelings felt and see how it works into the budget.

Mr. Richardson said, well, and each year suggestions that come from council and the public are considered, and some are put into the budget. I would say that is something that is occurring, but again, I would be happy to converse more about that to talk about that process. Chairman Joe Hafner said, like the Parker pool is a great example of that. It was brought up last year and worked into the budget, and now it is moving forward.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Anthony Coleman, seconded by David McClain, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman