



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Final Public Services Council Committee

Monday, March 14, 2011

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was unable to attend the meeting. Chief Operating Officer L.M. Duncan was in attendance.

Present 3 - Charles Frierson; Ann Williams and Chris Gibson

Absent 2 - Rennell Woods and Tim McCall

Election of chair

This item was not discussed.

2. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-11:025

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH FRITO LAY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF SOCCER FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Frito Lay](#)

Parks Director Jeff Owens explained this contract is for the sponsorship of a soccer field at Joe Mack Campbell Park and is for 5 years and the total amount is for \$5,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion

PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Ann Williams and Chris Gibson

Absent: 2 - Rennell Woods and Tim McCall

3. Approval of minutes

MIN-11:004

Minutes for the special called Public Services Committee meeting on January 11, 2011

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Ann Williams and Chris Gibson

Absent: 2 - Rennell Woods and Tim McCall

[MIN-11:013](#)

Minutes for the Public Services Committee meeting on February 7, 2011

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Ann Williams and Chris Gibson

Absent: 2 - Rennell Woods and Tim McCall

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

Pavilions at Craighead Forest

Mr. Owens stated they are not going forward with the project on the advice of the City Attorney. He added he hopes to bring it to the committee in April.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING ORD-11:023 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2011 ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE CITY SALARY & ADMINISTRATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ADD A SOFTBALL COORDINATOR TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Owens explained he has spoke with Larry Brantley, President of the Softball Association, concerning this position. He added it is his understanding that Mr. Brantley told his board that it would be looked at and that it would be possibly next year before the City took over this position, but actually the City is taking over the position this year.

Councilman Chris Gibson asked if the position was budgeted for. Mr. Owens answered the position was not budgeted for, but the ordinance was passed by the Finance Committee on March 8, 2011. He further explained the position should bring in more money than it will cost to employ someone for the position.

Councilman Gibson explained he is a little resistant to taking on this position. He added he was a board member and volunteer for the park for several years and he is worried they will expect the park to go from what it is now to being like Joe Mack Campbell Park. He noted the City cannot afford that at this time. Mr. Owens stated he agrees with doing Capital Improvements for the park, but there are great strides that can be taken in offerings by the program.

Discussion was held concerning revenue that can be generated from taking over the park.

Councilman Gibson asked if the property was deeded to the City by the Governor. Mr. Owens answered the property is still leased. Councilwoman Ann Williams asked if the property is still owned by the Human Development Center. Mr. Owens answered yes. He added the City still has approximately 10 years left on the contract.

He noted the lease is renewable every year, but he wished the lease was for 50 or 100 years because it would qualify for more grant funding. He noted the property does not qualify for the Parks Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Grant because of it being a yearly lease.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Frierson adjourned the meeting.