



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Mayor Harold Copenhaver was in attendance.

Present 6 - Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:019](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on March 2, 2021

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-21:058](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIVE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CRABTREE & SON CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE PATRICK STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 3

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[Contract Documents - 2021 07](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-21:059](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN

AGREEMENT WITH COOPER MIXON ARCHITECTS, PLLC TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROJECT (2021:99)

Sponsors: Engineering and Building Maintenance

Attachments: [Agreement - City Maintenance Facility](#)

Patti Lack 4108, Forrest Hill Road, Jonesboro. My question to you all is, why is the city paying \$67,000 to the Cooper-Mixon Architect group to put up a metal building out on the Lacy Drive property? Apparently that was going to be adequate enough for the Facility Maintenance Department when looking at the facility on Congress Drive last year. Again, can you explain why we are spending this money to an Architect to design this building? Chairman John Street asked City Engineer Craig Light to come forward to help answer Ms. Lack's questions.

City Engineer Director Craig Light said that he did not know if he could answer the question of why the city did not purchase the building out on Congress Cove. Mr. Light went on to explain the he did know that the decision was made in the 2021 budget to fund the construction of a new Building Maintenance Facility Shop out at the Lacy Drive property. So, we've gone through the selection process to hire an Architect to design that facility. I think the budget for the project is at \$900,000. Chairman John Street said to Mr. Light, I think her question was, why do we have to hire an Architect to build a Metal Building? Mr. Light explained that an Architect is required for any type of Commercial Construction that is over \$100,000. Ms. Lack asked what the plans were for the old Building Maintenance Facility once that department moves out of it. Mayor Harold Copenhaver explained that he has been in discussion with Building Maintenance Director Ronnie Shaver regarding the next phase for the old maintenance facility. What we will do as a community or city is sell the property at that point. Ms. Lack said, okay. I know it had been brought up in conversation last year to see if it might could be used for the homeless shelter.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

5. Pending Items

[ORD-20:030](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 117.330(c), KNOWN AS THE SIDEWALK ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY IN PLANNED INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Letter to Council 9.8.20](#)
[Casteel email 09142020](#)
[Carlson email 11132020](#)
[Allen email 11142020](#)
[Vellozo email 11142020](#)
[McAvoy email 11152020](#)
[RWilliams email 11162020](#)
[Vellozo email 11162020](#)
[Only email 11162020](#)
[JWilliams email 11162020](#)
[Vance email 11172020](#)
[Nadzam email 11172020](#)
[Joshi email 11172020](#)
[Hardy email 11172020](#)
[Cormier email 11172020](#)
[Burns email 11172020](#)

Chairman John Street explained that if you have been following this ordinance then you are aware of its long legislative history. There has been several people comment and send emails opposed to it. But, I remind you that this is not up for vote here, this is simply sending the amended item to City Council. Mayor Harold Copenhaver explained that there has been no further discussion with the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce on this, and we recommend that it be suspended indefinitely.

A motion was made by Councilperson LJ Bryant, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams