



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present 8 - John Street;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams;Janice Porter;Anthony Coleman and Kevin Miller

3. ELECTION OF A CHAIR

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to nominate Councilmember John Street as Chair of the Public Works Council Committee. All voted aye.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:112](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 05, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams;Janice Porter;Anthony Coleman and Kevin Miller

5. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-24:181](#)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR TRAIL LIGHTING PEDESTALS AT CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK

Sponsors: Engineering and Parks & Recreation

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I have a comment. I went out there to look at that and it looks like the light poles are coming all the way around on the trail and that is really going to be pretty nice. Councilmember John Street said, oh, the lights are nice. That is really going to make it more usable I think and provide an element of safety as well I think. Councilmember Moore said, well, let's just say on that back side, I think lighting up the main trail where the exercise stations are a net benefit.

A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Chris Moore, that this

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

Aye: 6 - Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams; Janice Porter and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:185](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 3219 S CARAWAY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 3219 S Caraway Rd.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams; Janice Porter and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:186](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO HIRE DTA TO STUDY IMPACT FEES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Proposal - City of Jonesboro Impact Fee Study 11-19-24.pdf](#)

NOTE: THIS ITEM WILL COME BACK TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 AS A RECONSIDERATION ITEM DUE TO THE ITEM NOT PASSING WITH THE 5 REQUIRED YEA VOTE MINIMUM. THERE HAS TO BE A MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE TO PASS. IF THE COMMITTEE HAS EIGHT MEMBERS, THERE MUST BE 5 YEA VOTES IN ORDER TO PASS. WITH ONE MEMBER ABSENT, ONE MEMBER WAS THE CHAIR AND DID NOT VOTE, FOUR MEMBERS VOTED YEA, AND TWO MEMBERS VOTED NAY.

Councilmember Janice Porter said, I don't need a consultant's report to know that imposing impact fees on residential development will exert upward pressure on housing costs. Currently, homeowners are feeling the stress of large premium increases on their insurance policies. I believe that it is unwise to surrender our competitive advantage of relatively low housing costs. Imposing impact fees on commercial development will make recruitment of new businesses more difficult. I would point out that approximately 40% of our revenue comes from city sales tax collected by businesses within our city and another 30% comes from county sales tax collected within Craighead County. In their proposal, DTA notes that the courts would soon be issuing rulings that have the potential to affect the application of impact fees. For these reasons, I will be voting no on any further consideration of adoption of impact fees.

A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion FAILED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;Ann Williams and Kevin Miller

Nay: 2 - LJ Bryant and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

6. PENDING ITEMS

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams;Janice Porter and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman