



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

4:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance. Councilmember Ann Williams joined the Finance & Administration Committee meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Present 4 - John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Joe Hafner

Absent 2 - Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-18:107](#)

MINUTES FOR THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Attachments: [Finance Minutes 11012018.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 4 - John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Joe Hafner

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-18:184](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL RECREATION FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION TARGET GOLF PROGRAM AT CWL PARK

Attachments: [Jonesboro Target Golf Program Submitted Grant Application 2018](#)

Parks and Recreation Director, Danny Kapales, said that basically target golf is a program that was developed here in Jonesboro through our Parks and Rec Department. The game is made up of using irons. You don't use your driver. You don't use your putter. A kid gets to grab one club out of bag and has balls and gets to go out and play. So, you don't have to worry about carrying a whole bunch of equipment or

owning a whole bunch of equipment to play this game. We set up six holes out at Craighead Forest, which is where it started. The targets are twenty yard targets, basically rings. Where it came from was curling. I was watching curling trying to come up with basically a way to be a little league format for golf. And so, we took that red, white, and blue target and we paint those out there in a twenty yard format. With each hole, you get maybe two strokes. Wherever you hit the ball into the target, you get points for whichever ring you get into. The way we have it set up is we have five kids on each team. The three kids that score the most on each hole from that team gets to write their score in. So, they are competing against each other. Then, there is another team on the field playing at the same time. At the end, those two teams are playing against each other to see who gets the most points. So, it is a game that gives the kids an opportunity to get out and learn the game of golf in an environment that is cost effective. They don't have to worry about going to one of the major golf courses and playing. They get to play it on a flat ground where we are located. With this grant, it is actually going to help us put this over here in the middle of town over at City, Water & Light Park. We actually set up some of the holes there. It brings kids in from that neighborhood to come out and play the game. The other thing that we are going to utilize this for is the equipment. There is a piece of equipment out there that is for target golf that, it is not for target golf, it is for another program, but we are going to utilize it for the same game. It is an air up type target where you get these oversized clubs and balls that will stick to the targets. You work your way around this piece of equipment and you are shooting at targets on the side of it. So, it teaches you how to position the ball when you hit it. It is something that we would be able to set up on site for kids to be able to use, but we could also put it in the community centers during the winter months. Set it up and they can play this game on the floor. So, this is going to give us an opportunity to bring the game of golf to kids and bring them to an individual sport that they need to play.

Chairman Joe Hafner said he would like the record to reflect that Councilmember Ann Williams is present.

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

[RES-18:185](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR 2018 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Attachments: [FY18FPSNOFO](#)

Councilmember David McClain asked if we have been applying for this grant for a while. This is something that we have done more than now. Councilmember John Street said we have done it for many years. Community Development Director Tiffny Calloway said we have applied a lot of years. No, we have not been successful in this particular grant. This year was the first year that we ever got a grant from FEMA. If you will recall, the SAFER grant is the first grant that we got from FEMA since 2004. So, no, we have never received this grant. But, we are going to apply and hopefully we are successful this year. We have congressional support on this as well. We have letters of support going out if we are able to apply.

Chairman Hafner said it looks like the submission deadline is December 21, 2018.

Ms. Calloway said yes. Chairman Hafner said the selection date is March 1, 2019 and the award date is June 1, 2019. Ms. Calloway said that is correct. Chairman Hafner said even though it is FY2018, you actually do not get it until 2019 if you are awarded. Ms. Calloway said it is a little slow and that is correct. Chairman Hafner asked, if we do get this grant, how are whomever gets the fire alarms selected? Ms. Calloway said that is a good question for Fire Chief Kevin Miller. They do work in conjunction with the Red Cross. The Red Cross has smoke alarm campaigns where they go out into areas and they literally target neighborhoods. It is a really neat program. So, they are going to go out and hang little door tags saying that we will be back in the neighborhood and hang them up. Then, they go back in a couple of days and hang them up. They do try to target the areas of low-income as well who wouldn't particularly have fire alarms. This year, the Red Cross has also allowed to do multifamily. In the past, they have not been able to do multifamily. And, I don't know if you recall, here in Northeast Arkansas, there was a fire involving a multifamily unit and the Red Cross in the past was not able to hang them there. So, they do work in conjunction with the Red Cross. Chief Miller and his staff do campaigns to where they target areas that may not have them as well. I can tell you that they put a lot of smoke alarms in our community. We will probably have Chief Miller give you an update on that.

Councilmember McClain said he was confused if that was the same way. I know they give out smoke alarms, but I didn't know if it was through this. Mayor Perrin said it would be similar. Where you have gotten other grants before every year to get fire alarms. They have got that system down to a t on how they do it. Councilmember McClain said ok. Ms. Calloway said they have gotten grants from Firehouse Subs. They have gotten grants from various entities, but never through FEMA. Mayor Perrin said this was a good grant here. Ms. Calloway said we sure do try.

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Chairman Joe Hafner asked Chief of Staff Bill Reznicek if he wanted to give a quick update on the budget. Mr. Reznicek said we actually met just before this meeting, Finance Director Trever Harvey, Mayor Perrin and I. We are kind of in the final review, the final scrub. We are going to give you a copy tomorrow Joe and then ask you if you have time on Thursday evening to meet with Trever, the Mayor, and I. Then, we can go through the budget in some detail with you at that time. We are pretty close. We have been pretty aggressive in the methodology this year. We have got a budget that is going to be, it is going to be reflective of a considerable decrease of what we saw this last year in terms of spending. We are pretty happy with the product that we have now. Our plan still is to have it in the hands of council before Thanksgiving break next week. Chairman Hafner said he knows he has something Thursday night from 5-8 p.m., but I should be open most of the afternoon. Just look at your schedule. And, I will be available Friday as well. Mayor Perrin said we are going to be in Little Rock on Friday. Mr. Reznicek asked, what about tomorrow night? Chairman Hafner said I have something tomorrow night too. Mr. Reznicek said ok. Mayor Perrin asked, when is your

meeting Thursday night? Chairman Hafner said it is scheduled from 5-8 p.m. Mayor Perrin said ok. Chairman Hafner said there is a chance that I can get out a little early for some of it. Mayor Perrin said, let's just plan on meeting from 7:30-8 p.m. Thursday night whenever you get here. Chairman Hafner said ok. Mayor Perrin said ok. Once we get that done and go through that, we will have to get all of that together for you all, the entire council. I would hope that we can hand those out on Tuesday before we leave on Wednesday for Thanksgiving. You can pick them up here or if you want us to deliver them, we can. Then, you look at them over the Thanksgiving holiday and then we are going to come back and call a Special Called Finance meeting that will cover nothing but the budget. He will have some presentations in addition to the budget that you have got. Mr. Reznicek said that we will bring them Tuesday night to the council meeting, next Tuesday. Mayor Perrin said that is right. We have a council meeting so that is perfect. We will just bring them to you.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman