



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Services Council Committee

Monday, March 16, 2009

4:45 PM

Huntington Building

Special Called Meeting

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 4 - Charles Frierson; Ann Williams; Rennell Woods and Tim McCall

Absent 1 - Chris Gibson

2. New Business

Discussion concerning JETS budget appropriation

Mayor Perrin explained since JETS is funded by the federal government and the Arkansas Highway Department, there are times they do not receive reimbursements before the money is spent. He added this requires JETS to request the appropriation of funds to operate. He stated he asked for documentation of the funds before an appropriation is transferred from the general fund. He added he is requesting \$50,000 be transferred to JETS, which will be paid back to the City.

Mayor Perrin explained in June JETS Director Steve Ewart will present a revised operational and spending plan for the rest of 2009. He added the Council may need to increase the \$130,000 appropriation either in 2009 or 2010.

Mr. Ewart explained this is not the first time JETS has had the issue of needing an appropriation due to not receiving the funds in a timely manner from the government. He added he wants to make sure they do the procedure in line with OHA. He stated they spent \$11,000 for work for FEMA in January and they won't be reimbursed for a while.

Chairman Charles Frierson questioned if JETS will have money available to pay back the \$50,000. Mr. Ewart answered yes. Chairman Frierson then asked if the new financial process and the needing of the additional \$50,000 would interfere with JETS plans for a new building. Mr. Ewart answered no.

Councilwoman Ann Williams moved, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that the committee approves the appropriation and the matter be recommended to the Finance Committee. All voted aye.

3. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Charles Frierson adjourned the meeting.