



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, March 19, 2013

5:10 PM

Huntington Building

Special Called Meeting

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; Darrel Dover; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

2. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-13:013

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH CRITTCO CABLE & FIBER, INC.

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Quote.doc](#)

Mayor Perrin explained this project will be for communication lines from the E-911 building to the new City Hall at the Mercantile Building.

Chairwoman Williams asked if this needs to be placed on tonight's Council agenda.

Councilman Vance asked how many feet of cable does the price include. Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske answered the total price is \$27,300 so divide that by the \$9.75 to get the total footage.

Discussion was held concerning the price.

Mayor Perrin stated he received some information late today concerning if the City will be responsible financially if line is cut or or if it would be better to go through another company. He noted he does not have a problem with this company. He stated this ordinance is time sensitive, but he wants to figure out if everything is in the quote and what is the responsibility of the City.

Discussion was held concerning who would own the fiber.

Councilman Moore asked if the fiber line does not belong to a company and if the City calls in a cut will the cut be located. Councilman Fears answered that he cannot answer that.

City Clerk Donna Jackson recommended passing this ordinance based on the

contingency of finding out answers to the Mayor's questions so another meeting does not have to be called. City Attorney Phillip Crego asked what the Mayor is wanting an answer to. Mayor Perrin answered since the City is buying the cable will the City have to pay to have it fixed if something happens to it. Mr. Crego answered yes and this contract does not include the splicing. Mayor Perrin then explained if the City hired Suddenlink or Ritter who in turned hired another company would the City have to be out the money due to damage. Mr. Crego answered the City will have to pay for the broken line unless it was someone else's fault who is liable. He also explained this is the only company who does fiber optic lines and this ordinance is time sensitive and these are the reasons why the City wanted to waive bidding. Councilman Fears disagreed that this is the only company who does the fiber optic lines. Mr. Crego explained that is what he was told by City Engineer Craig Light who is out of town.

Councilman Dover asked if this ordinance is with the company who will drill the hole and run the line and if the City is buying the material from someone else. Mayor Perrin answered no the City is buying the material from Crittco.

Discussion was held concerning the fiber optic line and who owns it. Mr. Woodruff explained that the City's Information Systems Department would be able to repair the fiber line to the new City Hall so no one else would need to be brought in if the City owned the line.

Councilman Dover asked if the City does not own the line then there wouldn't be a service contract. Mayor Perrin answered that is correct. He added that by the City owning the line it is self insuring and the Information Systems Department has figured out this is best for the City.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - John Street;Darrel Dover;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

3. Public Comments

4. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairwoman Williams adjourned the meeting.