



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Monday, August 31, 2009

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance. Councilman Darrel Dover arrived at the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Present 5 - Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent 1 - Gene Vance

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-09:090

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on August 4, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis;Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Darrel Dover

MIN-09:091

Minutes for the special called Public Works Committee meeting on August 18, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis;Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Darrel Dover

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-09:126

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO STREAMGAUGES IN JONESBORO

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement](#)

Mayor Perrin explained the cost of the gauge equipment is approximately \$10,270 and \$25,050 for each year of maintenance.

Councilman Hargis asked if anything had changed since the committee received the information in July. City Engineer Craig Light explained the information in July was just communication information to see if the City should pursue an agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for the gauges. He noted if the gauges are not installed by the end of September another community will receive the gauges.

Councilman Hargis questioned if the City would be able to read the hydrograph in-house. Mr. Light answered yes, because the graph will be on the U.S. Department of the Interior's website.

Councilman Moore inquired where the two gauges would be installed. Mr. Light explained the gauges will be located in Lost Creek by the two bridges on Floyd Street and Whiteman's Creek at Nettleton School.

Chairman Street explained the City informed FEMA the gauges will have real calibrated data. He added the Mayor and Mr. Light are working with the Corps of Engineers to obtain grants for the City. He noted all the agencies will require some form of official documentation. Mayor Perrin stated the gauges will help the Corps of Engineers when they do their Master Drainage Study in that they will have exact water measurements.

Councilman Hargis asked how the two ditches were picked to receive the gauges. Mr. Light explained Lost Creek has the largest flow volume going east into the Cash River and Whiteman's Creek is in the area where the majority of the City's development is located so they were chosen to receive the gauges.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis;Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Darrel Dover

RES-09:129

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1718 BUFFORD STREET, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A DETENTION POND

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Mayor's Letter](#)
 [Offer and Acceptance - Easement](#)

Chairman Street noted this property is the last property needed to complete the Nettleton detention pond. He added the purchase price for the property is approximately \$10,200.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

RES-09:130

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 3730 MOORE ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIGHTING FOR THE WELCOME TO JONESBORO SIGN.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

4. Pending Items

COM-09:113

Discussion concerning sidewalk requirements

Attachments: [Sidewalk recommendations](#)

City Planner Otis Spriggs explained his staff has been working on the question of whether the City should start enforcing or modifying the section of the zoning code concerning commercial and multi-family sidewalks. He noted the public forum concerning the Land Use Plan generated a lot of input concerning connectivity around the City. He commended Ms. Pam Alexander on the work she did with the green space and the greenways and also for addressing the issue of connectivity in the City. He added Ms. Alexander has made recommendations concerning the construction and safety of sidewalks based on what other cities are doing. He stated the City is working with the Master Street Plan consultant concerning various arterials and collectors along certain right-of-ways where sidewalks could be implemented. He explained he is working with Mr. Light on the final draft of the Master Street Plan. He stated a lot of cities are adopting ordinances concerning sidewalks and bikeways. He noted he will bring a resolution or ordinance to the next Public Works Committee meeting so the committee can chose what to do concerning the sidewalks.

Chairman Street questioned when the sidewalk survey for Caraway Road would be completed. Mr. Spriggs answered October 8.

Mayor Perrin asked what is the deadline for the sidewalk survey. Mr. Spriggs stated September 10. He added the City will do an analysis on the results of the survey and then present the report to the committee.

Chairman Street commended Mr. Spriggs and Ms. Alexander on their work with the public forum for the Land Use Plan.

Mayor Perrin recommended having another public forum after the committee reviews the input from the surveys.

This item was Read.

Long-range facilities update

Mr. Light explained that he met with the architects this past week and they should

have the JETS facility plans ready within the next two weeks. He noted the dirt work is ongoing. He added the project has suffered setbacks due to the amount of rain the City has received. He explained he met this week with different city mechanics concerning what would be included in the fleet maintenance facility and how it would be laid out. He noted the JETS facility should be out to bid within the next couple of weeks.

5. Other Business

6. Public Comments

Mr. Rick Tribble

Mr. Rick Tribble, 3120 Casey Springs Road, explained the City added a trench in his yard to help alleviate the flooding. He stated he believes his family's health problems are caused by the landfill and requested the City check for methane gas on his property.

Mr. Tribble noted the house by the detention pond was purchased by the City. He stated he would like for the City to purchase his property.

Mayor Perrin asked if the ditch work behind Mr. Tribble's house was ever done. Mr. Tribble answered yes, but the area was not sealed with clay.

Councilman Hargis questioned how many other homes are located in the area. Mr. Tribble stated his house is the only house left.

Mayor Perrin stated he will meet with Mr. Tribble on Thursday or Friday of this week.

Ditch work

Mayor Perrin explained he has reviewed several of the City's ditches with Street Superintendent Floyd Lemm. He added approximately 4 or 5 years ago the ditches were cleaned out, but they have not been cleaned out since then. He noted the City does not have enough Street Department members to clean out all of the ditches. He added he may request RFPs be sent out for cleaning the ditches after reviewing the budget.

Councilman Moore stated the City should have a policy on how to maintain the ditches once they are cleaned out.

Chairman Street thanked the Mayor and Mr. Light for their work on a 50/50 grant through the Corps of Engineers. He added the grant will pay for a comprehensive Master Drainage Plan, which will include hydrologic and hydraulic models.

Mayor Perrin stated he has requested a meeting with the Corps of Engineers for the 23rd of September.

Left turn lane and traffic signals

Chairman Street also thanked Mayor Perrin for his work with the Highway Department so the City could receive additional grants. He noted the Safe Routes To School Grant could be awarded an additional \$100,000. He added the City was also awarded a \$124,000 grant to purchase 29 solar power school zone flashers.

Chairman Street noted the traffic signal at Parker Road and Culberhouse should be completed by the end of November.

Mayor Perrin explained Mr. Light is working on the engineering of the intersection of Parker Road and Highway 1. He added the City will go back 450 feet from the intersection to make a double left hand turn lane. He noted the turn lane at Parker Road and Caraway Road will be done next year.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance