



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

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

Absent 1 - Gene Vance

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-09:056 Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on May 5, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-09:056 A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUGGESTED RENAMING OF A STREET IN HONOR OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Moore explained the Mayor formed a committee to evaluate renaming a street in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He added the committee recommended to Council renaming one of the overpasses on Highway 63 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. along with the consideration if the City built a new street that the City would consider renaming the new street after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He stated this resolution needs to be amended to say "consider" instead of "given" in number 2 of the resolution.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this resolution be amended to say "consider" instead of "given" in number 2 of the resolution and 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-09:085 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAMERON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REALIGNMENT OF THE INTERSECTION OF AGGIE ROAD AND OLD PARAGOULD HIGHWAY

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[Contract - Cameron](#)

Chairman Street explained the winning contract was not signed by the contractor. He added City Attorney Phillip Crego stated the committee can choose whether or not to enter into a contract with contractor who did not properly sign their contract. He noted it is not fair to other contractors who bid on City projects if the City can pick and choose who they want to use due to mistakes made on the contracts.

City Engineer Craig Light explained when Meadows Construction was notified of the bid error, they wrote a letter to the City stating they stood behind their bid and would enter into contract, if the City chose to do so.

Councilman Moore stated he cannot award the contract due to the error. Councilman Hargis stated it could put the City in legal jeopardy if they do not follow the law. Mr. Light stated it is his understanding the City would be in accordance with the law if the City awards the contract to Meadows Construction.

Councilman Moore stated the City has to have a procedure and it needs to be followed or it could cause the City further problems with future clerical errors.

Mayor Perrin asked if the City would be allowed to negotiate the contract with the second lowest bidder. Councilman Moore stated the Mayor should check with Mr. Crego to see if they City can negotiate the contract.

Mayor Perrin explained this was the second time in the last 30 days a clerical error on a bid contract has occurred. He added he will visit with Purchasing Agent Steve Kent and Finance Director Jim Barksdale tomorrow about this matter.

Discussion was held concerning bidding procedures.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that the second qualified bidder be awarded the contract and 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-09:087 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Storm Water Management Plan](#)

Mr. Light explained in order for the City to operate a stormwater system, ADEQ requires the City to have an operational plan. He added the operational plan consists

of 6 different criteria that has to be met. He added the plan is a living document which could change.

Mayor Perrin explained they had meeting with 64 builders discussing how the plan will be enforced. He added some of his staff also met with the Homebuilders Association.

Chairman Street stated the plan meets the minimum federal requirements, but is mandatory by the government. He noted Arkansas is behind other states concerning how certain items are dealt with.

Mr. Light stated the operational plan is available to all Council members. Councilman Hargis stated he could not find the plan. Mayor Perrin noted the plan is in Legistar. Mayor Perrin requested that Mr. Light put together highlights of the plan and email it to all Council members.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, 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

Long-range facilities update

Public Works Director Erick Woodruff explained the preliminary plans, guidelines and estimated cost for the JETS facility have been prepared and will be submitted to FTA and AHTD. He added the City will submit the requested timeline along with the preliminary site plans and drawings this week. He stated he has provided some of the Council members with plans on where the buildings will go. He noted the City is on schedule and should meet with the architects this week or next week concerning the new site.

Councilman Moore questioned if consideration had been given to having preliminary dirt work done to bring the floor level to the proper height. Mr. Woodruff stated it is still a consideration, but no decision has been made. Councilman Moore questioned if the work would speed up the time frame. Mr. Woodruff answered yes.

5. Other Business

Discussion of drainage projects

Chairman Street explained some of the projects that were budgeted for in 2009 will not be started this year, which will leave extra funds to start other projects such as the Nettleton detention project. Mayor Perrin explained two of the projects are being held up due to lawsuits. He added there is also extra money available for use in the Capital Improvement Fund. He stated the City has already purchased the property and the engineering has been completed for the Nettleton detention pond project.

Councilman Moore asked about the Huntington detention pond project. Mr. Light explained the Huntington-Burke project requires a lot of utilities to be moved and the estimated cost is around \$2.3 million. He stated there is some minor flooding in the

area and believes minor work could be done to alleviate the flooding.

Mr. Light explained no good solution has been found to fix the problem regarding the Sharp Street drainage project. He noted there is a problem with the tile under the Hummelstein site. He stated the cost for the Sharp Street drainage project is approximately \$3 to \$3.5 million. Councilman Moore questioned if the plans to add retention to Sharp Street would allow for the structure under the railroad tracks to accommodate the water flow. Mr. Light answered a couple of preliminary plans have been drawn up, but nothing has been adopted yet. He added he would like to see a cost benefit analysis for the Sharp Street drainage project. He noted the City had an appraisal done on the McCarty site and it would be very expensive to purchase that property. He stated no money will need to be allocated for these projects. He stated if the City spends \$3 million on these projects, other projects will not get done.

Councilman Moore questioned if any buildings or homes were flooded in Sharp Street or Huntington-Burke project areas during the last rain storm. Mr. Light answered the Huntington-Burke area had yards flood and the Sharp Street project had some commercial buildings and a fire station flood, but no homes were flooded.

Mayor Perrin explained the City will be able to show on a map where all the flooding has occurred, which will help Engineering decide on what detention ponds to build. He added approximately 60% of the calls concerning flooding during the last rain storm was in the Nettleton detention pond project area.

Councilman Moore asked what the projected cost for the Kitchen and Steel Street project is. Mr. Light answered the estimated construction cost in 2005 was approximately \$450,000. Councilman Moore stated he thinks the City should do another ranking of the drainage projects based on the flooding calls. Mayor Perrin explained the City will be looking into prioritizing the areas on the 20th of June.

Mr. Light stated no money will need to be allocated for the Nettleton detention project. Mayor Perrin stated the Chairman of the Public Works Committee would need to sign the transfer so funds could be moved.

Councilman Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that Chairman John Street sign the transfer for funds and the committee be provided a prioritized drainage project list. All voted aye.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

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

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

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance