



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

NOMINATING AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-10:046 Proclamation by the Mayor for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Mr. Rick Turman and declared May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

This item was Read.

COM-10:047 Presentation by Phillip Steed of the Jonesboro Airport Commission

Airport Manager Phillip Steed gave a presentation concerning the airport.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

MIN-10:040 Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 20, 2010.

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-10:040 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CONTENTS OF THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THEIR ENTIRETY

Sponsors: Police Department

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-040-2010

RES-10:043 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A REVISED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO.

Sponsors: Human Resources and Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-041-2010

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-10:020 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH POLICIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF CEMETERY REVENUES

Sponsors: Finance and Parks & Recreation

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-016-2010

ORD-10:027 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2010 BUDGET TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER OF MONIES PAID TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION BY JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

Sponsors: Finance

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-017-2010

ORD-10:036

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; ALL PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX WILL BE FOR PROVIDING POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street asked for the ordinance to be held at one reading and for the other two readings to be held at the next two meetings.

Mayor Perrin announced they will be holding public meetings on May 10 and May 17 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers in order to answer questions anyone has regarding the budget, expense items, revenue, etc. He explained they will also be holding public meetings on every Thursday during the entire month of June, so the public will have at least eight times to discuss the budget. He further explained they are also creating a website that will allow citizens to ask questions and get answers to those questions.

Operations Director Gary Harpole discussed the current one cent city sales tax. He noted the one cent sales tax will generate an estimated \$13.6 million this year. He stated the City of Jonesboro has been deficit spending six out of the past eight years, meaning the City has been spending more than it's been making dating back to 2003. He explained the deficit spending has decreased the excess reserves, which will only amount to \$1.7 million at the end of 2010. Mr. Harpole stated if the 2010 budget was repeated in 2011 without any additions the excess reserves would be depleted by September, 2011. He added if they adopt a 2011 budget that is reflective of needed expenditures, then the excess reserves will be depleted in April or May of 2011, depending on sales tax revenues. He discussed the cost of public safety, noting \$27.2 million in revenue can be spent this year on operations and maintenance. He added \$18.9 million out of the \$27.2 million is for public safety, which equals out to be 69% of the City's operations and maintenance budget, and 74% of the \$18.9 million is related to personnel.

This ordinance was Held at one reading.

ORD-10:037

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A ONE-HALF PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; DEFINING THE TERM SINGLE TRANSACTION; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Mayor Perrin asked for this ordinance to be held at one reading.

This ordinance was Held at one reading.

ORD-10:038

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 117-32 OF CHAPTER 117 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM CR-1 (L.U.O.) PROFESSIONAL OFFICE TO C-3 PROFESSIONAL OFFICE/SERVICE RETAIL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2300 STADIUM BLVD AS REQUESTED BY BEN FORD

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Moore explained the zoning for the property will go from one commercial zoning to another commercial zoning. He also noted MAPC held a special meeting in order to get this done.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Vance who abstained from voting.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Vance who abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Abstain: 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-018-2010

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-10:025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY LOCATED AT THE LINKS AT JONESBORO, 3700 S. CARAWAY RD./ LINKS DRIVE AT HARRISBURG RD. REQUESTED BY KIM FUGITT

The third reading was held.

City Planner Otis Spriggs explained this rezoning is for the Links Apartments on south Caraway/Harrisburg Road. He further explained the ordinance will allow them to place separate water meters at each of the units. He added the density will not be changed.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilman

Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-019-2010

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

The City received an award from the Armed Services for the recent blood drive. He congratulated E-911 Director Jeff Presley, who put the event together.

They made a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors concerning Jonesboro 2030. The Board was impressed with the presentation.

He and City Engineer Craig Light met with City Attorney Crego regarding the review of ordinances to increase fees. City Attorney Crego stated their next step is to meet with Judge Blackman and will report back to the Mayor.

The Corps of Engineers agreed to work with the City on the master drainage plan.

He and Grants Administrator Tony Thomas met with City Water and Light concerning the energy grant. They will be doing energy-efficient improvements on some of the city-owned buildings, which will be funded through the grant.

Interviews are still being conducted concerning the Parks Director position. They received 30 applications and have conducted 6 interviews. He noted many of the applicants are out of state. They hope to have something in the next 30 to 60 days.

They received information and release forms from two cities in Florida concerning changes in their non-uniform pension plan. They will contact Principal to transfer the funds to Stephens. If Principal denies the transfer of funds, he will forward the information on to City Attorney Crego and let him handle it. He thanked Councilman Hargis for his help.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and place RES-10:051 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-10:051

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER WITH TRIDANT BUILDERS, INC. FOR TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY PHASE 1 - PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE - 2009:33

Sponsors: Engineering and Parks & Recreation

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-042-2010

Councilman Fears discussed the need for safehouses in different areas in the City. Mayor Perrin stated the only safehouses he is aware of are at MacArthur School and at some of the Nettleton District Schools. He explained he will contact the schools to see if they open safehouses during severe weather.

Councilman Gibson commended E-911 Director Jeff Presley for the success of the recent blood drive. He also commended the Fire Department. He explained one of his neighbors recently had a fire at their home and the Fire Department response time was less than seven minutes after the 911 call.

Councilman Hargis asked for an update concerning the pending lawsuit concerning King's Ranch. City Attorney Phillip Crego discussed the history of the case and stated the City has not been formally served. He added when the City is served it will be forwarded on to APERMA. He explained the lawsuit is federal due to King's Ranch asking for a reasonable accomodation in order to continue with their project.

Councilman Vance presented the Council with a construction update. He explained the JETS facility contractor is on-site moving dirt. He added they will be putting some excess properties up for auction. He stated they hope to put out the bids for the mechanics/shop building project in the next 30 days.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and add RES-10:054 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-10:054

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND/OR REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-043-2010

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Harold Perrin, Mayor Date: _____

Attest:

Donna Jackson, City Clerk Date: _____