



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Services Council Committee

Monday, March 10, 2008

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office was also in attendance.

Present 6 - Ann Williams; Tim McCall; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis; Charles Frierson and Faye McCall

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-08:028

Minutes for the February 11, 2008, Public Services Committee meeting.

Attachments: [021108](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; Tim McCall; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-08:034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF WEST NETTLETON & JAMES STREET

Sponsors: Mayor's Office, Parks & Recreation and Fire Department

Attachments: [Nettleton & James Offer and Acceptance](#)
[Nettleton & James Appraisal by City](#)
[Nettleton & James appraisal by owner](#)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; Tim McCall; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

RES-08:048

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROVIDER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND MICHAEL H. TEAGUE, MSW, LADAC, CCS

Sponsors: JETS

Attachments: [Michael H Teague-Sub. Abuse Prof.Contract](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;Tim McCall;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

RES-08:051

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH JETTON'S ELECTRIC INC. TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BATH HOUSE AT CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK CAMPGROUND

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Contract With Jetton to Construct Bath House](#)
[Jetton Memo on Cost Reductions to get under budget](#)
[City Bid Sheet for Bath House at CFP](#)

Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained they negotiated to make some reductions to the price of the facility. He further explained the contract price is \$244,912 and is mostly plumbing and will be made of brick so it will be used as a storm shelter. He added they will contract with Jetton's to construct the bathhouse. Chairman Frierson clarified only half of the \$244,912 is going to be charged to the City. Mr. Wilkie agreed. Councilman McCall noted the design has been used all over the state. Councilman Hargis questioned whether Jetton's specialized in these types of projects. Mr. Wilkie stated they don't; rather, they were just the lowest bidder. He noted Mr. Jerry Brackett felt comfortable with using Jetton's and that Mr. Brackett has been contracted to inspect the work. Councilwoman Williams questioned the use of it as a storm shelter. Mr. Wilkie explained the bath house is not certified tornado safe but with the blocks and without the windows and skylights the bathrooms will be safer. He noted it is not being built to safe room standards due to the cost. He added the only thing not included with the price is the demolition of the old building, which will have to be taken care of through the Parks Department's budget.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;Tim McCall;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

RES-08:053

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS PARKS AND TOURISM FOR THE 2008 OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [2008 Outdoor Rec Grant Contract 2-15-08](#)

Mr. Wilkie explained the grant is used every year. He further explained the money will be used for construction of section II of the greenway, a playground at Craighead Forest Park Access #6 and bleacher/dugout covers at Joe Mack Campbell Park. He added there are potential partnerships with the Rotary Club for the playground at Craighead Forest.

A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;Tim McCall;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

4. Pending Items**5. Other Business****Water Park**

Councilman Hargis stated a citizen had recommended putting the water park near Craighead Forest since that is where the water is. He added it's also been suggested to give free bus rides to Craighead Forest so more people have access to the park. Mr. Wilkie explained the contract for the feasibility study for the water park was tabled and they would like to bring it forward again for consideration. He asked for the resolution to be brought up at the Council meeting for consideration at the April 1, 2008, City Council meeting. City Clerk Donna Jackson questioned why it was tabled. Councilman McCall stated Councilman Perrin had some questions about the item. Mr. Tony Thomas noted the questions were to be addressed during the budget process. He added they have been working with Councilman Perrin to discuss his concerns. Councilman Hargis questioned if the study was budgeted for. Mr. Wilkie explained the cost would be split between their Professional Services account and the Mayor's Professional Services account. He noted there would be no additional money used for the study. Councilman Hargis questioned the timeline. Mr. Wilkie explained it would take about four months. He then discussed the process for the study.

Urban Forest

Councilman Hargis explained the new drainage project at the Pines had some nice trees and it would be something to look at. He noted the citizens wanted a sidewalk there that would go towards Greensboro Road. Mr. Wilkie stated he would be willing to work with Engineering. He added if they are going to lower the elevation of that site, then the trees will probably have to be removed. Mr. Thomas explained the engineer on the project looked at whether it would cause maintenance problems to leave the trees. He stated he does not know the outcome of what they looked at, but it was considered.

6. Public Comments**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; Tim McCall; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Faye McCall