



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Public Services Council Committee

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Monday, June 9, 2008

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

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### 1. Call To Order

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

**Present** 5 - Ann Williams; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis; Charles Frierson and Faye McCall

**Absent** 1 - Tim McCall

### 2. Approval of minutes

**MIN-08:136** Minutes for the Public Services meeting on May 12, 2008.

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

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

**Aye:** 4 - Ann Williams; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

**Absent:** 1 - Tim McCall

### 3. New Business

### 4. Pending Items

### 5. Other Business

**COM-08:058** Presentation and Discussion About The Management and Maintenance of Joe Mack Campbell Park; Responding To A Proposal By The Jonesboro-Craighead County Soccer Association

**Attachments:** [Proposed Solutions to Soccer Problems](#)  
[2008 CCSA Proposal for Upgrades](#)  
[Parks Department Meeting with Craighead County Soccer Association 5-18-2008](#)  
[Parks Department Meeting with Engineering over the Soccer Field Drainage](#)

*Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained due to the weather some teams in the Soccer Association held only two out of ten games during the season. He further explained there is a problem with drainage running across the fields at Joe Mack Campbell Park. He discussed the history of the fields and the drainage problems that occur, as well as other problems such as unlevel fields. Mr. Wilkie stated clay is brought into the fields, which is causing the flooding on the fields. Mr. Wilkie suggested sand be brought in because it alleviates the flooding better.*

*Mr. Wilkie provided the committee with proposals from the Soccer Association. The*

proposals included allowing the Soccer Association to authorize rainouts; for the City to making sewer and drainage improvements; and for the Soccer Association to have exclusive rights to the fields. Mr. Wilkie discussed each proposal and noted the City is ultimately responsible for the safety and maintenance of the fields, so they should keep the authority of calling rainouts. He added they speak with the president of the Soccer Association and the president of Jonesboro Baseball Boosters at the beginning of each year to determine what improvements need to be made. He also explained due to the state grant the City receives the Soccer Association cannot be given exclusive rights to the fields. He noted the Soccer Association does have primary rights to schedule games from March to June and September to November and they also have primary use of the concession stand. Discussion was held concerning the soccer games held at Joe Mack and the use of the concession stands. Mr. Wilkie stated that the Soccer Association would like the fields lined but that would be quite a task. He also stated that they do line the fields for the baseball teams but it was included in their contract.

Discussion was held concerning the dirt work. A representative from the Soccer Association questioned the City doing dirt work on the baseball fields. Mr. Wilkie explained this is the first year in three years in which dirt work has been done on the fields. It was also noted the baseball boosters pay for their own dirt. Mr. Wilkie added the baseball boosters spent several thousands of dollars for the work and the City helped out with the dirt work. Mr. Wilkie then presented the committee with proposed solutions for the problem. He suggested billing the Soccer Association for only half of the contract agreement due to the number of games that were canceled. He further discussed the other proposed solutions.

Chairman Frierson requested Mr. Wilkie and the Soccer Association get together to come up with a budget on what it would cost to recrown the field. He suggested the work on the fields be done over more than one year. He also suggested they write a letter to each Council member to explain why the improvements are needed and what the problems were when it wasn't done the first time. Mr. Wilkie stated he is working with City Engineer Craig Light on a plan.

Discussion was held concerning people using the fields without authorization. Mr. Wilkie stated they cannot always police the people who are using the fields, but they should be able to produce an authorization form showing they can use the fields. Councilman Hargis suggested calling the Police Department when an unauthorized person is using the field. Mr. Wilkie noted the Police Chief had indicated to him they would help police the area.

**This item was Read.**

## **6. Public Comments**

## **7. Adjournment**

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

**Aye:** 4 - Ann Williams; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

**Absent:** 1 - Tim McCall