



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Thursday, January 3, 2019

5:00 PM

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ELECTION OF A CHAIR

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to nominate Councilmember John Street as Chair for the Public Works Committee. All voted aye.

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance.

Councilmember Gene Vance was one minute late to the Public Works Committee meeting.

Present 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and LJ Bryant

Absent 1 - Ann Williams

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-18:118](#) Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on December 4, 2018

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Ann Williams

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-18:087](#) AN ORDINANCE TO TO AMEND CHAPTER 50-31 TO REFLECT THE NAME CHANGE AT THE DOG PARK AND CHAPTER 50-33 TO REQUIRE ALL ADULT DOGS TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED BEFORE ENTERING THE PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [ORD 18 070.pdf](#)

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, how are you going to regulated that? Chairman John Street said, I have no idea. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, if someone brings a dog that causes a problem that is not spade or neutered into the dog park, then they can be cited into District Court for violating our ordinance. We already had an issue and that is why. Councilmember Coleman said, I know, but I guess my point is how are you going to regulate it. It seems like they need to be registered before they go into the dog park. Ms. Duncan said, we discussed that option and I think there were a lot of people that didn't want us to have a registration process to get a tag or something that gave permission to go to the dog park. I think in some ways, that would have made things simpler, but in other ways, you would have had to have somebody that was in charge of reviewing those applications and making sure all of the stuff was there. It is mainly going to be if there is a problem and we are called out and discover a violation or if another citizen reports you. I don't think there is going to be someone out there inspecting the dogs, but I think if it is obvious that you are in violation, then you are subject to receive a citation for a violation of a city ordinance. Hopefully, just the fact that the law exists will make people abide by it to a degree.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Ann Williams

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-18:197](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO GRANT EASEMENTS (CONSTRUCTION AND UTILITY) TO CITY WATER AND LIGHT PLANT OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Easement Agreement](#)

Mayor Harold Perrin said, this is the property, Mr. Chairman, if I may, that we are giving them the easement. This is the Colson property. They are wanting to purchase that from the city which is the parking lot. We wanted to make sure and get this easement in there for City, Water and Light before it closes. Chairman John Street said, you are right Mayor. It is right across the street on Airport Road on the north side of Colson. Mayor Perrin said, correct.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Ann Williams

[RES-18:202](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM CHRISTOPHER AND DEBORAH HAAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A CITY STREET

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Permanant Construction Easement - Haas.pdf](#)

Mayor Harold Perrin said, this is the road construction that we are doing for the Nettleton School District which is on Bowling Lane and that area. Councilmember Chris Moore asked, is that for University Heights on that? Mayor Perrin said, yes sir. It is.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Ann Williams

5. Pending Items

Councilmember Chris Moore asked, Mr. Mayor, was that the last easement? Wasn't there someone else that we were holding out on an easement that we needed? Mayor Harold Perrin said, I think that this is the last one if I am not mistaken. We have purchased, correct me if I am wrong. I think that we are just buying this easement here because this is a Fannie Mae mortgage. Is there one more left? City Engineering Director Craig Light said, there is one more that is going through a condemnation on January 28, 2019, I think. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, it is the 28th or 29th. Mr. Light said, it is at the end of January. We have had a court date set on that one so soon as that happens, we will have possession of that piece of property. This will be the last one on the project.

Councilmember Moore asked, Carol, how does that work on that? I think Craig and them will want to start work on that when the weather breaks. Ms. Duncan said, the way it works is that I set it for a hearing on the first day in the actual case and I have also asked for an order to proceed. What the court can do is that they can grant us the order to proceed, at which point, we deposit with the court, the amount that our appraiser says is the value of the property. Once we either settle or go to litigation, we deposit the rest, if it is more than that or we get back some if it is less than that. Councilmember Moore said, that is what I wanted to know. Ms. Duncan said, they will give us the proceed to work order at that temporary hearing. Councilmember Moore said, I figure as soon as school is out for the year, we will work on it. Mayor Perrin said, as soon as we get this, we are going to get the utilities to start moving and move on. It is very dangerous for those kids. You have to go in and come out the same way. Councilmember Moore said, I just wanted to make sure we were going to post a bond for the right to proceed on that. I knew that last one was going to be a hold up. That was the only question I had.

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED

with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Ann Williams