



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Thursday, February 6, 2014

4:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 4:10 P.M.

NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 4:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent 2 - Charles Frierson and Gene Vance

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Perrin announced the City of Jonesboro won a City of Distinction Award at the Municipal League's Winter Conference for work with the parks system last year. He noted this is the third year in a row Jonesboro has won a City of Distinction Award.

Presentation to Mikel Fears

Mayor Perrin presented Mr. Fears with a certificate thanking him for his work on the City Council. Mr. Fears thanked everyone he worked with over the years. He added he enjoyed working for the City and will continue to do so in whatever capacity he can.

COM-14:010 2014 Capital Improvement Projects presentation by City Engineer Craig Light

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Engineering

Attachments: [2014 Projects](#)

This item was Read.

COM-14:011 Proclamation presented by Mayor Harold Perrin to the Annie Camp East Lab

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

The Annie Camp presentation will be at the next meeting due to the earlier meeting time with this meeting.

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. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Gene Vance

MIN-14:007 Minutes for the City Council meeting on January 21, 2014

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-14:003 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CONSTRUCTION NETWORK, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FIRE STATION #5 LOCATED ON NEELY ROAD

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Construction Network Contract Fire Station 5](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-013-2014

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-14:002 AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PURCHASE (3) MACK AUTO DUMP TRUCKS FROM TRISTATE TRUCK CENTER FOR STREET DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Finance

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

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

Councilman Moore questioned the ordinance. Mayor Perrin explained the City

contacted the company because this was the only company who wanted the vehicles and gave the City a good price.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-005-2014

ORD-14:004 AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING A UTILITY EASEMENT IN RIDGE RUN SUBDIVISION THAT RUNS ALONG THE BACK OF THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 9OF RIDGE RUN SUBDIVISION, PHASE VI, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET "C" PAGE 191, SUBJECT TO BILL OF ASSURANCE RECORDED IN DEED RECORD 773, PAGE 773 AT JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND TO EASEMENTS AS SHOWN ON RECORDED PLAT.

Attachments: [Petition](#)
[Planning & Engineering Letter](#)
[Plat](#)
[Utility Letters](#)

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-006-2014

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-14:004 RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF A RIGHT OF WAY IN REES COMMERCE DRIVE FIRST ADDITION AS REQUESTED BY ROBERT REES

Attachments: [Petition](#)
[Engineering Letter](#)
[Planning Letter](#)
[Plat](#)
[Utility Letters](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the

following vote.

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-015-2014

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

The City received a check from the Corps of Engineers for the Whiteman's Creek project. The check is for \$89,000. They met with the Corps about two weeks ago and were told it will take cost about \$250,000 per year to continue the project. The project helps with flooding in areas around the City, such as North Jonesboro. He has sent a letter to the state's delegates due to other cities receiving more money in federal funding than Memphis. He asked that no less than \$250,000 per year be sent to the Memphis District to fund Jonesboro's project.

He recently visited with City Planner Otis Spriggs concerning training the City Council, MAPC and himself concerning the rezoning process. He will be sending everyone emails so a date and time can be determined. He explained if everyone would've been more educated on the process it would've helped with the Casey's General Store rezoning case that was presented at the last Council meeting.

Joe Tomlinson has resigned from the MAPC due to health matters. He is not in a hurry to replace Mr. Tomlinson at this point, but asked the Council members to let him know of any recommendations they may have. The MAPC has discussed meeting twice a month and will vote on it at their next meeting. If approved, that will start in March.

According to Talk Business, the City of Jonesboro was #11 in 2013 for job growth. The City had a 3.69% job growth percentage.

The State Highway meeting is next week. The City has six projects to look at in regards to the cost.

He announced Mr. Donnie Gibson has been appointed Sanitation Director for the City. They are looking at streamlining operations to increase efficiency. Sanitation services are behind this week due to the inclement weather. But, everything will be picked up by Saturday at noon.

He would like to do a Clean Sweep this year. Mr. Gibson has some good ideas on how to handle it. He will be speaking with the owner of Hummelstein's to help with iron, metal and other recyclables. He will let the Council know proposed dates and prices.

They have the Moratorium Committee's recommendations and made a project spreadsheet. He will provide the handout to the Council. New ordinances will come out of the committees and be presented to the Council. The first meeting with project managers will be next week. Anyone can attend the meetings. He will let everyone know when the groups meet.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street noted the Council hasn't elected a President Pro Temp for this year.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to appoint Councilman Moore as President Pro Temp for 2014. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Moore who abstained from voting.

Councilman Street commended the Municipal League's Winter Conference.

Councilman Woods thanked the City for allowing them to attend the Winter Conference. He discussed Vision 2030 and noted it needs to be continually looked at. He suggested having a presentation from the Parks Department concerning future projects and what they would like to do in the future. He also commended City Engineer Craig Light for his report concerning the 2014 capital improvement projects.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and place ORD-14:005 and RES-14:005 on the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-14:005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED CITY COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES TO SET A STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR THE RESCHEDULING OF REGULARLY CALLED MEETINGS OF THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adopt the ordinance. All voted aye.

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

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-007-2014

RES-14:005

RESOLUTION TO MAKE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING FACILITIES COMMITTEE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, REVENUE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-014-2014

Councilman McCall, chair of the Nominating & Rules Committee, noted there are vacancies on some Council committee due to the resignation of Mr. Fears. If anyone would like any changes to their Council committees, they can email him in order for it to be presented to Nominating & Rules. He also commended the Street Department for their work during the recent inclement weather.

Councilman Gibson recognized the Municipal League for the Winter Conference . He noted Jonesboro is following in Northeast Arkansas' footsteps and that is something to be proud of.

Councilwoman Williams stated the Municipal League meeting in Rogers was a nice venue and it was very interesting. Mayor Perrin noted the Municipal League will rotate venues throughout the state now. The summer conference will be in Little Rock this year rather than Hot Springs. The Executive Committee will choose the cities to host the conferences.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Charles Frierson and Gene Vance

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk