



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

5:15 PM

Municipal Center

Special Called Meeting

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 5 - Gene Vance; Chris Moore; John Street; Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

Absent 1 - Mitch Johnson

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

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](#)

Mayor Perrin explained CNI was the low bidder meeting specs. He added the bid was for \$1,858,000.00 and if this is passed the City will be able to do a preconstruction meeting this week.

Chairman Street inquired if this needs to be placed on tonight's Council agenda. Mayor Perrin answered no.

Councilman Moore asked that the reason for building a new fire station be clarified. Fire Chief Kevin Miller answered Fire Station #5 is a replacement fire station and they decided to put the station on Neely Road due to the growth in the Southwest part of town. He further discussed the ISO rating recommendation.

Chairman Street questioned if this the last fire station from the ISO rating evaluation. Chief Miller answered yes.

Phillip Cook, 1562 Richardson Drive, asked why the fire stations are being moved from the Southeast part of town to another side town. Chief Miller answered the City still has a fire station on Harrisburg Road. Mr. Cook noted the City shut down the fire station on Stadium. Chief Miller answered the City did shut the fire station down on

Stadium Blvd. because the City felt like there was a higher density population that they were trying to serve. He added the City does not feel like they are neglecting that area because they still have the resources available to handle the need and population density. Mr. Cook then inquired why the City couldn't keep the smaller fire stations in certain areas and build a bigger fire station if it is needed. Chief Miller answered it is not about the building, but about the staff. He noted there is a huge cost with hiring additional personnel and that is why the City would have to work with the budget so the City can project what they will need in the future. Mr. Cook stated that means neglecting some of the citizens. Chief Miller explained he does not feel like the City is neglecting any citizens because the City is spreading the resources to the maximum for the maximum coverage to serve the maximum number of citizens.

Councilman Moore asked if the new fire stations that have been built over the years have helped lower or maintain the City's ISO rating. Chief Miller answered yes.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

4. Public Comments

5. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Street adjourned the meeting.