



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

SPECIAL CALLED FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:20 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent 2 - Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-12:074 Presentation of award by Mayor Harold Perrin

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented the Mayor's Citation for Distinguished Service to Mike Donahue for his 11 years of service in the Parks Department.

This item was Read.

COM-12:075 Parks presentation concerning the Miracle League field project

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Presentation information](#)

Parks Employee Sharron Turman discussed a handout that details the Miracle League. The playground will have a rubberized surface and will be handicapped accessible. They modeled the ballfield off a field in Bridgeport, Michigan, which is the largest Miracle League field in the United States. The City of Jonesboro will be building one about 1,000 square feet larger. Ms. Turman noted the closest Miracle League field is in Little Rock. They have been talking with contractors and other construction businesses in order for numerous businesses in the City to be involved. Councilman Frierson questioned whether they have received any sponsorship commitments. Mayor Perrin stated the playground equipment will be sponsored by St. Bernard's Healthcare. They also have received \$17,000 worth of donations and

commitments of over \$474,000 worth of in-kind contributions from businesses. For example, four lawn care companies in town have committed to landscape the whole facility. Brackett-Krennerich has designed the facility and George Stem from CNI will be the construction manager. Terry Bare has performed the engineering services. Dirt work has also been donated. All of those services will be free. Mayor Perrin also announced they have asked the State Parks & Tourism Board for a \$500,000 grant, which will be a 50/50 in-kind match. But, it will be late December or early January before they hear anything. They have also applied for other grants to help fund the project. They would like to start construction in March or April with completion around August or September. The first tournament will be sometime in September with three different states already committed to participating. Ms. Turman noted the field will be in proximity to the Human Development Center, so the clients at that facility will be able to utilize the field and the playground. The Learning Center will also be able to utilize the facility.

Councilman Fears added there are more ways that people can help other than donating. They need volunteers, officers and people to help with fundraising. Mayor Perrin stated Arkansas State University will be able to use the facility for physical therapy internships.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Charles Frierson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

MIN-12:086 Minutes for the City Council meeting on October 16, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

MIN-12:087 Minutes for the joint meeting of the City Council and MAPC on October 15, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-12:143 RESOLUTION PLACING STOP SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO RIGHT-OF-WAY

Sponsors: Police Department

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-173-2012

6. NEW BUSINESS*RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED*

RES-12:144 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS AND ROADS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Police Department

Councilman Vance stated he has heard a lot of concern about this. He asked that the Police Department try to keep the drivers at 25 mph. He added the City needs to push for the walkig/bicycle path, but in the interim they need to look at making the road one-way to help with the traffic flow. Mayor Perrin noted the speed limit was at 25 mph in this area at one time, but it was lowered to 15 mph without going through the proper channels. He added they are working to get the rubberized surface walking trail and the bike trail around Craighead Forest. Councilman Dover asked what would need to be done to make the road at Craighead Forest one-way. Councilman Vance answered he believes it would have to be recommended by the Traffic Committee, but he isn't sure of all the steps. He explained if the road was one lane, then it would free to rest of the road for pedestrians and bicycles.

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: R-EN-174-2012

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS*ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING*

ORD-12:058 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4309 EAST JOHNSON AS REQUESTED BY O'REILLY AUTO PARTS

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Street asked if there had been any opposition. City Planner Otis Spriggs answered no.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: O-EN-045-2012

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Mayor Perrin announced the hiring of Mark Nichols, the City's new traffic engineer. He previously worked in the Highway Department. They will be meeting tomorrow to go over some issues that need to be resolved. He explained Mr. Nichols will report to the City Engineer and will work with the MPO and MAPC for designs for things such as dedicated turn lanes, ingress/egress as well as other traffic issues. He will also work to coordinate the traffic lights. Councilman Street added Mr. Nichols will oversee the implementation of the computerized lighting system. Councilman Vance then questioned whether Mr. Nichols will be evaluating existing traffic lights and whether or not they need to be changed. Mayor Perrin answered yes. He added the City will do two roundabouts in 2013 – one on Aggie and Airport Road – and those will need to be looked at by Mr. Nichols.

The Southside Ballpark concession stand has been completed.

Bids on the Mercantile Center will be opened on November 13th.

The 2013 budget will be delivered on November 20th so the Council can review them over the Thanksgiving holiday.

They discovered Ms. Edwards did not sign off on the deed where the City purchased the Edwards property. That should be taken care of this week. The new deed should be closed on with St. Bernard's either late this week or early next week.

They have located a piece of property on Neely Road to purchase for a new fire station. The property will cost \$67,000.

Tractor Supply donated over \$1,100 in dog beds for Animal Control.

Valley View and Darr Hill has been approved for a traffic signal. They are waiting on the plans.

He had lunch with Senator Boozman to discuss federal grants. A lot of federal grants will be pushed to state agencies, so the City will have to work with the State to receive those grants. For example, the enhancement grant on Phillips Drive will be coming from the State rather than the federal government.

Ms. Sandy Ott, from the federal Highway Transportation Department, will be signing off on the project to extend Parker Road to Washington Avenue.

He received a letter stating the City won the 2011 Arkansas Volunteer Community of the Year Award. It will be handed out at the Municipal League's winter conference.

The bridge on Bridge Street has been re-opened. They will be meeting with an electrical company to put the lights in on the side of the bridge.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-12:194 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-12:194 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH BRACKETT KRENNERICH & ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE NEW CITY HALL, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MERCANTILE CENTER

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Contract](#)

Councilman Vance noted Brackett-Krennerich is about 80-90% complete with the plans for this project. The overseeing of the contract is mainly what is left to be done on this contract.

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: R-EN-175-2012

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk