



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Formon was also in attendance.

Chairman Moore stated that due to the new Legistar software the Public Safety Committee meetings will now have an agenda. He announced all items for the agenda will need to be put in by 10:00 a.m. the Thursday before the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-07:016 MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 17, 2007, PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING.

Attachments: [041707](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

3. New Business

ORD-07:68 AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AVL UNITS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Jonesboro_avl_bid_07.pdf](#)

Police Chief Michael Yates stated Cingular is the only unit that works with the equipment in the police cars, which is why they need to waive competitive bidding.

A motion was made by Councilperson Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilperson Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to the Finance & Administration Committee. The motion CARRIED.

RES-07:82 A RESOLUTION TO PLACE STOP SIGNS AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS WITHIN THE City of Jonesboro

Sponsors: Police Department

Chief Yates explained it's his understanding the signs are already installed, but a resolution has not been passed to approve them. He added the resolution has not been through the approval process.

A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED

Ordinance concerning conversion of police positions

Chief Yates stated the ordinance would need to go to the Finance Committee before being sent to Council. He explained he did not get the ordinance back from the City Attorney's Office in time to make it on the agenda. Chairman Moore stated from now on any item that is being brought to the committee for consideration will need to be in Legistar and on the agenda so the committee will be able to see related information and who has approved the items. Mayor Formon stated he did not have a problem with the positions and did approve it, but he did not want to get off track with the software. Chief Yates noted upgrading the police officers to sergeants is budget neutral. Councilman Perrin motioned, seconded by Councilman McCall, to recommend the ordinance to the Finance Committee. All voted aye.

4. Pending Items

Clarke Mosquito Control update

Mr. Wes Gruenberg gave the committee an update on their services. He stated they have been using their traps a lot. He stated on high nights there will be about 200 in the trap. Councilman McCall questioned whether there have been any calls for mosquito services at a special event. Mr. Gruenberg they received one call from a citizen who was having a wedding. He added in order for things to not get out of control if someone has a special event they would be willing to do it for an extra fee. He also explained they will use the requests as a way to gauge their spraying in the area. He further questioned who should be contacted to make the decision as to whether a citizen's request for spraying a special event should be used from the pool of 20 that can be used. Mr. Gruenberg stated they have two flyovers in the contract as well. He mentioned doing an aerial spray around the time they predict a big brood of mosquitos to come up. Councilman Perrin noted the salesman stated the contract would be for a minimum of two aerial sprays with more if needed. Mr. Gruenberg stated that was correct, but they believe they can control the mosquito population with their ground control. Mayor Formon questioned whether they are contacting Code Enforcement when they find areas on private property that are retaining a lot of water. Mr. Gruenberg stated it depends on what the situation is like. Mayor Formon stated if they find a trouble area they should contact Public Works Director Erick Woodruff, who will then determine whether it's public or private property and how to handle it. Chairman Moore asked for Mr. Gruenberg to be added under Pending Items until the end of the mosquito control season.

5. Other Business

Veterinarian contracts

Chief Yates explained they sent out letters to several veterinary offices for services. He stated they will be paid \$40 per hour that they work. He noted they will have more information concerning responses at the next committee meeting. Chief Yates also stated City Attorney Phillip Crego indicated they could contract for services as long as the City gives each clinic an opportunity to offer their services.

Sign near Discovery daycare

Councilman McCall questioned the status of a citizen's request for a blinking sign near the daycare. Chief Yates stated the citizen can contact BJ Smith and talk to the Traffic Committee about putting a sign up.

Downtown parking ordinance

Chief Yates asked to plan to address the ordinance at the next Public Safety meeting.

Chairman Moore stated as long as it's on the agenda, then they'll address it. Chief Yates noted Mr. Crego had questions about the ordinance, which is why it was not addressed at this meeting. Councilman McCall questioned whether the downtown association has looked at the ordinance. Chief Yates stated they have had input from the beginning.

Reverse 911

Mayor Formon explained 911 Director Bob Andrews has been researching reverse-911 and has received some complaints from some cities in central Arkansas who use it. He further explained one complaint is not being able to keep their phone numbers up to date with the phone companies. He added Mr. Andrews is still checking into reverse 911.

Discussion concerning Mr. and Mrs. Eaton's pig, Ruddy.

Mrs. Eaton questioned whether Mr. Crego received the information she sent regarding pot-bellied pigs. Mr. Crego stated he is waiting on the committee to give him direction as to what they would like him to do. Mrs. Eaton discussed Ruddy and stated if a revision is not made to the Code then the City may come across this problem again. Councilman McCall questioned whether there are any other cities in the state of Arkansas that allow pot-bellied pigs. Mrs. Eaton stated she did not know of any cities in Arkansas, but was able to receive information off the Internet concerning other cities in the country that allow pot-bellied pigs. She explained the Police Chief in Paragould indicated they do not have an ordinance regarding pot-bellied pigs, but they are not disallowed. Chief Yates stated it doesn't make any difference to the Police Department whether the Code is revised. Chairman Moore stated he is not in favor of changing the code to allow pot-bellied pigs. He stated he performed research on the Internet and found at least five cities that specifically outlawed pot-bellied pigs within city limits. Mayor Formon explained with his families pigs if there are several it can cause an odor problem, so if a revision is made then an acreage requirement should be made in order to prevent any odors from intruding on neighbors. Mrs. Eaton noted most of the codes she found had weight limits on them. Chairman Moore expressed concern over other owners who would not keep up their pot-bellied pig like Mrs. Eaton has. Mayor Formon questioned whether Mrs. Eaton knew of any other pot-bellied pig owners in the City. Mrs. Eaton stated she knows of four others, but does not know who they are. Councilman McCall stated he would like to know what other cities in the state of Arkansas allow pot-bellied pigs. Mrs. Eaton stated she doesn't know but can research it. Chief Yates stated a decision needs to be made soon because there is a pending case on the matter. Chairman Moore stated unless the Code is revised then things will proceed as usual.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED.