



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

4:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

The meeting started at 4:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance.

Present 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Joe Hafner

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:039](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on April 28, 2020.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and LJ Bryant

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-20:016](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE BIDS AND PAY FOR DEBRIS CONTAINERS AND HAULING RELATED TO THE TORNADO EMERGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Waste Pro. Initial Invoice](#)
[WastePro Final Airport Invoice](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner asked if there was anyone that had comments or questions. Councilmember John Street asked Mayor Harold Perrin if we would receive a 75% reimbursement on this. Mayor Harold Perrin stated yes, 75% of the cost will be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Chairman Joe Hafner said that the 75% would be a little over \$25,000, and Mayor Perrin said that is correct.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I'll say this, since I am kind of in this business. The dollar amount that was charged compared to what I know, and I came within a \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. So, I think the rates that are being charged overall, especially after the credit of almost \$4,700.00 was given it appears to me to be a fair rate.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-20:056](#)

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY20 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sponsors: Grants, Parks & Recreation and Engineering

Attachments: [Project Cost Estimate Sheet-TAP-2020](#)
[Washington Connection-TAP.](#)
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Councilmember David McClain stated to Chairman Joe Hafner that he had a question, and to please correct him if he was wrong. Councilmember McClain said that we have applied for something like this before. Is this the second time we weren't successful in getting it. Mayor Harold Perrin said no. This is the TAP Grant that we apply for every year and we have gotten a little over a million dollars for this project already. Mayor Perrin explain that we were applying again. Their share would be \$355,516, and our share would be \$88,879, which is the eighty twenty match. This would all go towards that connectivity between Arkansas State University and downtown Jonesboro. Councilmember McClain said okay. So, this is in addition to money we already have. Mayor Harold Perrin said, that is correct. We have earmarked the money that we have been getting just for that project. Chairman Joe Hafner stated like Mayor Perrin said we already have some money devoted to this project. I think it will be really neat when this project is actually done.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road has a question. Mayor Perrin said let me first ask if Finance Director Steve Purtee is connected to the ZOOM meeting. Chairman Joe Hafner asked what the question was. Mayor Harold Perrin said the question from Patti Lack is how much has been raised for this project?

Mayor Harold Perrin said the answer that I would give you Patti is, well over a million dollars. I can't tell you the exact amount to the penny. Mayor Perrin was informed that Finance Director, Steve Purtee had joined the meeting. Mayor Perrin asked Mr. Purtee on the ASU connectivity project with the TAP Grants we've calculated over the last two to three years, plus others, what do we have in that account now?

Finance Director Steve Purtee said yes, with grant proceeds that we are expecting, we are anticipating additional grant funds of just under a million dollars. Mayor Harold

Perrin said so, it is close to a million dollars before we get this? Mr. Purtee said that is correct. So, to answer the question from Patti Lack we are close to a million dollars now, and of course we will be applying for this grant which will put us over a million dollars. Chairman Joe Hafner asked if that answered Mrs. Lack's question. Chief of Staff Mike Downing said yes.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-20:057](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR 2020 OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY PARTNERSHIP (ORLP)

Sponsors: Grants and Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Notice of Fund Opportunity, Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Map, East Side Park Buffers](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-20:058](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CRAIGHEAD COUNTY JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Finance

Attachments: [Public Service Contract, Library](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said Mayor Perrin, and Finance Director Steve Purtee to correct him if he was wrong. Chairman Hafner said this is just a pass through of the two mil property tax that the city receives specifically for the Library operations, this isn't something that the city collects. It really doesn't come out of the city's general fund or anything like that.

Again, it is just a pass through that the city collects, and turns over to the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library. Mayor Harold Perrin said that is correct. As you all know, this is passed prior to the year end, so that the Craighead County Judge can put it on the tax millage so that they can collect it. This is just a contract for a pass through.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Mayor Harold Perrin said that I think you all, as well as members of the council received April's financial figures, and I'm sure Finance Steve Purtee has gotten those on the web-site. We did end through April in the black, a little over a half of a million dollars, which is good. So, now we will see how our revenue ends, or start to decline probably next month. But, so far it is looking good. Councilmember John Street said we sure saved some money on fuel.

[RES-20:059](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR FY 2020 BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Sponsors: Grants and Police Department

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant

7. Public Comments

Nick Wysocki, 107 Harvester Drive, Jonesboro, AR. Wanted to know if someone could comment on how we are continuing to pay for the Shooting Sports Complex. Chairman Joe Hafner stated that Mayor Harold Perrin just stepped out, and I'm not sure if Finance Director Steve Purtee wants to make a comment on this. Chairman Hafner stated that there was money budgeted for this. I'm sure that is part of the projects they are looking at, and how to move forward, and continue to fund that project. Obviously with the grant money that was received, and money that was budgeted for the first 4 ½ months of this year, that is what has been spent. But, I am not sure of the year-to-date number.

Finance Director, Steve Purtee said to Chairman Joe Hafner, Our budget for 2020 included an expenditure in Capital Improvement of \$2,250,000. Thus far, through April 30, 2020, we have spent approximately \$400,000. The majority of that is going to the contractor for the construction project as well as architectural fees. That is where we are today. Chairman Hafner asked, if part of the review would be looking at how to curb spending for the remainder of the year. Finance Director, Steve Purtee said that we have conducted two meetings thus far, to discuss what approaches that can be determined to hold the construction dollars below contract, and also consider any alternative sources of funds relative to sponsorship.

Chairman Joe Havfner said another thing that has happened because of COVID19 is the Shooting Range Advisory Committee has not gotten to meet like Mayor Perrin had hoped it would. I know one of the things that committee was going to look at was private funding. Councilmember LJ Bryant said Mr. Chairman if I could ask Finance Director Steve Purtee something since we are talking about it. Are we on track with Game and Fish to be where we need to be by the required dead line? Mr. Purtee said yes. It is anticipated by the end of June the baffling will be sufficient to accommodate pistol and rifle shooting.

Mayor Harold Perrin said, Mr. Chairman we met today. Chairman Joe Hafner is correct,

it has been slow because of the COVID19. That committee will be calling a ZOOM meeting on that. I'm sure to get a lot of people together like that is difficult. There was some talk of them maybe trying to have it out at the Embassy Convention Center. A prior Game and Fish Commissioner who lives here in town, and is also on the committee he gave us an update. I thought it was extremely positive, he will be coming up here I hope within the next two weeks to work with us, and we will start immediately going out and speaking to private investors to go out there. I have talked to a few people who has a deep interest in investing in the Shooting Range.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and LJ Bryant