



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Present 7 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant; Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-22:088](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on September 27, 2022

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-22:187](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR FY22 BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP.

Sponsors: Grants, Police Department and Finance

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:188](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR FY22 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION (BWC PIP) GRANT

Sponsors: Police Department, Grants and Finance

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:189](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY23 FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION GRANT

Sponsors: Fire Department and Grants

Councilmember Ann Williams said I have a question. What is this? I wasn't sure what this is. Chairman Joe Hafner said a digital fire extinguisher training system module. Chief, can you come to the podium please? Fire Chief Marty Hamrick said so typically when we are called out to do public education to teach people how to use fire extinguishers, we have to use real ones. This is basically a screen. It's mobile, we can carry it and plug it in. It has digital fire on it. We use fire extinguishers that are same weight and size of what you would find and that's how we train. So it basically sends a laser to the screen to simulate putting out the fire, so it's a lot safer and more efficient.

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:190](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A ONE-HALF (.5) MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE LOCAL POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF FUND

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [State Mandated Uniformed Retirement Expense Analysis](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:191](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A ONE-HALF (.5) MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE LOCAL FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUND

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [State Mandated Uniformed Retirement Expense Analysis](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:192](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A 2 MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sponsors: Finance

Chairman Joe Hafner said I would like to clarify that this particular resolution is for the levy of the 2022 property taxes and this has nothing to do with the November ballot question so that doesn't need to be discussed. This would be unaffected by the results of the election.

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:193](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PARTNER WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: JOB 101135 - PLEASANT VIEW DRIVE - PEACHTREE AVENUE (JONESBORO) (S)

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [101135 - Map](#)

Councilmember LJ Bryant said just a comment, not a question. Doesn't have to have a response, but I read an article where Fayetteville is doing a project right now and the state is paying for the path alongside, so I feel like we are not getting treated fairly often. And I know we've had that discussion a lot about Johnson and crosswalks etc, so I am not faulting any of us or anybody. I just think that they think we don't read the newspaper about what they are doing in other parts of the state, so I just wanted to bring that for a point of public attention that in the future we need to be treated the way they treat others. Chairman Joe Hafner said good point. Councilmember David McClain said so 351, and this is just a section, I was looking at the map from Pleasant View down to Peachtree, is this tying into the project that's there on Johnson, the widening of 351? Director Craig Light said yes it will. Councilmember David McClain said, so it will go all the way down? Director Craig Light said no. All that is before you now is the agreement to go from the end of that current project that's already designed. This will be the next portion that goes to bid and it will include a side path. The current section that is going to be built will not include a side path. Councilmember John Street said is that an afterthought? Director Craig Light said ARDOT has just recently changed their position on whether or not side paths can be located adjacent to state highways, so this is kind of new. If you will remember, a few years ago we received some grant money to put a trail adjacent to Hwy 1B south of the interstate and then roadway division said we couldn't do that because it wasn't in their policy. ARDOT has now changed their policy to allow those and they offered us this opportunity to put a trail adjacent to this next section. But that opportunity was not available when this current piece was designed. So they've already started the right of way acquisition and utility relocates. We're hopeful that when it's done that it will not be too challenging to be able to construct a trail adjacent to that roadway but it would not be included in their project. Councilmember John Street asked what is our estimated cost on that?

Engineering Director Craig Light said on this phase, we're estimating somewhere around \$200,000 or \$250,000 for the side path, but it's not even half a mile. I think it's .38 miles or something like that. It's a fairly short distance. It's generally been costing us about half a million a mile to build those trails.

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:194](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE 2022 BUDGET, ESTABLISH AN EQUIPMENT DEPRECIATION FUND FOR 2022 AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF AUTOS & EQUIPMENT

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Finance

Attachments: [Depreciation Fund 2022 Schedule](#)

Councilmember David McClain said I want to make sure I understand it correctly. So we are creating a fund to purchase vehicles and to also help with in the future making sure we have enough money going towards maintenance. Chairman Joe Hafner said this isn't maintenance. Councilmember David McClain said is this going to be purchasing new vehicles. Chairman Joe Hafner said yes. This is all new autos per the needs of the departments listed. Councilmember David McClain said so I see police, animal control, code enforcement, inspections. So all of them came to us before the budgeting process. Is that what we're thinking as far as going forward? Finance Department Director Steve Purtee said yes, if you'll recall last year we did a similar process. We consulted with our directors to see what their vehicle needs would be about this time last year. We thought that would be a position that would allow us to get a little relief on budget, but at the same time more importantly identify the supply chain issues we were having. At that time, inventory levels were quite affected by pull backs and manufacturing. We are still seeing some of that. It is lightening a little bit, but we still have eight vehicles on order from that previous year's work in the same regard. Last year we set back \$1.7 million for autos only. We are experiencing similar inventory issues with equipment. So that is why we addressed that part of the equation this year as well. And it will support the purchase of the item. It won't provide any support for ongoing maintenance. Those costs are considered in the 2023 budget relative to maintaining the equipment. Chairman Joe Hafner said this helps you get a head start on the purchase. Director Steve Purtee said yes, the state bids were released probably four weeks ago. This will allow us to address that, get in front of that purchasing position instead of behind it. You'll recall our normal process is we would include these in the upcoming budget then we would get the greenlight hopefully effective January 1 to facilitate the purchase, but by that time we've experienced for a couple of years now that the inventory is already gone at that point. Councilmember David McClain said so this creates it on the front end. We go ahead and get it ordered, get everything ready. Chairman Joe Hafner said more proactive.

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison