



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 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 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-10:012

Proclamation for Derrick Thomas - Winner of the Craighead County Spelling Bee

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented Derrick Thomas with a proclamation commending him for winning the 2010 Craighead County Spelling Bee. He added Derrick will be representing Craighead County in the state spelling bee to be held in Little Rock in March.

This item was Read.

Proclamation to Marvin Day for his years of service on the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) and the Land Use Committee

Mayor Perrin presented Mr. Day with a proclamation commending his years of service on the MAPC and the Land Use Committee. He noted Mr. Day has served on the MAPC for seven years and has served as chair of MAPC and the Land Use Committee.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilman Hargis noted there are several resolutions on the consent agenda that pertain to Engineering and Parks projects. He suggested a presentation concerning the those items on the consent agenda would provide the public and City Council with more information.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of RES-10:019. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

MIN-10:011

Minutes for the City Council meeting on February 2, 2010.

A motion was made that this Minutes be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

RES-09:206

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE JONESBORO BASEBALL BOOSTERS

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-014-2010

RES-10:004

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-015-2010

RES-10:005

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GARRY MEADOWS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY - PHASE 1 SECTION II & SECTION III & SECTION IV A IMPROVEMENTS - JOB NO. 2009:34

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-016-2010

RES-10:006

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. M2411 OVER CHRISTIAN CREEK ON WEST MATTHEWS STREET

Sponsors: Engineering

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-017-2010

RES-10:007

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF

JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL HIGHWAY 1 AT FOX MEADOW LANE

Sponsors: Engineering

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-018-2010

RES-10:010

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL - HIGHWAY 49 AT KELLERS CHAPEL ROAD

Sponsors: Engineering

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-019-2010

RES-10:011

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH JONESBORO CITY STARS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FREE CITY STARS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-020-2010

RES-10:013

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE ALTERNATE CASH FLOW VALUATION METHOD TO DETERMINE THE ACTUARIAL SOUNDNESS OF THE JONESBORO POLICE PENSION FUND

Sponsors: Finance

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-021-2010

RES-10:016

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT RELATED TO THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-022-2010

RES-10:018

RESOLUTION NAMING JUDGES, CLERKS AND ALTERNATE WORKERS FOR THE 2010 CITY WATER AND LIGHT PLANT ELECTION

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-023-2010

RES-10:020

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003).

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-024-2010

6. NEW BUSINESS

RES-10:019

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OR REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Moore explained Mayor Perrin asked for more time concerning the resolution to review the appointments and possibly expand or shrink some of the committees.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-10:005

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE NEW PARKS DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Sponsors: Finance and Mayor's Office

Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-006-2010

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported:

The staff is still working on the Employee Handbook. They hope to have it finished in the next two to three weeks.

The Corps of Engineers will be in town on February 21, 2010.

Work is being done on the 2011 and 2012 budgets. They hope to have those finished in the next few weeks so the Council can review them.

Bids are being secured for the gas wells at the landfill. The City is in post-closure with the landfill. Some of the wells are filling up with water and bids are being taken to correct those problems.

The real estate book that was made last year by the Engineering Department is being updated. It should be completed by the end of the month and everyone will receive a new copy. Recent property sales and swaps will be included. The Building Committee, chaired by Councilman Vance, will also receive copies so other properties can be bid out for sale.

They are in the process of converting all of the grant writing to the project manager.

The City of Jonesboro will start publishing newsletters to inform the public of what's going on in the City. The first newsletter will hopefully go out at the beginning of March.

The Sanitation Department has worked out a deal concerning the recycling with the transfer station in Brookland in which the City employees will no longer have to wait to unload recycling. The recycling will then be picked up by Legacy Landfill at the transfer station. He thanked Sanitation Director Royce Leonard and Legacy Landfill for working the deal out, which will increase the efficiency of picking up and disposing of the recycling.

Lowe's has donated laminated flooring for the Earl Bell Community Center and it is in the process of being installed.

65% of the privilege licenses have been collected as of last Friday. He noted today is the last day to pay without a penalty.

The security lighting project at Parker Park and Miles Park that was recently approved by the Council has been given the notice to proceed. Parks Director Jason Wilkie is serving as project manager for that project.

They should be receiving an air permit and consent order from ADEQ in the next few weeks regarding the incinerator.

The park at Fort Rotary was recently recognized in a national magazine.

COM-10:011

Jonesboro Municipal Airport financial statement for month ended January 31, 2010, and 2009.

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and add ORD-10:006 to the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-10:006

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF DIGITAL CAMERA EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE UNITS

Sponsors: Police Department

Councilman Johnson offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-007-2010

Councilwoman Williams stated she received information from City Engineer Craig Light concerning the railroad crossing at Aggie Road and Fisher Street. She noted the railroad will be working on the intersection, but the City is also involved. Mr. Light explained he has been minimally involved, but was informed by the Street Department that the intersection will be closed tomorrow and Thursday so the railroad can replace the at-grade crossing that will hopefully result in a smoother crossing.

Councilman Hargis reiterated his concerns about the need for a presentation concerning some of the items on the consent agenda. He stated some of the items, such as the item on tonight's consent agenda concerning the Turtle Creek Greenway, should have more information presented so the public will be better informed about the project. He explained more information could be given such as the timeline and what the project is including. Mayor Perrin stated Mr. Wilkie could make a presentation regarding those projects at the next Council meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

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

Attest:

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