



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Services Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Monday, July 9, 2007

4:00 PM

Mayor's Conference Room

1. Call To Order

Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Tim McCall; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent 1 - Jim Hargis

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-07:086 Minutes for the June 11, 2007, Public Services meeting.

Attachments: [061107](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Charles Frierson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Tim McCall; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Jim Hargis

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-07:214 A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION Contract and Documents](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Tim McCall, that this Resolution be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Tim McCall; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Jim Hargis

RES-07:215 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH NRS ENGINEERING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [ADMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT with NRS Engineering for Greenway](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Faye McCall, that this Resolution be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Tim McCall; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Jim Hargis

4. Pending Items

COM-07:008 Consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Historic Eligibility](#)

Parks Director Jason Wilkie and the committee participated in a conference call with Mr. Ralph Wilcox to discuss the Earl Bell Center being placed on the National Historic Register. Mr. Wilkie questioned what the requirements are to be placed on the Historic Register. Mr. Wilcox explained since the Earl Bell has already been determined as being eligible, a national register form would need to be submitted. He further explained the nomination would be reviewed by the state board before being sent to the National Park Service. He added the National Park Service would make the final determination as to whether or not the Earl Bell Center would be placed on the list. Mr. Wilkie questioned whether the interior of the Earl Bell Center could be renovated if it was placed on the list. Mr. Wilcox stated they focus on the exterior of the building so the chances are good that interior renovation would be fine. Mr. Wilkie questioned whether a facade easement would be needed. Mr. Wilcox stated a facade easement is a requirement for receiving grant money. He added the easement is attached to the deed to the property and requires that any major changes to the exterior be reviewed by their office first. Mr. Wilkie then questioned the chances of receiving grants money for aesthetics. Mr. Wilcox explained grant money is given out to projects on a yearly basis, so it would depend on what other projects are submitted for any given year. He added aesthetics are less of a priority when receiving grant money.

Councilman Frierson recommended Mr. Wilkie put the application together for the Earl Bell Center to be placed on the National Historic Register. Mr. Wilkie stated right now they are looking to be on the list, but not necessarily apply for grant money at this time.

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5. Other Business

Mr. Wilkie stated Mr. Jarrod Stroud has been able to get former Senator Hattie Caraway's gravesite nominated as a historic place. He added he will be accompanying Mr. Stroud to Little Rock to represent the City at the hearing on August 1st.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Faye McCall, that this be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.