



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin and Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office were also in attendance.

Present 4 - John Street;Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-08:244 Minutes for the Public Works meeting on December 2, 2008.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

MIN-08:247 Minutes for the special called Public Works Committee meeting on December 18, 2008.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-09:007 AN ORDINANCE GIVING NOTICE OF REVISIONS TO TITLE 15 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Engineering

City Engineer Craig Light explained this ordinance concerns notifying developers of subdivisions which have been defaulted on. He added they have been withholding building permits from developers. He stated the ordinance requires the City Attorney write a letter to the developer and file it at the county courthouse as public notice when permits are being withheld.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion

PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

ORD-09:008 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX 6, GIS DATABASE SUBMITTALS OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE DESIGN MANUAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Table 1 - Attribute Fields](#)
[ARR150000](#)
[Figure 1 Appendix 2](#)

Mr. Light explained he received a complaint about a few items in the Stormwater Drainage manual that need to be corrected. He added the Ordinance would correct those problems. He added some of the GIS database tables were incorrect and the figures have been corrected.

Mr. Light added the Stormwater Board approved this Ordinance.

Councilman Chris Moore questioned if those were the only problems with the manual. Chairman John Street answered yes. Mr. Light stated the manual had been released for approximately 4 months before the problems were brought to his attention. He added ADEQ has changed the stormwater permit regulations, so new regulations have been added. He noted there could be more amendments to the Stormwater Drainage Manual.

Chairman Street stated when ADEQ makes changes the City will adopt and implement the changes.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

ORD-09:009 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 9, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO STRIKE AND REPLACE EXISTING CODES THAT ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE NEW STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Stormwater Conflict](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-09:016 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 120 CATE STREET, 321 UNION STREET and 310 SOUTH CHURCH STREET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chris Moore;Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson

4. Pending Items

COM-09:009 Long-range facilities update - top three facilities

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Top Three Facilities](#)

Mr. Light discussed the locations of the 3 properties. He added they will meet on February 4, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the pros and cons of each property. He noted they are favoring the Lacy Road property. Councilman Moore stated he would not be able to attend that meeting, but he suggested either the Lacy Road or the Angelo Pallet factory property. He added he visited the properties and both are adequate enough.

This item was Read.

5. Other Business

COM-09:010 Race Street widening

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Race Street Typical Section \(2\)](#)

Mr. Light explained the City Council passed a resolution a couple of years ago to consider adding bike lanes to all new road projects. He stated the additional cost of adding a bike lane to Race Street would cost approximately \$250,000 for approximately 1 mile. He added the cost is high because it would require the City to purchase additional property along the way.

Councilman Moore questioned if the ditch along Race Street would be filled in. Mr. Light explained without the bike lane the City has a 60 foot right-of-way. He added the right-of-way would allow for 3 lanes and a sidewalk on the north side. He also added the City would need to acquire additional property by the least one of the intersections so the road and sidewalks could be tied together, but the property acquisition would be minimal. He stated adding the bike lane would require the City to purchase an additional 15 feet which could involve an additional 50 to 60 property owners. He added it would extend the project an additional year just to get the property acquired.

Councilman Moore asked if there is a plan that could have the sidewalk serve as a bike lane/sidewalk. Mr. Light answered he included copies of cross sections which include the bike lane and the sidewalk. Councilman Moore asked if the sidewalk would be at the edge of the road or does it have some grass separating it. Mr. Light answered it would be on the edge of the road. Chairman Street stated the City did not guaranteed adding bike lanes to all new projects, but they would consider them.

Mr. Light stated Nettleton Schools suggested adding a bridge over Whiteman's Creek due to safety issues with the bike lane. He added he spoke with the Mr. Jim Sterns and Ms. Sally Broadway, who represent the bicycle groups, and they would like the bridge over Whiteman's Creek as well.

Councilman Jim Hargis asked what the amount of right-of-way is from the centerline to the ditch. Mr. Light explained from the centerline to the right of way is 60 feet.

Discussion was held concerning the drainage project.

Mr. Light stated the original estimated cost for the project was approximately \$1.9 million.

Employee Representative Larry Jackson explained they had a staff meeting in the Parks Department and Parks Director Jason Wilkie stated the Arkansas State Highway Department will be giving 2 bridges from the area of Hwy. 226 to the City for this project. He added he believes the Highway Department would pay for the moving cost of the bridges.

This item was Read.

6. Public Comments

Discussion concerning the Stimulus Package

Mr. Harold Carter asked if the Stimulus Package report is available for public viewing. Mr. Tony Thomas explained the list was provided to the State of Arkansas for Jonesboro. He added he could make the report available to anyone would like to view it.

Mr. Thomas stated there were two requests for money from the Stimulus Package. He added one of the requests was from Parks and Recreation for the aquatic feasible plan and the engineering and construction of the greenway. He added the other request was presented directly to Governor Beebe for infrastructure in the City at a total of \$18 million.

Chairman Street explained MPO has a report on how the Stimulus Package will be allocated.

COM-09:013

Debris Removal for the Ice Storm of 2009

Attachments: [Request for Proposal for debris removal](#)

Mayor Perrin explained he will have a conference call on February 4, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. with FEMA and the Department of Emergency Management Services. He added after the conference call the City should be able to submit the request for proposal for debris removal. He added the City will be responsible for 12 1/2% of the cost of the debris removal and FEMA and the State of Arkansas will be responsible for the remainder of the amount.

Mayor Perrin stated he will bring the contract to the committee. He added he may call a special called meeting on February 11, 2009, to approve the contract.

Discussion was held concerning the debris removal from the recent ice storm.

Mr. Tony Thomas explained the City and Legacy Landfill have not been issued

permits to burn the debris yet.

Councilman Moore questioned after the low bid is accepted would the City allow the other bidders to lower their price to the low bid price. Mr. Thomas explained after the low bidder is accepted the other bidders will have the option to negotiate.

Mayor Perrin questioned if FEMA had any problems with the payout language in the contract. Mr. Thomas answered no. He added FEMA had reviewed the City's contract and they took the basis of the City's terms and converted it into a template that they prefer.

Chairman Street questioned if the City is releasing information concerning FEMA paying for the citizen's trees to be removed. Mr. Thomas answered no. He added FEMA should have a representative in Jonesboro soon to discuss what FEMA will do for the citizens. He noted Emergency Management is waiting on the official signed declaration from the President of the United States and then they will know the parameters of the services that will be provided to the citizens.

Councilman Dover questioned if there is state aid for the citizens. Mr. Thomas answered he is reluctant to say what other agencies would do.

This item was READ.

Discussion of Channel 24

Mayor Perrin explained he met with Suddenlink concerning Channel 24. He added they are trying to add music to Channel 24.

Councilman Moore asked if anyone had been picked to serve on the Citizens Committee for the cable channel. Mayor Perrin said he has not thought of anyone. He added the contract includes a Complaint Committee and he has asked for the last certified audit of the company. Councilman Moore stated if he receives the names of who is to serve on the committee they could get the committee established.

Councilman Hargis stated a visual presentation of projects like the Race Street project would serve the citizens well. Mayor Perrin explained he is working with Arkansas State University's Journalism Department. He added he would like to have two interns film all the meetings. He also added he hopes to have a press conference on a monthly basis to discuss what happened during that month.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chris Moore; Darrel Dover and Mitch Johnson