

City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center 300 S. Church Street Jonesboro. AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Monday, October 5, 2015 5:00 PM Municipal Center

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Perrin was not in attendance.

Councilman Vance arrived at 5:08 p.m.

Present 5 - John Street; Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover; Charles Coleman and Ann

Williams

Absent 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

3. Approval of minutes

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on September 1, 2015

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Minutes</u>

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

4. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-15:146 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE

LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GILLIS, INC. FOR THE CROWLEY'S RIDGE PARKWAY: CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK TRAIL - PHASE I

(JOB NO. 100821) - 2015:31

Sponsors: Grants, Parks & Recreation and Engineering

Attachments: Bid Tab

Contract Documents 2015 31

Chairman Street noted that according to the bid sheet Gillis was considerably lower than any of the other bidders. Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler explained this is in the master greenway plan that goes around the city. He further explained he thinks this is an important project due to the increasing number of people who use Craighead Forest Park. He's worried someone will eventually get hurt walking on the street. This will be the first of three phases for the trail. The workout equipment has already been ordered thanks to a grant from the Blue and You Foundation.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Councilwoman Williams stated in the past the committee discussed proposing an ordinance requiring sidewalks in site plans be submitted to the MAPC, but she doesn't think any action was ever taken. She noted that question has been brought up in ward meetings in the past. She asked that the previous ordinance be placed on the next Public Works agenda to be discussed again.

Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols explained this time there is nothing requiring sidewalks in residential developments. That is something some cities do at the expense of the developers. He added it is something that could be considered.

Councilman Coleman stated the subject does need to be discussed whether it's approved or not because questions about sidewalks and curbs keep coming up in discussions.

Councilwoman Williams said she would like to see it discussed because she feels the city is falling behind with the construction of sidewalks. She further stated citizens have questioned it during past ward meetings, but where never given a good answer.

Chairman Street stated he thinks sidewalks are required for commercial and multi-family construction.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Coleman, to place the ordinance on the next Public Works agenda for discussion. All voted aye.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Mitch Johnson;Darrel Dover;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore