



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 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-10:023 Proclamation for National Junior Auxiliary Week

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Charlott Jones. Ms. Jones thanked the community for their support during fund raising events such as the Charity Ball and cookbook sales. She added their work couldn't be done without the community's support.

This item was Read.

Presentation to the Westside Warriors basketball team

Mayor Perrin presented a proclamation and a Key to the City to the Westside Warriors basketball team and Coach Mark Whitmire for their recent Class 4A state championship win against Huntsville. He also noted their conference record during the recent season. Coach Whitmire thanked the Mayor and the City of Jonesboro for their support. High School Principal Bryan Duffie also presented Mayor Perrin with a basketball signed by all of the members of the basketball team. Mayor Perrin also recognized basketball player Hunter Mickelson and presented him with a Key to the City. He noted Hunter was named Most Valuable Player of the Class 4A Tournament, as well as being named All-Conference and received several other state recognitions.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. 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-10:022 Minutes for the City Council meeting on March 4, 2010.

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-10:017 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY DONATED BY THE DOWNTOWN JONESBORO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1 (ALSO KNOWN AS JONESBORO CENTRAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1)

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-026-2010

RES-10:021 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ATLAS ASPHALT, INC. FOR THE ASPHALT COLD MILLING AND OVERLAYS SELECTED CITY STREETS - JOB NO. 2010:04

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-027-2010

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-10:016 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AS AWARDED BY THE A & P COMMISSION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Finance and Parks & Recreation

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

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, 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-009-2010

ORD-10:018 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO I-1 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2701 NESTLE WAY ROAD AS REQUESTED BY VICKIE MINK

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

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, to Waive Second Reading . 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

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-10:012 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 408 N Bridge owned by Steve Tyler

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, 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: R-EN-028-2010

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin gave the following report:

He recently attended a Highway Commission meeting in Little Rock. He stated they are getting close to the Arkansas 226 highway project between US 49 and US 67 around Cash. The bid came in at \$14 million, which was under the expected bid amount. They will be letting out the project from US 49 to Cash sometime in 2010. He noted that will make a four-lane highway from Jonesboro all the way to US 67.

He anticipates knowing about the Safe Routes to School grant application in April. The application was for \$500,000, but he is unsure what the City will be awarded.

There will be more funding for LED lights for the stoplights, as well as bridges and bridge repairs.

Dr. Jerry Farris from ASU received an award for their vegetation study. Dr. Farris has been working with City Engineer Craig Light in order to pick out areas to plot with the study.

The 2011 and 2012 budgets are still in the works. The target date for completion is by the end of March.

The Building Committee met recently and decided to put a list together of city-owned

properties they do not anticipate the City having a need for. They will be taking bids on those properties. The committee also decided to hire an architect to look at the old City Hall in order to determine what the City could use that building for in the future.

Garry Meadows has an offer from another entity to purchase the building that JETS is currently leasing. They hope to close that deal by June and indicated they would like to work with the City so JETS is not left without a facility. He is hoping to decrease the lease payment starting in June and still utilize the police station area. The bay wash will be utilized at a different location.

The first of the Community Conversations meeting was held in Ward 2 last week. He expressed his appreciation to the department heads that were present and stated they are taking notes to work on the concerns that were presented. They are currently looking at increasing some fines in Code Enforcement. Some citizens may be taken to court.

The contract for the incinerator has been sent to the company for signing. The air permit and consent order have been received. They hope to get the contract back this week in order to install the incinerator at Dan Avenue.

Approval has been received for another stoplight at University Loop and Johnson Avenue. Also, bids for repairs to the Bridge Street bridge will go out soon. They are also looking at receiving approval for a double left-hand turn lane from Aggie Road onto Stadium Boulevard going west and another double left-hand turn lane on Johnson Avenue to Stadium Boulevard. Those requests are being reviewed by the District Engineer.

An application has been submitted to FEMA for reimbursement due to the flooding in December. They are unsure what amount the City might receive.

Flashing light equipment for the school districts has been ordered and the bids will go out soon.

A letter has gone out to Principal concerning the transfer of non-uniform pension fund money. Foster & Foster will be working with the transfer.

The Parks Advisory Board will be holding a reception for Parks Director Jason Wilkie, who has accepted a position directing the Siloam Springs Baptist Youth Camp. The reception will be held on Wednesday, March 24, from noon till 2 p.m. at the Earl Bell Community Center. He invited everyone to attend.

COM-10:031

Revenue Summary and Expense Report and Summary as presented to the City Council at the meeting on March 16, 2010.

Sponsors: Finance and Mayor's Office

Operations Director Gary Harpole discussed the reports. He noted the summaries for the month of January. He added that if they would like to view the full report it is available on the shared drive and is able to be mailed in the morning. Councilman Frierson questioned why the franchise tax is down. Mr. Harpole stated Suddenlink pays the tax quarterly, but was budgeted to pay monthly. He noted that should wash out by the end of the quarter. Councilman Hargis questioned the receipt of sales tax checks from the state. Mr. Harpole stated they will receive the checks for February around March 25, so within days of the receipt they should know what the sales tax revenue was for February. He added that any sales tax money received this month will be put in as revenue for February. He then noted the Expense Summary and Report are for February, while the Revenue Summary was for January. Mr. Harpole

recognized the department heads for managing their salaries and other operating expenses in order to keep overall expenses down. He noted the overage shown in the City Clerk's Office is due to coding errors, in which some money should've been coded earlier in the year. He added there were also coding problems with Building Maintenance due to errors in Springbrook. Councilman Hargis stated it would be better if the reports could be made available to them prior to the meeting so they have time to review it and formulate questions if needed.

This item was Read.

COM-10:018 Jonesboro Airport Commission Financial Statements For the Two Months Ended February 28, 2010 and 2009

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and place RES-10:033 on the agenda. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Gibson and Councilman Vance who abstained from voting.

RES-10:033 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY TO VERNON WOOD

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilman Gibson abstained from discussion and voting due to the effect the resolution will have on his employer, St. Bernard's Hospital. Councilman Vance also abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote, with the exception of Councilman Gibson and Councilman Vance who abstained from voting.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Abstain: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

Enactment No: R-EN-029-2010

Councilman Woods thanked the administration and city staff for their support after his recent loss of a family member.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place RES-10:034 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-10:034 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH G&K TO FURNISH SERVICES TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO; AND

Sponsors: Building Maintenance

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: R-EN-030-2010

Councilman Moore commended Mayor Perrin for improving communication between the administration, Council and community. He asked if the boards and commissions could start giving five-minute presentations. He suggested the Housing Authority, Airport Commission and Solid Waste Authority give presentations. Mayor Perrin stated they will look into that.

Councilman Hargis questioned having a sales tax on lottery tickets. City Attorney Phillip Crego stated he doesn't think the City can impose a sales tax on lottery tickets. He explained someone would have to speak with the State Legislature about a sales tax.

Councilman Vance announced a Stormwater Management Board meeting tomorrow, March 17, at 8:30 a.m. at the Huntington Building.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Greg Chance thanked the Mayor for fixing sewer problems his neighbor had. He added they appreciate the work the City did to fix the problem.

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

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Date: _____

Attest:

Donna Jackson, City Clerk

Date: _____