



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 7 - David McClain; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Gene Vance; Bobby Long; Charles Frierson and Chris Gibson

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:008](#)

MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2020

Attachments: [Public Safety Minutes 01212020](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Gene Vance; Bobby Long; Charles Frierson and Chris Gibson

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-20:008](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Gene Vance; Bobby Long; Charles Frierson and Chris Gibson

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-20:021](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 304 WARNER STREET, PARCEL 01-144192-13500.

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Councilmember David McClain said, quick question so I am clear. We can condemn, tear down, and then, are we putting in the Land Bank? Is that our process? Code Enforcement Director Michael Tyner said, what we will do is if it is condemned and we end up doing the demolition on it, we will file a lien on the property for the cost of the demolition. They are given, I believe, 60 days to pay that. And, if they don't, then we will go through the legal process for judicial foreclosure which will then put it up for sale or for auction or the owner could donate it to the city in lieu of. Councilmember McClain asked, and send it to the Land Bank? Mr. Tyner said, right. Then, it will go into Land Bank inventory. Councilmember McClain said, okay. Thank you. Councilmember Chris Moore said, the owner could also come in within 45 days and buy a building permit even after it is condemned. He could either fix it or clean it up. Councilmember McClain said, thank you.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance;Bobby Long;Charles Frierson and Chris Gibson

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

[RES-20:025](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RAMSONS, INC. FOR THE JONESBORO SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX PHASE 1C (2020:07)

Chairman Mitch Johnson said, I have received a resolution today and have been asked to add it to tonight's agenda and to forward it to the full council tonight. Councilmember Chris Moore asked, Mitch, which one is that? Is it the Shooting Complex? Chairman Johnson said, yes.

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and walk-on RES-20:025 to the agenda. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to recommend to council and walk-on to tonight's City Council agenda. All voted aye.

Councilmember Moore asked, what would be the stated reason for an emergency? We will have to have one. Chairman Johnson said, the email I got is a time crunch with the Fish and Wildlife to get the construction done due to the timelines. I think City Engineer Craig Light has a little more information on details of that. Mr. Light said, we do need to get this under construction. We have a deadline for the grant of this

summer and any time that we push this off, we are losing construction period to work on. We were really trying to get this in to call a Public Works meeting last week so we wouldn't have to walk it on, but we had to negotiate some of the bid prices and it just took us some time to do that. I apologize for having to walk it on to you this evening. Councilmember Moore asked, do you want to state at the meeting that the reason will be due to the grant timeline. Chairman Johnson said, yes. Councilmember Moore said, I will second that motion.

Councilmember David McClain said, I know you have a motion and second to forward, so this is Phase 1C? Mr. Light said, yes. Councilmember McClain asked, when are we anticipating the next phase being because this is just for a wetlands vegetation and the skeet trap range. Mr. Light said, no. We are deducting that from the contract. This will get us the ability to be able to shoot pistols, rifles, skeet trap and archery which is a requirement of the grant that we be able to shoot this summer. We will have to figure out how to get the shot curtain back into the contract. We are looking at some other deductions in the project and we are looking at some other vendors for the shot curtain. The shot curtain is going to be something we have to construct before we can start shooting the trap and skeet. So, we will probably be coming back to you with that amended contract. Like I said, there are several items that we are looking at cutting from the contract, some utility. We can save a substantial amount of money that we think we can get most of the shot curtain put back in. We are also looking at making the shot curtain smaller just to cover the three trap/skeet shooting ranges that we are planning on utilizing first. This bid that we received was for all nine trap ranges so we may scale down that and find another vendor. Hopefully, we will come in and not have to ask for another allocation of funds, but that remains to be seen at this time. The shot curtain is a requirement of the grant as well. We have to get that done before the end of summer. Councilmember McClain said, okay. So, this is to get it shootable. Mr. Light said, yes, we will get it shootable. There will be no buildings, no bathrooms, or anything like that. That is where Phase II of the project starts is when we start building the buildings. Councilmember McClain asked, how soon do we anticipate, what do you think on that, anticipate a date? Mr. Light said, we are looking at some different funding options for that and I really don't have a timeline for that yet. Councilmember McClain said, okay.

Councilmember Bobby Long asked, Craig can you remind me again, what the total cost of the project is? What we have spent thus far? Mr. Light said, we have spent just shy of \$4 million. This will take us to \$6 million. The remaining items are really what the council agrees to build. There is a range building a clubhouse, a maintenance building, and I don't have exact dollar figures on what those would be. I know that we are going to have to have a maintenance facility out there to operate. We are going to have to have a range building. And, ultimately, we are going to have to have a clubhouse. So, it really depends on what the council is willing to allocate to do the project. Councilmember Long said, so the pictures that were put over there of the shooting complex, did we ever say, ok, to get that it is going to cost x amount of dollars. Mr. Light said, there have been some estimates ranging anywhere from \$12-\$14 million for the entire facility. And, we are into it \$4 million and then another \$2 million that will get us shooting. So, about half of that. The rest would be in amenities to the facility. Councilmember Long said, okay. Thanks.

Recommended to Council

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance;Bobby Long;Charles Frierson and Chris Gibson

7. Public Comments

Harold Carter, 902 Tony Drive, asked, how much of this shooting complex directly costing the city out of general funds or wherever it would come from? I am slightly familiar with several grants that we have gotten from Game and Fish and no telling what else. Does anyone know how much this is costing out-of-pocket for the city or out of revenue? Chairman Johnson said, I don't at this point Mr. Carter and really this is a public comment. It is really not a question and an answer forum. So, if you just want to make a statement of that is your comment and you are curious as to that. Mr. Carter said, what I am interested in I suppose is that is a lot of money. When I start hearing talk about this might cost \$12 million or whoever knows how much, I don't like the idea of some vague speculative of what to me amounts to a huge number. Chairman Johnson said, I would think Mr. Carter, as we decide to proceed whichever stage this is in and it would be a cost estimate on that particular item, I don't think, as they have said, as Mr. Long's question was, the pictures that were presented up there, you know, the estimates were there by Mr. Light so I wouldn't say we might particularly build that Mr. Carter. You know, we might build something different. To sit here and for us to speculate exactly how many millions of dollars will be spent on it, at this point in time, I don't have an answer for that and I don't know that anyone else would. We are particularly talking about Phase 1C that we just approved to forward to full council tonight. Mr. Carter asked, who would you suggest I find these numbers out from? Chairman Johnson said, as again Mr. Carter, until the city decides what is actually going to be built on the complex, I don't know that anybody could give you a dollar figure. I mean, we could probably take those drawings and somebody could throw an estimate out there, but, myself, I would feel uncomfortable throwing a total dollar amount out there at this point in time not even knowing what we are going to build. Mr. Carter said, well, I don't mind to see a shooting complex. The city police department and other cities and police operations around are going to need something. Chairman Johnson said, and, that is the important part at this stage that is on here tonight. Mr. Carter said, but just an open ended tab for whatever it cost speculatively. I'd like a little bit of knowledge about just what some projected cost work. Chairman Johnson said, well, maybe you can speak with the Mayor about that. Maybe he can steer you in the right direction, but as the question was and was presented to us tonight, this is to get it where it can be shootable and be used and that's the phase we are in right now and that is what we approved to forward to the Council tonight. Councilmember Chris Moore said, Mitch, it is important to notice that the Mayor has appointed a committee to make those decisions as citizens. You will see that coming forward on the agenda. There will be a Shooting Complex Committee. Mr. Carter said, I agree, but I just get larger and larger numbers of money. Councilmember Moore said, we don't even know what we are going to build. It would be like saying what, how much, are we going to spend on Craighead Forrest in the next forty years. Well, we don't. It depends on what the citizens want. Mr. Carter said, well, I can't force you to listen to me, so I'll leave. Chairman Johnson said, we appreciate your comments Mr. Carter.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance;Bobby Long;Charles Frierson and Chris Gibson