



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

4:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

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2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

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Mayor Perrin was not in attendance.

Present 6 - Ann Williams; John Street; Darrel Dover; Charles Coleman; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

3. Approval of minutes

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MIN-15:058

Minutes for the special called Finance Committee meeting on June 2, 2015

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; Charles Coleman; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

4. New Business

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Resolutions To Be Introduced

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RES-15:090

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2015 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LOCAL SOLICITATION JAG (JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT) GRANT

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [MOU Letter with County.docx](#)

Grants Administrator Heather Clark explained the grant is for roughly \$27,000 and is fully federally funded. The money will be used to purchase additional body cameras for the officers. The grant won't cost the city any money, but will be included in the 2016 budget.

Chairman Dover asked how much a body camera costs. Ms. Clark answered about \$1,100, depending on the vendor used. The Police Department is in communications with a company about a certain body camera, but no decision has been made yet.

Chairman Dover then questioned whether there are any officers that currently have body cameras. Councilman Street answered yes, there are some officers doing beta testing on the cameras.

Further discussion was held concerning the body cameras that will be purchased. Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske noted they will be able to provide more information after a decision is made concerning which camera to purchase.

Councilman Coleman expressed concern about ensuring the software for the body cameras is updated and regularly maintained so the cameras work properly. Mr. Barylske stated the company they are speaking with regarding the body cameras is the same company that provides the city with dashboard cameras for the police vehicles.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

RES-15:092

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH JONESBORO RADIO GROUP FOR RENTAL OF SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

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Attachments: [jonesboro radio group 4th july contract.pdf](#)

Councilman Street stated this contract is for the 4th of July fireworks.

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

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

RES-15:093

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF JONESBORO MAYOR TO RELEASE THE LIEN ON PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED: LOT 2, OF BEACONS AND BRIDGES FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, REPLAT OF LOTS 6, 7 AND 8 OF WATKINS SUBDIVISION OF A

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET "C" PAGE 193 IN THE RECORDS OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY RECORD.

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Ms. Clark stated this is the final lien release for the four Beacons and Bridges houses. There will be further requests for properties on North Church and Pine. This home was sold to a low income household.

Ms. Clark further discussed the history of the lien on the property. She noted the agreement with HUD was that the homes would be built and sold to low income households. The city placed liens on the properties to ensure the properties were sold to low income and not sold at market value.

Councilman Street asked if the remaining lots will be sold to Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Clark explained Beacons and Bridges will deed the four lots to Habitat for Humanity at no cost. Habitat for Humanity will pay the back taxes on the properties, which amounts to about \$42 per property. Habitat will build low income housing on the properties.

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

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

5. Pending Items

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Update on the Salary/Longevity Committee

Chairman Dover informed the committee that the Salary/Longevity Committee has met twice. They have revised the job description survey and the benefit survey. They are currently in process of sending out to the ten cities that were selected to receive the survey. Once the information is received the committee will go through the information and come up with a readable document to go over.

Councilman Street asked if the committee results will be put into effect in 2016. Chairman Dover stated he is not sure of a time estimate because it depends on how long it takes for the ten cities to respond to the surveys. It is going to be a lengthy process. They will keep the Council informed of the committee's progress.

6. Other Business

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7. Public Comments

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8. Adjournment

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A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Rennell Woods