



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Services Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Monday, February 11, 2008

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Councilwoman Faye McCall motioned, seconded by Councilman Cecil Province, for Councilman Charles Frierson to chair the meeting in the absence of Chairwoman Ann Williams. All voted aye.

Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office was also in attendance.

Present 4 - Cecil Province; Jim Hargis; Charles Frierson and Faye McCall

Absent 2 - Ann Williams and Tim McCall

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-08:016 Minutes for the January 14, 2008, Public Services Committee meeting.

Attachments: [011408](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Cecil Province, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Tim McCall

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-08:012 A RESOLUTION TO PERMIT JONESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KAIT

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Memorendum of Understanding K88K 2008](#)

Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained the agreement outlines the guidelines for Parks to put the race on for KAIT and in return get \$12,000 worth of advertising for Parks to be used however they want. He further explained the race will be April 19th in Craighead Forest Park and last until noon. Councilman Hargis questioned how much the race would cost. Mr. Wilkie stated the race would cost approximately \$12,000 in vehicles, fuel, personnel and other expenses. He added there is some room for them to make money. Chairman Frierson noted the City has performed the service for the race in the past, but the City is now getting advertising in return.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Faye McCall, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Tim McCall

RES-08:013 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S APPLICATION FOR THE 2008 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Mr. Wilkie explained the grant is 100% and there will be no cost to the City. He further explained the money will be used for signal flashers for the schools and for sidewalks at Hillcrest and West Elementary School. Councilman Hargis questioned whether the schools apply for the grants as well. Mr. Tony Thomas answered no, not in our area; rather, they are working in coordination with the City. Mr. Wilkie explained they felt they will receive a stronger grant if the schools and community work together.

A motion was made by Councilman Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilman Cecil Province, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Tim McCall

RES-08:014 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND A CONTRACT WITH NRS ENGINEERING FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION OF THE TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [NRS Turtle Creek Greenway Contract Amendment #2 2-1-2008](#)

Mr. Wilkie explained the original contract was only for one section of the greenway. He further explained they now have the grant funds to do section 2 and 3. He noted the money is already in the 2008 budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilwoman Faye McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Faye McCall

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Tim McCall

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

Mowing in cemeteries

Councilman Province stated there are a lot of damaged stones in the cemeteries. He added the families deserve better up-keep for what's out there. Chairman Frierson questioned whether that was the City's responsibility. Councilman Province explained about a year ago he watched some of the people mowing the lawn and they weren't very careful around the stones. He asked for whoever will be mowing the cemeteries to be more careful around the grave stones. Mr. Wilkie explained last year the same crew that

took care of the urban parks also took care of the cemeteries, so they fell behind and probably weren't very careful. He added this year they're going to have a crew take care of just urban parks and another crew take care of cemeteries. He stated hopefully there will be an improvement.

Maps of Craighead Forest Park

Councilman Hargis stated he would like to see overhead maps of Craighead Forest Park because not everyone utilizes all of the resources. Mr. Wilkie stated he has an aerial photograph that he can show to Councilman Hargis if needed. Councilman Hargis questioned whether the map can be made available to the public. Mr. Wilkie answered yes, they can do that.

COM-08:005 Financial and Participation Reports from Sports Associations

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [2008 Sports Association Reports](#)

This item was Read.

JETS update

JETS Director Joel Gardner explained the total ridership was 6,628 in January. He added if they continue with their numbers for this month they will mirror the January numbers in just fixed route ridership for February. He explained the ridership is growing continuously.

Election of a committee chair

Councilwoman Faye McCall motioned, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, to elect Councilman Charles Frierson the chair of the committee for 2008. All voted aye.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment