



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street and Darrel Dover

Absent 1 - Mitch Johnson

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-10:007 Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on January 5, 2010.

Attachments: [Minutes 1/5/2010](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore and Darrel Dover

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-10:005 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GARRY MEADOWS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY - PHASE 1 SECTION II & SECTION III & SECTION IV A IMPROVEMENTS - JOB NO. 2009:34

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Specs](#)
[Plans](#)
[Bid Tab](#)
[Award Certification](#)

Parks Director Jason Wilkie discussed the locations of the different sections of this project. He added until the historic bridges can be installed the greenway will stop at the northern boundary of the Turtle Creek Mall.

Discussion was held concerning the dimensions of the greenway trail.

Councilman Dover questioned if the trail would be located closer to Nettleton School. Mr. Wilkie answered yes.

Councilman Moore asked where the two historic bridges would be located. Mr. Wilkie answered it is uncertain due to the engineer finding a problem with the span at Allen Park. He added the location for the other bridge would be located at the north entrance of Turtle Creek Mall where it connects to Matthews Avenue. He noted the City is still looking and evaluating that area.

Councilman Moore then asked if the bridges are in storage. Mr. Wilkie answered no and the City received a letter from AHTD stating the bridges will be not be delivered until 2011.

Discussion was held concerning the pedestrian bridge connecting to the greenway

Councilman Hargis inquired when the greenway and pedestrian bridge would be completed. Mr. Wilkie answered he is not sure what the contract timeline is once the notice to proceed has been issued. He added he hopes to have the project complete by July.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Vance stated once the notice to proceed has been issued the timeline is 180 days.

A motion was made by Darrel Dover, seconded by Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore and Darrel Dover

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-10:006

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. M2411 OVER CHRISTIAN CREEK ON WEST MATTHEWS STREET

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [AHTD Letter](#)

Councilman Hargis asked what the differences are between the old bridge and the new bridge. City Engineer Craig Light answered the Highway Department inspected the bridge and notified the City that the bridge is deficient. He added the AHTD stated the bridge could enter into their bridge program, which will require an 80/20 match from the City. He noted the City is hoping to replace the bridge with an earthquake safe bridge in 2011.

Councilman Moore asked what is the status of the bridge located on Hester Street. Mr. Light answered the City asked AHTD to look at three bridges located on Matthews Avenue, Hester and Campus Streets and the Matthews Avenue bridge was the only one deficient.

Councilman Hargis questioned if the new bridge will be the same size as the old bridge. Mr. Light answered it will be wider than the old bridge and it will include sidewalks. He added the bridge has not been designed, but the estimated cost is approximately \$500,000. He noted the City's cost will be approximately \$100,000.

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore and Darrel Dover

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-10:007 A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL HIGHWAY 1 AT FOX MEADOW LANE

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [AHTD Letter 010610](#)

Councilman Dover asked what the timeline is for this project. Mr. Light answered the City will need to make a deposit to secure the design, but he is hoping this project will be part of AHTD's 2011 package. He noted the City will not have to spend any money until 2012.

Mayor Perrin noted the City is attending every Highway Commission meeting and there is a push to get the bridges out.

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore and Darrel Dover

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-10:010 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL - HIGHWAY 49 AT KELLERS CHAPEL ROAD

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [AHTD - 49 and Kellers Chapel](#)

Councilman Dover asked if the City could use the schools as a reason to speed up the process. Mr. Light answered that is why the AHTD approved this light. He noted the City is on working on the state's timeline, not the City's.

Councilman Hargis questioned if the light will be synchronized with the light at Parker Road. Mr. Light answered the City is developing a master signalization plan, but there is some infrastructure the City will need to be able to synchronize the lights. He added the City can set the lights on timers and hope they are in sync, but the City is currently looking at installing a server so they can communicate with the 78 signalized intersections. He noted the City will look at the timing of the lights.

Discussion was held concerning the signaling loops.

Councilman Moore asked if the Mt. Carmel intersection would have to be realigned. Mr. Light answered he has not seen any conceptual plan on it, but assumes something will have to be done.

Mayor Perrin stated the City is awaiting on approval of the letter sent to AHTD concerning adding a double left turn lane at Aggie and Stadium, which will cost the City between \$200 to \$400 to restripe the area and added a bulb to one of the lights.

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Darrel Dover, that this matter

be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore and Darrel Dover

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

4. Pending Items

COM-10:008 Long-range facilities update

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Email concerning long-range facilities](#)

Mr. Light explained the JETS building is under contract and the notice to proceed has been given, but they are unable to work on the site due to the weather.

Councilman Vance stated the site was dry enough last Wednesday that the company was talking about starting to haul dirt.

Mr. Light stated the estimated construction and architectural cost for the building is \$721,000, which has been approved by Council. He added the rough grading of the site will continue once the weather permits, which will leave approximately \$176,000 in the contract. He stated he expects a change order due to some dirt work being moved to the JETS facility and some adjustments to the striping of the top soil. He added approximately \$80,000 will be deducted from the \$176,000 for this work.

Mr. Light explained the mechanic shop design is 50% complete and the construction should cost approximately \$1.3 million. He noted the City expects to have the shop plans out to bid in March, which will deplete the construction money for 2010, but they will continue to work on the design work.

Councilman Dover asked what the length of the contract will be. Mr. Light answered he would like to have the mechanic building done by the end of the year. He added they are working on the conceptual layout of the warehouse at an estimated cost of \$820,000, which was more expensive than previously thought. He stated they were able to cut out more in the administrative building, which will help keep the project cost at the budgeted \$5.2 million. He explained they will let the warehouse plans out to bid in late 2010 for the 2011 construction and he hopes to start construction on the administration, fuel depot and the car wash in 2011.

This item was Read.

5. Other Business

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Darrel Dover, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore and Darrel Dover

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson