



# City of Jonesboro

## Meeting Minutes

### Public Services Council Committee

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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Monday, April 9, 2007

5:00 PM

Huntington Building

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**1. Call To Order**

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

**2. Approval of minutes**

**MIN-07:006** Minutes from the March 12, 2007, Public Services meeting.

*Minutes were made available to all those in attendance.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Cecil Province, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED unanimously.**

**3. New Business**

*Resolutions To Be Introduced*

**RES-07:20** A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROVIDER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND MICHAEL H. TEAGUE, MSW, LADAC, CCS

**Sponsors:** JETS

**Attachments:** [TeagueContract](#)

*JETS Director Joel Gardner noted Mr. Teague is the only FTA and DOT approved substance abuse provider in the area. He also noted Mr. Teague will be providing substance abuse counseling when needed.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Charles Frierson, that this matter be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED unanimously.**

**RES-07:23** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH NRS CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR DESIGN OF THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FACILITY AND INSPECTION OF CEMETERY EXCAVATION

**Sponsors:** Cemeteries

*Mr. Wilkie stated NRS Engineering performed the excavation design. Discussion was held regarding whether the money budgeted for the project in 2006 carried over into 2007. Mr. Wilkie stated he did not see it in the budget, but was told the money would be carried over.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED unanimously.**

**RES-07:32** A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH OPTUS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A BASEBALL FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

**Attachments:** [OptusJoeMackContract](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Faye McCall, that this matter be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED unanimously.**

**RES-07:29** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH BRACKETT-KRENNERICH AND ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR DESIGN OF A NEW BATHHOUSE AT CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK

**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

**Attachments:** [BKBathhouseContract](#)

*Mr. Wilkie noted City Attorney Crego reviewed the contract. Councilperson Frierson questioned whether construction management would be included in the contract. Mr. Wilkie stated construction management would not be included.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Cecil Province, that this matter be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED unanimously.**

**RES-07:30** A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF ALL THE AMENITIES OF ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARK

**Sponsors:** Public Services Council Committee

*Councilperson Frierson recommended holding the resolution until the May 1st Council agenda so Mayor Formon can thank the Rotary Club for their help with the park.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Faye McCall, that this matter be Recommended to the City Council and placed on the May 1st City Council agenda. The motion CARRIED unanimously.**

**4. Pending Items**

**5. Other Business**

**Consideration of renaming North Main Park "Doss Hutson Park"**

*Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained the family of Mr. Doss Hutson has asked that North Main Park be renamed Doss Hutson Park. Mr. Wilkie stated he wasn't sure if Mr. Hutson would meet the previously established criteria for naming of parks. Discussion was held regarding Resoluiton 2005:120 which established the guidelines for the naming of public parks. Councilperson Frierson expressed concern over naming parks after people. Councilperson Tim McCall also expressed concern and questioned what would keep the Council from, in the future, renaming the park after someone else because their family requested it. It was recommended Mr. Wilkie contact City Attorney Phillip Crego to clarify the Section 1-E in Resolution 2005:120 to see whether "an individual" could also include a citizen from the City.*

Recommendation to apply to have Earl Bell on the list of Historic Places

*Mr. Wilkie stated the Earl Bell Community Center is eligible to be placed on the list of Historic Places. He recommended applying to be placed on the list so the City would be able to apply for money if needed. It was asked for someone to attend a future meeting to answer questions about being on the Historic Places List. Discussion was held regarding the City giving the state a facade easement to Earl Bell in case the City were to receive grant money to make improvements to Earl Bell. Councilperson Frierson noted the City used federal money to build Earl Bell Community Center and he had heard part of the agreement included the City not being able to transfer the title. It was asked for Mr. Wilkie to find out if the City will be able to transfer the title for a facade agreement if needed.*

Approval to make application for the 2007-2008 Urban Forestry Grant

*Mr. Wilkie stated the Urban Forestry Grant is a \$20,000 50/50 grant. He added the City's share would be \$10,000. It was questioned whether approval was needed from the Finance Committee before applying. It was decided approval would not be needed until the application is approved and money will need to be appropriated.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Cecil Province, seconded by Councilperson Faye McCall, that this matter be Recommended for application. The motion CARRIED unanimously.**

Bill Latourette's land donation replacing Pop Strickland Park

*Mr. Wilkie stated he was approached by Mr. Bill Latourette concerning Mr. Latourette donating land to the City. Mr. Wilkie explained the land is in the 100-year floodplain and would be usable for a park. He further explained the land included 2-1/2 to 3 acres. He added they could use the land to expand Pop Strickland Park. Councilperson Tim McCall noted it's not often the City is offered land so they should look into accepting the donation. It was asked for Mr. Wilkie to bring more information to the next committee meeting. It was also asked for Mr. Wilkie to check with Planning concerning the land and draw up a conveyance.*

Construction report

*Mr. Wilkie stated Rotary Park is officially completed and the grand opening will be held Saturday, April 14, 2007, at noon.*

**6. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Tim McCall, that this matter be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED unanimously.**