



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman joined the meeting at approximately 4:02 PM.

Present 5 - Joe Hafner; Charles Coleman; John Street; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent 2 - Ann Williams and David McClain

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-23:067](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee Meeting on July 11, 2023

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Charles Coleman; John Street and Brian Emison

Absent: 3 - Ann Williams; David McClain and Anthony Coleman

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-23:132](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BAILEY CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE FORUM RESTROOM RENOVATION (2023:22)

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[2023-22 Forum Restroom Renovations-OWNER-GC-CONTRACT](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I will say it looks like the contract amount is \$243,000.

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

Aye: 4 - Charles Coleman; John Street; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and David McClain

[RES-23:133](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE FY2023 CDBG ACTION PLAN

Sponsors: Grants and Community Development

Attachments: [GRANT AGREEMENT FY2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.pdf](#) mayor

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

Aye: 4 - Charles Coleman;John Street;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and David McClain

[RES-23:134](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION AND THE EAST ARKANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO APPLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) FY2023 DISASTER SUPPLEMENT FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT A NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL FACILITY TO REPLACE THE PREVIOUS TERMINAL THAT WAS DESTROYED BY THE MARCH 28, 2020 TORNADO

Sponsors: Grants, Mayor's Office and Municipal Airport Commission

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I have a question. Mr. Chair, is this just for the building, not for the runway? Councilmember John Street said, it's just the building. Chairman Joe Hafner said, it's just the building. Grants Director Regina Burkett approached the podium and said, this is for the terminal only. This is not for the strengthening or lengthening. That is another project that they are working for. This is just to rehab and improve the terminal that was there before the tornado. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I hope you don't mind me asking this question. I know we are just talking about the building right now, but are they going to lengthen that runway? Ms. Burkett said, there is funding right now to lengthen it, and there is funding for strengthening also right now. So they are moving forward. I don't know the timeline at this time, but they are moving forward with all that. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, will we be able to fly to Dallas? Ms. Burkett said, you are going to have to talk to the airport commission on that. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, thank you, Regina.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I have a question, Chairman. On the percentage, I saw the 80% and the 20%. Just for clarity, when I was reading this, so I see that non-sharing or non-federal matching share. And one of the whereas and one paragraph, I can't remember where it is now, but one of the paragraphs says that, is it the commission that is responsible for paying the 20 percent? Director of Grants Regina Burkett said, yes. The requirement with the grant department of commerce, EDA, the requirement is that the city has to be the lead applicant in the grant; therefore, we have to be a partner with this, but we have no financial ties whatsoever with that. It's all through the commission and East Arkansas Planning and Development District. We are just the lead applicant because it's a requirement. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, sure. Thank you.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, Brian, did you have something to add? I didn't mean to

cut you off. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, no, it's fine. I was just going to add, I believe it was last year that there was an appropriation for something like \$5,000,000 for lengthening. And then there was also a similar appropriation maybe the year before that for the strengthening. So by the time it's all said and done, we should have a longer runway. I believe it's at 6,000 feet was what the request was, and to up the capacity considerably. I do know that there was some discussion about how wide it was going to be, but I think they have that worked out. I believe that all the engineering is done on that; and I believe that in the construction world, that is a project that is not too far out in the distant future from actually beginning. At the end of the day, it should allow the opportunity like that to exist with a little bit larger aircraft than what we fly out of there right now. That's the hope behind that. I'll just encourage that if you have any questions, of course, the airport commission meetings are public and it's a worthwhile information gathering effort to go and sit through one of those. Thank you.

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

Aye: 4 - Charles Coleman;John Street;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and David McClain

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I just want to ask a question. I know that one of the hot topics, of course, is police pay, and I am all for it and definitely supporting that, making sure it's worthwhile for our safety. But I would ask, Chairman, if we can request from the mayor to submit that resolution to this committee before it goes to full council since you have that open door as the chairman of the Finance and Administration. Chairman Joe Hafner said, well, I mean, Brian and I don't want to speak for the mayor, but that has been going through Public Safety, so Public Safety is probably going to present the resolution before it comes to full council. But also, I expect that in order to appropriate the money, there will still have to be something coming to finance to do the appropriation.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, I will ask Steve to correct me if I am wrong, but in the past, the Public Safety committee has absolutely made decisions that appropriate monies for pay plans. I believe the last pay plan was funneled through the Public Safety committee. That is where the conversations have been held to this point. Of course, any councilmember is obviously welcome to attend the Public Safety meetings; but right now it is my understanding that the plan would be to present that Public Safety pay plan to the Public Safety committee. Chairman Joe Hafner said, and ultimately it will come in front of the full council. Mr. Richardson said, yes, it has to be approved by the full council, so I mean, even if you are not on the Public Safety committee, the people in the full council will vote on things that come through Finance. Just the fact that it appropriates funds does not necessarily require that it come to Finance. Similar to Public Services, a lot of Park's appropriations go through Public Services and then on to City Council for full approval. Also, once it is approved and voted on, the hope would be to be able to get it into action as soon as possible. So that would also be a goal of the mayor, and I hope the city council as well would help implement and approve the plan as soon as possible. We are looking at Public Safety for that.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, well, just to give more context, I definitely agree with you, and I was hoping to be able to at least see those numbers before it went to full council, because we may have other questions. I don't want to labor that. So that's why I was just really asking, would we be able to see that before it goes to full council? Mr. Richardson said, yes, what will be voted on at Public Safety is the actual word by word, line by line plan that's presented to Public Safety. So you know that would be on the published meeting details once that is created and ready for consideration by the Public Safety committee. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so basically what you are saying it will be released. At the Public Safety committee, we will be able to see that, or the public will be able to see what those proposals, what that resolution is prior to full council. Mr. Richardson said, correct. Am I answering what you are asking fully? Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, yes. I just want to be able to see it prior to full council. Mr. Richardson said, yes. It will be discussed in detail at the Public Safety meeting.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I know it may sound as if I am somewhat ignorant in that regard. It's just that I know that when we present things to the subcommittee, a lot of times we don't see the full detail in my opinion. So that's why I ask will we see the actual resolution in detail or would we just have to search for it in the agenda and that type of thing in the packet. Then all of it is presented line by line. Mr. Richardson said, yes, I mean, all of the details should typically be in for any type of resolution, but that conversation aside, this is obviously something that will be discussed in detail. I suspect that there will be a lot of questions asked back and forth, and it will be a pretty thorough presentation of the exhibits and the pay plan and the budget impact, the long term prognosis and all those accompanying details. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, thank you.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Charles Coleman; John Street; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and David McClain