



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 3 - Ann Williams; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent 2 - John Street and Darrel Dover

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-11:024 Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on March 22, 2011

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - John Street and Darrel Dover

3. New Business

ORD-11:039 AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE ELAVON TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR COLLECTION OF ALL PAYMENTS MADE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO BY CREDIT CARDS

Sponsors: Finance

Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske explained Heartland is currently performing the services for credit card transactions, but they want to switch to Elavon and save the City a considerable amount in fees.

No vote was taken on this motion.

ORD-11:037 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Finance

Mr. Barylske stated the City was considerably under the 2010 budget, but some departments spent more than what was budgeted. He noted this ordinance is required by law to account for the items.

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - John Street and Darrel Dover

ORD-11:040

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF RADIO UPGRADES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE.

Information Systems Director Erick Woodruff explained after 2012 the current radios will be obsolete and these are the upgrades for those radios. He further explained these radios will also give the departments within the City interoperability in order to communicate with each other. He stated they budgeted for the radios over a two year period, so there will be more radios being ordered next year.

Councilman Fears questioned how much money will be spent on the radios. Mr. Woodruff answered approximately \$36,000 and he will put that in the ordinance before it goes to Council.

Mayor Perrin stated this will also save the City in that cell phones may not be needed in some areas due to the radios, so there will be savings due to the decrease in cell phones.

Councilman Fears then questioned why they needed to waive the competitive bidding. Mr. Woodruff stated Integrated Technologies have already built the system for police and dispatch and are familiar with the City's system. Councilman Fears asked if they are comfortable with the City getting a fair rate. Mr. Woodruff answered yes.

Concern was expressed about the dollar amount not being stated in the ordinance. Mayor Perrin stated they can put the exact cost in the ordinance before it goes to Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended to Council with the stipulation of additional information being included in the ordinance to specify price. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - John Street and Darrel Dover

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

COM-11:027

Jonesboro Airport Commission financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2011 and 2010

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Airport financial statement](#)

Councilman Coleman questioned whether there are any plans to expand the runway at the airport. Mayor Perrin stated the Airport Commission is currently making a master plan. Mr. Barylske noted that while the Airport Commission is required to make a master plan in order to receive grant funding, they are not required to present the plan to the Council. Mayor Perrin stated he could give the Council copies of the plan if they would like to see it.

Councilman Fears commended Seaport Airlines for their service in Jonesboro.

COM-11:028 Introduce Policemen's Relief and Pension Fund accountants' compilation report and financial statements, December 31, 2010

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Police Pension Compilation 2010](#)

Mr. Barylske noted the plan made \$1,882 last year.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 2 - Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - John Street and Darrel Dover