



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:15 P.M.

Regarding the abandonment of a 30 foot road easement located north of Arkansas Highway 49B (Johnson Avenue) as requested by James Carr and Willis Gray

No opposition was voiced.

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

Mayor Perrin welcomed the new Council members for 2009, Gene Vance, Chris Gibson, Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears.

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

4. Special Presentations

Mayor Perrin recognized the CDBG Citizen's Advisory Board and the CDBG Department. He explained they spend many hours researching the needs of the citizens when applying for grants.

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

MIN-08:249 Minutes for the City Council meeting on December 18, 2008.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-08:226 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH STUCK ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN OF A NEW FACILITY FOR STREETS AND SANITATION

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Stuck Associates Architects Contract 010209](#)

Mayor Perrin informed the Council he was able to reduce the rate down from 6.5% to 5.75%.

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-001-2009

RES-08:230 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE, YEAR 13 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2009 ACTION PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [2009 Action Plan Coun. Com-Resolution](#)
[2009 Action Plan](#)
[2009 Agreement](#)

Mayor Perrin explained the grant for 2009 will include sidewalk improvements on Bridge and Word Streets. He further explained the improvements are needed and expressed his appreciation to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Group for considering those projects.

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-002-2009

6. New Business

Ordinances on First Reading

ORD-08:072 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD TO THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 6 ANIMALS AND FOWL, CHAPTER 6.08 DOGS, SUB SECTION 6.08.05 DOGS TO BE CONFINED FOR THE PROHIBITION OF IMPROPER CONFINEMENT OF DOGS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Animal Control

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Moore asked the ordinance be held at one reading for three individual, consecutive meetings so the public has enough time to input any concerns.

This Ordinance was Held at one reading.

ORD-08:103 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A 30' ROAD EASEMENT LOCATED NORTH OF ARKANSAS HIGHWAY 49B (JOHNSON AVENUE) AS REQUESTED BY JAMES CARR AND WILLIS GRAY

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[Utility Letters](#)
[Petitions](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Hargis questioned whether the property would allow for any sidewalks north of Caraway. City Planner Otis Spriggs explained the easement is located on the east side of Caraway towards 49 and has no connection with Caraway.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-001-2009

ORD-09:001 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2.20, ENTITLED CITY COUNCIL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Attachments: [Current Rules and Procedures](#)
[Proposed Rules and Procedures](#)
[Combined current and proposed Rules and Procedures](#)
[Mayor Perrin Chris Moore Proposal](#)

Mayor Perrin asked the Council to table the ordinance until January 20, 2009, in order for him to visit with all the Council members individually due to the additions and deletions to the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Tabled until January 20, 2009. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances on Third Reading

ORD-08:105 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE IN ZONING BOUDARIES FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-3 LUO SPECIALTY RETAIL TOY AND GIFT SHOP LOCATED AT 627 WEST PARKER ROAD AS REQUESTED BY MARY HORNE

Attachments: [MAPC Report](#)
[Plat](#)
[Application for a Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-002-2009

8. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Perrin stated the Finance staff has been working on the 2009 budget. He added he hopes to present the budget on January 12. He explained any questions regarding the budget can be submitted to himself and/or Finance Director Jim Barksdale. He further explained they will most likely call a special Finance meeting to be held on the 12th immediately followed by a special Council meeting.

Mayor Perrin also stated they have been working with Springbrook on things that need to be done with the software. He noted Mr. Jack Turner, a former intern from ASU that has been working in the Mayor's Office, has been hired and will be assigned to Springbrook. He explained Mr. Turner will be trained in Springbrook and will also be working with the company.

Mayor Perrin explained they met with a governmental accounting firm last week out of Jackson, Tennessee. He further explained the company will be getting back with them so the City can put out a Request for Qualifications in order to pick a firm.

Mayor Perrin offered new Council members the opportunity to meet with department heads so they can better understand the departments.

Mayor Perrin explained he and Public Works Director Erick Woodruff met with Mr. Joe Barnett from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department concerning synchronizing signals in the City. He further explained Mr. Barnett gave them several ideas and phone numbers of people who may be able to help.

Mayor Perrin informed the Council the Good Roads and Highways Committee will be meeting tomorrow, January 7, 2009, in the Mayor's Conference Room at 2:30 p.m. in order to have a conference call with Congressman Marion Berry to discuss the needs of Jonesboro. He also noted the conference call will prepare them for the fly-in to DC on February 12th.

Mayor Perrin stated he and City Attorney Phillip Crego will be meeting with APERMA Attornies Ralph Ohm and Burt Newell to discuss all the pending lawsuits with the City of Jonesboro.

Mayor Perrin then read a letter addressed to the Street Department. The letter was written by citizens who were expecting to deliver a baby during the recent ice storm. The letter stated the Street Department prepared their street in case they needed to get out of their house to go to the hospital during the ice storm. The letter noted the baby was born December 16th and thanked the Street Department for making it easier for them to get to the hospital during the storm.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Street noted they did not have a quorum in order to hold the scheduled Public Works Committee meeting. He asked for an update concerning the facility for the Street and Sanitation Departments. City Engineer Craig Light explained everything has been installed at the Strawfloor facility and is operational. He stated to his knowledge, they are done with the work unless anything else is brought to his attention. He added they will be receiving proposals for property for the new facility in the next few days. He explained they hope to make a decision as quickly as possible.

Councilman Street asked everyone to be sure to read the 5-year plan for Capital Improvements that Mayor Perrin has proposed and included in the 2009 budget. He

stated the plan does note that it may be amended or updated yearly. Mayor Perrin stated in the next few weeks they will be meeting with department heads tied to Capital Improvements to come up with a list of everything that is in the process to be completed in 2009.

Councilman Johnson commended Mayor Perrin for the meeting and stated he is looking forward to the new year.

Councilman Dover recognized the Finance Department staff for their work on the 2009 budget. He stated the budget is laid out well and easy to understand.

Councilman Woods thanked Councilwoman Williams for welcoming the new Council members during a gathering at the Edge Coffeehouse after the recent swearing-in ceremony.

Councilwoman Williams questioned the meeting on 12th, asking about the Finance Committee meeting. Mayor Perrin stated he would like to have the Finance meeting around 5 p.m., so everyone will be off work. He further explained if there are questions they may need to work on it some more, but they could still get the budget passed on January 20.

Councilman Moore welcomed the new Aldermen and stated he looked forward to working with the new Mayor. He then requested a copy of Arkansas Code Annotated 1987, unless there is a copy that supercedes the 1987 version. He also requested a copy of the Handbook for Arkansas Municipal Officials.

Councilman Hargis questioned the sidewalks planned for North Caraway. He noted the project is budgeted for in 2009, but is not as costly as some of the other sidewalk projects. He asked for the budget to include specifics about the projects, including how many feet of sidewalk is being made.

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears