



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Mayor Harold Copenhaver was in attendance.

Present 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; LJ Bryant; Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

Absent 2 - Charles Coleman and David McClain

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:045](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on May 25, 2021

Attachments: [Finance Minutes 05252021](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-21:097](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH ACADEMY SPORTS AND OUTDOORS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF TWO ATHLETIC FIELDS AT THE JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX AND ONE SIGN AT THE CONCESSION STAND

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Academy Contract 2021](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:098](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH DR. LADD SCRIBER FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE TRAP FIELD 2 AT THE JONESBORO SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Police Department, Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Shooting Range - Dr. Ladd Scriber](#)

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, called in and said, I just have a quick question for you. I saw that the contract starts at the beginning of January 2022. Since we are going to open up the shooting range in August, is there any reason that the contract doesn't start then? I know this holds true to all four of them that are on the agenda today. Police Chief Rick Elliott approached the podium and said, Good afternoon Ms. Lack and everyone listening and councilmembers. The answer to the question is that the field that he is sponsoring does not exist today. The equipment is not set today. We do anticipate building that field out this year. So, therefore, his contract is not going into effect until January, as is the same with the rest that are coming up on the agenda today. The current fields that are in place that have already been built and that we hope to have open immediately this fall, we already have contracts on, but we do have funds allocated right now to hopefully build out more of these fields this year. It will be close to the first of the year before they should be ready. So, the short answer to your question is that the fields that are empty, we are not asking them to pay for yet. We are not asking them to pay for something that doesn't exist just yet, but we did want to get people under contract so that when things do open up, we have this stream of revenue coming in. As we currently speak today, we have three fields left that have naming rights. So, if anyone that is watching and listening today, if you're interested in this, then certainly contact the Parks Department or myself. We would like to get your sponsorship out there. Thank you. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, I would like to thank the Chief and especially these individuals that have stepped up to the plate in our community. This is quite a commitment and you're looking at \$7,500 a year over a ten year period, which is \$75,000 and that is a large commitment. Again, to all of these that are going to be listed today, we say thank you. Because of this and because of your cooperative nature in our community and moving it forward, a lot of memories are going to be served here. Some of these are in memory of family members, others are for business purposes as well, but again we commend the efforts and we're looking forward to this forwarding on to council.

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:099](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH DR. TODD HIGGINBOTHAM FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE TRAP FIELD 3 AT THE JONESBORO SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Police Department, Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Shooting Range - Dr. Todd Higginbotham](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:100](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH CRITICAL EDGE FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE TRAP FIELD 7 AT THE JONESBORO SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Police Department, Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Shooting Range - Critical Edge](#)

Councilmember John Street said, I asked the Chief this earlier, but I'm sure other people may have that same question. Chief, could you step up and explain why this is only \$50,000 compared to the other trap ranges? Police Chief Rick Elliott steps up to the podium and states, absolutely, good question. There is a price difference on the fields and it is due to the amount of equipment on these fields. The \$75,000 fields are either, the trap and skeet combo fields or they are the trap and five-stand fields. So, there's additional equipment involved, therefore, the price is more. That is the reason this field is a \$50,000 field because it consists of just a trap machine and that's it. Chairman Joe Hafner said, there is not as much activity flowing through there as the other ones. Chief Elliott said, well, all fields we feel will be utilized, but when we get into trap and skeet, that is another shooting discipline in itself. Then, you get into five-stand competition and that's a whole other event in itself. So, the fact that we can do those other events out there on the same field just brings in more shooters from across the country. By adding a little more equipment, that creates more opportunities for competitions. So, we figured it was worth the additional cost to be able to have this other revenue stream coming in down the road.

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:101](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH DNW OUTDOORS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE ARCHERY RANGE AT THE JONESBORO SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Police Department, Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Shooting Range-Archery - DNW Outdoors](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:102](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH JOE CLAY YOUNG FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE RANGE ROOM AT THE JONESBORO SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Police Department, Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Shooting Range-Range Building - Joe Clay Young](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:103](#) A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,

ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A FACILITY USAGE AGREEMENT WITH JONESBORO JETS, INC.

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [JETS 2021 Agreement](#)

Councilmember John Street said, we've done this for as long as I can remember. It's a standard thing, but I think it's a good thing. Hopefully, one day we can upgrade facilities where they can have what they need to really put on some swim meets.

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:104](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH EAST ARKANSAS BROADCASTERS FOR RENTAL OF JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [JULY 4TH 2021 EAB](#)
[EAB Contract 2021](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:105](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ARKANSAS LLC D/B/A JONESBORO RADIO GROUP FOR RENTAL OF SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [JULY 4TH 2021 JRG](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:106](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPLY FOR THE FY2021 COPS (COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES) HIRING PROGRAM THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sponsors: Police Department, Grants and Finance

Attachments: [06.08.2021 COPS Budget and funding-COPSH FY21](#)

Councilmember John Street said, we've done this before, a 75/25 grant. Anytime you can get that for public safety, that's great, but Chief Elliott may want to discuss that a little more. Chairman Joe Hafner said, yeah, Chief Elliott if you would like to make a comment regarding this you're more than welcome. Police Department Chief Rick

Elliott approached the podium and said, a little history on this, the city has been successful several times in the past year on applying for this grant. As the grant application says, it is a 75/25 percent match. Last year, we were the recipient of five positions under this grant and I think it was two to three years ago we received funding for three positions. We have asked for five positions under this current grant. The Department of Justice may award five or they may give us a lesser number, but we hope to get something out of it. Councilmember Street asked, Chief, would that go to new hires or would any of that go to the ten new hires? Chief Elliott said, it should go to new hires or rehiring. The intent of the grant is to get new officers on the streets. It is not to replace existing salaries. It is to increase our numbers. Councilmember Street asked, are you pretty short right now? Chief Elliott said, currently, we are down about six officers and I had another resignation the day before yesterday. She is having to resign do to family matters.

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Chairman Joe Hafner said, Mayor, would you like to update us on the American Rescue Plan or have somebody else do it? Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, yeah, I appreciate you giving us this time. I kind of want to make an update and I do have Finance Director Steve Purtee and Grants Director Regina Burkett here as well. They can make additional comments if they would like about the CARES ACT appropriation of funds to the city. Currently, we have received half of those funds which is \$7,789,000 in funding. We have put that into a separate account. At this time, we do not have total guidance on what our parameters are on spending. The good thing about this is that we are going to be very conservative on our time with this. We have until 2024 to get our ideas in, but we want to make sure we do it the right way. At this point, Ms. Burkett informed me earlier that up until July 16th, they are still going to be coming out with new information. Ms. Burkett, would you like to give us a little more follow up with that? Ms. Burkett approached the podium and said, I've talked to a couple of agencies today to try and figure out exactly where we are going to go with this money. Currently, they didn't have any clarifications on the guidelines just yet. There are several things that have been released, but no one really understands what that actually means. So, everyone is still waiting. Like I said, I spoke with a couple of places and they do not know. There has been some things that were said earlier, which I found out today, that are not going to affect the city, but will affect some other different agencies. They can't get the money they thought and can't use it for what they were going to use it for. Therefore, I am being very cautious on what we are going to do with it. I have heard that if you spend it and they don't agree with what you have spent the funds on that you have to pay it back. Also, I am going to call the US Treasury. They are taking comments until July 16th on ways to spend the funding. Therefore, I'm thinking we're out a month or so before we will even have anything with guidance, but I hope I'm wrong. Chairman Hafner said, thank you. I thought it was important to give an update on where we are right now. I know there is still a lot that has to be looked at. Although we have received half the money, we are still waiting on the guidelines to make sure that we put it to its best use. Mayor Copenhaver said, we are also looking at other revenues, other resources as well, from Federal to State dollars. So, we're

looking at all angles to make sure we don't have duplication. As time goes on, we will know more of which way we can go. Ms. Burkett said, we have been listening to the National League of Cities, Arkansas Municipal League and taking guidance from them. They are saying to look into these other grants that are available for other things in your community besides this money. So, we are also looking at that.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison