



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 6 - Joe Hafner; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and Brian Emison

Absent 1 - Anthony Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:073](#)

Minutes for the Finance & Administration Council Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2024

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: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-24:078](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1617 RICH ROAD, PARCEL 01-143252-25000, OWNED BY RANDOLPH & JUDITH REYNOLDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1. 1617 Rich Rd Notice of Violation](#)
[2. 1617 Rich Rd Billing Request](#)
[3. 1617 Rich Rd Invoice Notice](#)
[4. 1617 Rich Rd Council Notice](#)

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: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:079](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1804 COVEY, PARCEL 01-143253-11800, OWNED BY MARTA W. STONEMAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1. 1804 Covey Notice of Violation](#)
[2. 1804 Covey Billing Request](#)
[3. 1804 Covey Invoice Notice](#)
[4. 1804 Covey Council Notice](#)

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: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:080](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3119 RHONDA, PARCEL 01-144312-07100, OWNED BY LEIGH ANN ROBINSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1. 3119 Rhonda Notice of Violation](#)
[3. 3119 Rhonda Dr Mowing](#)
[3. 3119 Rhonda Invoice Notice](#)
[4. 3119 Rhonda Council Notice](#)

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: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:081](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 122 COLEMAN STREET, PARCEL 01-144063-02500, OWNED BY BOYCE TATE & LARRY BEATY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,933.36

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

- Attachments:**
- [1. 122 Coleman Notice of Violation](#)
 - [2. 122 Coleman Billing Request](#)
 - [3. 122 Coleman Invoice Notice](#)
 - [4. 122 Coleman Council Notice](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, Madam Clerk, please let the attendance reflect that Dr. Anothony Coleman is in attendance now. City Clerk April Leggett said, so noted.

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: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:082](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1313 PARDEW, PARCEL 01-144212-20200, OWNED BY MICHELLE NUTT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

- Attachments:**
- [1. 1313 Pardew Notice of Violation](#)
 - [2. 1313 Pardew Billing Request](#)
 - [3. 1313 Pardew Invoice Notice](#)
 - [4. 1313 Pardew Council Notice](#)

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: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:083](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2612 CRAWFORD, PARCEL 01-144273-02300, OWNED BY RANDY & ALEY CRAWFORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

- Attachments:**
- [1. 2612 Crawford Notice of Violation](#)
 - [2. 2612 Crawford Billing Request](#)
 - [3. 2612 Crawford Invoice Notice](#)
 - [4. 2612 Crawford Council Notice](#)

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: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:084](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1703 DARRICK CIRCLE, PARCEL 01-144122-03200, OWNED BY JOE SPENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

- Attachments:**
- [1. 1703 Darrick Cir Notice of Violation](#)
 - [2. 1703 Darrick Cir Billing Request](#)
 - [3. 1703 Darrick Cir Invoice Notice](#)
 - [4. 1703 Darrick Cir Council Notice](#)

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: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:085](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2107 TURTLE CREEK, PARCEL 01-143351-03200, OWNED BY LAUREN HATTEN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

- Attachments:**
- [1. 2107 Turtle Creek Notice of Violation](#)
 - [2. 2107 Turtle Creek Billing Invoice](#)
 - [3. 2107 Turtle Creek Invoice Notice](#)
 - [4. 2107 Turtle Creek Council Notice](#)

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: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:086](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1500 SALLY LANE, PARCEL 01-144214-15700, OWNED BY ARTHUR RAY OSBORNE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

- Attachments:**
- [1. 1500 Sally Ln Notice of Violation](#)
 - [2. 1500 Sally Ln Billing Request](#)
 - [3. 1500 Sally Ln Invoice Notice](#)
 - [4. 1500 Sally Lane Council Notice](#)

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: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:088](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY2025 OUTDOOR RECREATION MATCHING GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE AND TOURISM

Sponsors: Grants and Parks & Recreation

- Attachments:** [171073-01-01-Allen Park Proposal](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, just to clarify for me, where it says the city request

\$190,000 in grant funding with a 50% local match of \$190,000, is that a 100% local match? I mean, because it's the same amount. It's 50% of the total grant but it's a 100% match. Grants Department Director Jeremy Biggs approached the podium and said, it's 50% of the total project cost. It's a dollar-for-dollar match. You're correct. Chairman Joe Hafner said, so should that be 100% local match? Director Jeremy Biggs said, it should be. I can clean that up before it comes back next week. Chairman Joe Hafner said, I mean, if I'm wrong tell me I'm wrong. Director Jeremy Biggs said, no, you're right. It's a dollar-for-dollar match. Chairman Joe Hafner said, we need to amend that.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to amend RES-24:088 from 50% local match to 100% local match. All voted aye.

Director Jeremy Biggs said, while we're talking about match. I know everybody on the committee is aware of the outstanding match we have. I just want to maybe provide more clarity. We have \$169,000 of old CDBG money that's earmarked in past action plans for park improvements and public facility improvements. We have all but \$21,000 of the match already covered. Does that make sense? We have old funds in CDBG sitting around ready for a project to spend them on and we've identified this project as one that's worthy.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, question if you don't mind Chairman. Chairman Joe Hafner said, no go ahead. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, is this a part of that Master Plan that was presented earlier this year? Director Jeremy Biggs said, yes sir. It is part of the Master Plan and the Social Determinants of Health Plan that we had, as well, for accessibility.

Councilmember David McClain said, Mr. Chairman I had one. Chairman Joe Hafner said, ok go ahead. Councilmember David McClain said, does this replace what's currently there? The park that is there off to the left. Director Jeremy Biggs said, no it won't fully replace it. I don't believe. Councilmember David McClain said, it will add to it? Director Jeremy Biggs said, yes, an addition to it.

Director Jeremy Biggs said, all that language that was in that resolution about power lines and all of that, that's just a requirement from Arkansas Parks Heritage Department. There are no power lines that are a problem there. We just have to have that language in the resolution.

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: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:089](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT A SUB-ALLOCATION FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA), FY 2019 49 U.S.C SECTION 5307 FORMULA GRANT FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION (JET)

Sponsors: Grants and JETS

Chairman Joe Hafner said, basically, we're getting the \$161,000 of the \$957,607 that the City of Conway has lapsing? JETS Department Director Lee Wells approached the podium and said, yes sir, that's correct. Chairman Joe Hafner said, we couldn't get any more of it? Director Lee Wells said, I think we had to share, as well, but we

did have a need for a project and in order to accomplish that project that's what we accepted from them.

Councilmember David McClain said, so you have two paratransit. Are we replacing or just adding to our fleet? Director Lee Wells said, this is adding to our fleet. This is an expansion opportunity for us. Our current fleet, just to kind of explain, they can hold one to two passengers. With what we're looking at here for a paratransit vehicle, this will be able to increase that passenger count up to around eight. Which means we'll be able to get more passengers on, not all of our paratransit trips that require that to be a one-on-one basis, so this gives us more opportunity for having more passengers during our peak busy times. It also gives us some multi-use options of that as well.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, can you give us an update, not to get lost off out in the woods, but could you give us an update on the units, the vehicles, that we're still waiting on? Do we still have some that haven't arrived? Director Lee Wells said, we obviously are still waiting on the trolleys. That's one of the things. They are or should be in productions. I haven't heard confirmation from them. Just an estimated time. But they're rolling like they should be on plan. We did recently have a purchase for two cutaway buses, which as a reminder, those are the buses that we have on our normal fixed route, our various bus stops throughout town. We are just getting those finalized in order for them to be road ready. There are a few items that have to be added to it after we get them from the vendor in order to make them revenue vehicles, in order for us to put them in service. As far as I know that is what we have right now. This would allow us to purchase two additional vans for our paratransit service. That's going to be an expansion of that service to allow, like I said, for more passengers and more use for possible future growth.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, are there any updates on the bus stops, the enclosures? Director Lee Wells said, the bus stops, we are still working diligently on. I'm going to defer, but I believe we did get the FTA approval. Chairman Joe Hafner said, we've been waiting on those for a while too haven't we. Grants Department Director Jeremy Biggs approached the podium and said, yesterday the award was executed from the FTA so that's good. All we're doing is finishing up the paperwork. Once they give us the final stamp of approval Lee can put that out for RFQ's. Hopefully by the end of the year. Chairman Joe Hafner said, hopefully by the time cold weather hits. Director Jeremy Biggs said, but the award was executed yesterday, so we're within 30 days of probably being able to move forward with that project.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I'm trying to gather all the information, so just hear me out. So, we're spending a lot on getting a lot of buses and transportation, which is good, but two questions. One, is the revenue fitting but then it also points to, my colleague Councilmember Ann Williams, when she is asking about more routes and extra routes and things like that. What's the plan on that? Has that happened? I think that really speaks to this resolution before we... I don't want you to think that I'm out of this, but it really speaks to this resolution, from my understanding, that we're buying more buses, is the revenue making sense and then are we expanding? You know, I just need to understand that, because we're spending, spending, spending, but I don't see, that's making sense. Director Lee Wells said, definitely we are. We are doing that, obviously it's a process. It is a little bit slower than we would like for it to be, for various reasons, but we are working through that process. We are expanding to four service routes for our fixed route in October. We already have that in the books. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, this year? Director Lee Wells said, this year, yes sir. We are currently, like I said, running three routes, so this will increase that service time. We are also in the midst of upgrading our software, which we have talked about previously. That is

currently getting, right now just getting rolled, rolling out, as far as getting that software implemented into our program to where we can start using that for new features and things. We have the trolleys coming at the end of the year. We're just, right now, I'm giving vague terms, I'm sorry, not to say it's going to be later. We are getting ourselves in a position by upgrading our fleet because, realistically, the entire fleet that we have, outside of these new vehicles that we have purchased, none of them are inside the standard life span of FTA transit vehicle. They're all older than what should be. So, what we've been doing is getting all of these upgraded in order to have a current rolling stock that is mechanically sound enough for us to be able to start looking at this expansion that we're wanting to do. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so follow-up, to speak to what Chairman asked about the trolleys, because you said end of this year but earlier you said you didn't know, so didn't have an exact time so? Director Lee Wells said, I don't have an exact time. I believe the tentative plan from them is to have them in October, but as I said, I don't have a confirmation from them that they have their manufacturing schedule set in stone yet. The tentative ideas that I had from them was what they hoped to have, and according to their plan they should be having the very first trolley on the production line currently, right now, and we have five coming through. Now, as far as how long that takes for that to go through that process, I don't know on that entirety, but once they get that to a point where they can give me some locked in dates, they will do that, they just haven't reached that point. My understanding from my communications with them is that, when they receive a chastity, which is just the frame and the motor, they actually hand build the body off of the line, and then it goes down the line to actually assemble the body on there and fully add all the various components to make it a complete unit. So those bodies are currently being built, the chastity's are there, the first one should be on its production line currently. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, so, and I don't know if, because I definitely want to get off of this resolution, but on the same token I wanted to know, you mentioned something of this about paratransit, those trolleys, are they not paratransit vehicles? Director Lee Wells said, they are designed to be used for a fixed route service. They can be used for paratransit. So, for any transit agency that operates a fixed route service is required to also operate a paratransit service as well. That paratransit service is a more customized more curbside-to-curbside, door-to-door type of service for those that can not get to a standard bus stop. Any vehicle we have, they're all ADA compliant, which means any of those can also be used for paratransit as well. With what we have been operating, our cutaway buses have been standardized for fixed route, and then our minivans and vans have been standardized for paratransit just because of the amount of people that can be in it. By getting this opportunity, we're able to get some vehicles in our paratransit fleet which are going to hold a few more people but also, we can kind of mismatch those. It's not necessarily that its set in stone that this vehicle has to be a paratransit. That's just what it's designed for our plans for its use. I hope that answers your question. Councilmember Dr. Coleman said, sure, sure, and I just like to make a statement Chairman. With it be so much ambiguity, I just think we ought to, and I would just like to see more discussion on this, maybe in Public Services meeting about JETS, because doing a lot of spending and I'm not seeing...

Councilmember Ann Williams said, I would like to say something about this. I was very involved in the development of the public transit system. It's very important and it's important to understand the philosophy of public transportation. As far as revenue, it is a fact that the more routes you have the more service you have, the more it becomes dependable for people to get to work and get to work on time. Mr. Street and I both heard from people that said they loved public transportation, but it's important for them to get to work on time. And we did cut back the service during covid and we're down to three routes, working to get back to five. That's going to make a huge difference in the number of ridership and the revenue. If that's

important to show, but it may sound counterintuitive but the more equipment you have, the more rolling stock, the more ridership you'll have, and why it's important to do that and have service that people can depend on and sufficient stops at every stop for people to be able to take it and not think they're going to have to wait an hour or two hours to catch the bus, including in bad weather. So, but I also want to emphasize something that you got to remember is that public transportation isn't a business as far as profit motivated, no more than the streets are, because you don't look at what profit are we getting from the streets. It's very, I guess you'd say, ambiguous as far as what benefit you're having except the fact that you're doing what basically a city is supposed to do, providing transportation for its citizens. So, it's not a business where you say, what's the profit or what profit are we making on this, you're always going to lose money on a public transportation system. New York City, the subway cars run packed, they don't make a profit. It's not a business, it's a service that is basic to provide for your citizens. It's needed for people to get to work, medical appointments and all that, it's a basic service we need to provide. We cannot always look at it at the standpoint of looking at a business. It's more of, not the matter of revenue, but how many people are we serving in the community that rely upon this as their only form of transportation in a city that's the second largest in the state geographically. I think our objective is to view is how effective are we at doing that. That's the bottom line as far as I'm concerned, how you look at the whole concept of public transportation. It's a necessary service to be provided to people that need it, and it's important for them to be able to get to work.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, ok. One moment. Mr. Street did you.... Chairman John Street said, we get federal and state subsidies to operate the transit system. That's like the trolleys were grants, all of them, pretty much, and this is a grant that we're getting part of. When we didn't have a transportation system, we let our funds go to Northwest Arkansas and Conway, Little Rock, because we didn't so we're blessed to get this. But we're always pressed to expand the routes, as Lee can tell you, and you can't expand the routes unless you offer a comparable paratransit service. So, it's important to expand the paratransit service in order to expand the routes, and hopefully as those trolleys come-in they'll all be expanded. But MPO is also expediting the necessary action to get this rolling as well. So, we're blessed to get this and hope to God that we do get it. There is one transportation system in the United States that operates in the black, only one, and that's Chicago, Illinois. Other than that, there's not one. It is a public service and it's a subsidized public service.

Director Lee Wells said, I will say, with this specific vehicle, if you look at it in that aspect, with our paratransit, we're only able to have one or two passengers in the vehicle, and with this we're adding two vehicles to our fleet that can hold eight. So, you've more than doubled what the amount of revenue fares and also service of passengers. We have a number of passengers that utilize our paratransit service that, maybe they have a doctor's appointment and then they're going to work, maybe they have a dialysis appointment and then they're going to work. But by doing this, this is going to allow us to have more passengers in the vehicle at one time which in turn is not only serving more, but also putting more in the terms of revenue fare collected.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, and I think another key point too, with the trolleys is they're hybrid so when they're using electricity, that's not fuel we're having to buy, that's free electricity that we're getting that will lower the operating cost. Brian was there something you were wanting to say?

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I would like to finish my statement if you don't mind. Chairman Joe Hafner said, oh I thought you were... Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, no, I was trying to finish. Chairman Joe Hafner said, alright

go ahead. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I have no problem with public transportation. My question had nothing to do with me fighting the system. I understand it's important, I do, I get it. I just know fiducially we're spending it. I just wanted it to make sense, that's why I said at the front end. I just thought it would make sense because we don't have the trolleys here, we said we're paying for those cutaway somethings, I don't have the words to remember, but I just remember those things in these meetings. So, I just wanted it to make sense that we're spending, ok when is this stuff coming, when will we see the trolleys, when are we going to see the trucks and when are we going to see this, and you know, paratransit, to make certain that what we have come in makes sense to what we're trying to purchase. That's the only thing I was asking. I am very much so for public transportation, helping our citizens get to and fro, so that was not my question. I just wanted to know does it make sense. Asking for this and we haven't seen these other things coming into fruition. That's really what I was saying. So maybe, I should not have led with revenue, forgive me. But I just wanted to know does it really make sense if we're spending, spending spending, and I'm not seeing the trucks, I'm not seeing the trolleys so that's what I'm asking. Director Lee Wells said, and I can say with this, this is a twofold benefit for us. Not only has this Conway money come available for us but these specific vehicles that we're asking for are actually currently in stock. They are built and ready to go. One of the things with a lot of our vehicle purchases that we have had, is they're not available. What we're doing is we're pre-ordering a product, so when we order a bus or a van, we're actually putting that out and saying this is what we want, then we have to wait for that to be manufactured. So, with this specific grant opportunity, not only have we had the opportunity to get this additional grant funding, but we have also found these vehicles currently in stock, that once we finalize this they will be delivered. Whereas the turnaround on this one, realistically, should only be a couple of weeks. There are still, with any product that we buy, what we're getting is the vehicle, we still have the fare collection system that has to be installed into it, the electronics for it that are required, for example the CB radio, also the tablet for the drivers to be able to utilize to navigate and also to operate the software that we use. Those items have to be put in. We have worked diligently in our office to expedite that process. Whereas, when we know we have a vehicle that were working towards getting, we are getting those items in advance to where once that product does arrive, we're not then ordering a second item and waiting on it to be delivered. So, we're working very hard and with this one specifically. Once this goes through, we're going to be able to take delivery of that item very, very soon. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, thank you chairman.

Councilmember Brian Emison said, Lee, I do have a question if you don't mind. On the paratransit side, a lot of this stuff is being used for medical appointments and things we were talking about there. Is there anything in the grant language that would prevent us from billing Medicare or Medicaid on this to get some kind of reimbursement or some additional revenues coming back in? Director Lee Wells said, some of the vendors that utilize our paratransit service actually have programs set up in place. The customer themselves, I'm not an expert by any means on the Medicare process or Medicaid process, but I believe they have something set up in their insurance language to where, they pay for it out of pocket, they turn that in and then they can get some kind of reimbursement or stipend or something like that. I'm not 100% sure on that, but we do have a couple of vendors, specifically Total Life Healthcare, St. Bernards and also NEA Dialysis that actually bill us out for their customer trips. So, we're already currently doing some of that, and we have actually made progress on getting ourselves more out there to the public and also to these entities so they're aware of it. My paratransit coordinator and my marketing person, just today, had a meeting with some individuals, and we handed out, I think, 16 of our applications to where new people are finding out that we offer this service. We've had a number of people reach out to us to discuss the billing process as well.

Councilmember Brian Emison said, that is great. Thank you Lee.

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain and Brian Emison

Nay: 1 - Anthony Coleman

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I believe Brian wanted to make a comment under other business. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, and I guess this would have been somewhat applicable to the last agenda item, but I didn't want to muddy the waters any on that. You know, as we continue to buy vehicles, we continue to see that the aftereffects in the manufacturing world and covid are still very real. These trolley buses are just another example of how you can purchase something today and it may be quite a while before you actually see it, but I think that's good for your constituents to know because I'm sure they ask you about that too. Example, if we ordered the fire truck today, it's 48 months wait time and police cars right now, we'd have to scramble around to find one if we needed one. That's what we're trying to do now. The manufacturing world is still trying to catch up with a lot of the key components that we need to continue investing in our city. It can be a frustrating process, but it's one that we have to live with just like every other community. We just try to plan ahead accordingly, and especially in, as far as some of the grants funding for the transit system goes, we're kind of fortunate that right now in a time where we're really trying to invest in our public safety infrastructure that there's a lot of federal money out there. There was something mentioned about hybrid buses, that was a result of not one, but two grants that the Grants Community Development office won for loss emission high efficiency bus grant so we're really fortunate for that. You know, take our hats off to Grants and Community Development all the time. They've saved us a lot of money there. Not only did we get new buses, but we got a discount on buses that we sorely needed, because our fleet continues to age. Speaking of continuing invest in the system, Chairman Hafner and I were talking earlier about some outstanding ARPA funds and some of that disbursement, as well as capital improvement projects that have been kicked around and discussed for quite some time. We're looking to present some of those ideas to the Finance Committee at the end of this month. We are currently looking at scheduling a couple public meetings and also would like to set up individual meetings with councilmembers as your free to kind of discuss some questions you may have. Right now we have, kind of playing tentatively, we'll try to announce an official schedule tomorrow, a meeting here at City Hall next week, on the 20th, a meeting at First National Bank at Hilltop next Wednesday, still don't know the exacts on that, and we also would like to have one in the Nettleton School District area, possibly the Fox Meadow, of course, trying to coordinate that with some of the students coming back seems to get a little hectic, but I think it's important that for that Caraway Road project, that some of their voices are heard out there that live in feel that need every day. I would also like to extend, if any councilmembers would like to have one of these educational sessions about one of the capital improvements projects and ARPA funding in their ward, please let me know and we can work together to identify a location and a time. Because I do think it's important that people have a chance, in a non-formal environment, to be able to ask questions and look at projects that are kind of on the city's radar for connectivity, transportation, and public safety and any

number of other questions they have. If you would like for us to try and set up a meeting in your ward y'all know my phone number, so just let me know and I'll be happy to get that set up.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman