



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Absent 1 - Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Perrin presented a proclamation to Sean Sheppard, Jr. and his family proclaiming April 19, 2016, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH) Awareness Day. He encouraged everyone to learn more about CDH and provide support to those who are affected by it.

COM-16:023

Presentation by Mayor Perrin to ASU Women's Basketball

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was Filed.

COM-16:021

Presentation by the "Bake Sale Ladies" to Mayor Perrin for Miracle League

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Jessica Henninger announced they raised \$3,100 with her online bake sale for the Miracle League. Softball Coordinator Sharron Turman thanked Ms. Henninger for her work and recognized her with an appreciation award for her support.

This item was Filed.

COM-16:022

Presentation by Michelle Cadle, Weiner Pig Roast, to Mayor Perrin for Miracle League

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Michelle Cadle announced they raised \$13,000 raised from the 4th Annual Weiner Pig Roast for the Miracle League. Ms. Turman also presented Ms. Cadle with an appreciation award for her work on behalf of the Miracle League.

This item was Filed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to pull RES-16:039 from the consent agenda. All voted aye.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda without RES-16:039. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

MIN-16:036

Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 5, 2016

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made that this Minutes be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

RES-16:035

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALL SCAPES IRRIGATION & LAWNCARE, LLC FOR THE CDBG WORD STREET SIDEWALKS - PHASE I (BID NO. 2016:16)

Sponsors: Grants and Engineering

Attachments: [Contract Documents 2016 16](#)
[Bid Tab](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-036-2016

RES-16:037

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CRABTREE & SON CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CARAWAY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT - PHASE II (BID NO. 2016:08)

Sponsors: Engineering and Grants

Attachments: [Contract Documents 2016 08](#)
[BidTab](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-037-2016

RES-16:040

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A SIDEWALK ALONG BELT STREET

Sponsors: Engineering and Grants

Attachments: [Permanent Construction Easement](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-038-2016

RES-16:041

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING SERVICES

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Scope of Services](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-039-2016

RES-16:042

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDED FY2015 CDBG ACTION PLAN WITH REVISED BUDGET TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [2015 Amended Action Plan 3.8.16](#)
[2015 Action Plan 4.9.15](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-040-2016

RES-16:044

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF 1 SOCCER FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Arkansas State 2016.pdf](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-041-2016

RES-16:045

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO SUBMIT THE FY 2016 CDBG ACTION PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [2016 Action Plan draft rev03222016](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-042-2016

6. NEW BUSINESS**RES-16:039**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR 2016 TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT ROUND EIGHT REQUESTING FUNDS FOR THE PATRICK STREET CONNECTOR AND OVERPASS PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Grants, MPO and Engineering

City Engineer Craig Light explained this will give them the opportunity to submit an application for the next round of Tiger Grants for the Patrick Street overpass project. Since this project is on a local street, there is no state money towards the project so it will have to be funded through grants and/or local funds.

Mr. Light explained with this project the Fisher Street crossing will be closed at the completion of the project after the overpass is open and, at some point in the future, Bridge Street will also be closed to vehicle traffic, limiting it to pedestrian traffic only. The estimated cost of the project is \$15.6 million. If approved, the city has seven years to complete the project. Councilman Street noted that would also give them the opportunity to open up Patrick Street to the north. Mr. Light agreed, adding it would also open it up to the south down to Nettleton Avenue and possibly down to Highland Drive in order to become a north/south arterial like they have been talking about for years. He further explained the project will be just west of Hedger Brothers, with Hedger giving the city access. He noted Patrick Street will be five lanes.

Councilman Moore asked why the state won't participate in the project if it involves improvements to the interchange at Patrick and Johnson, as Johnson is a state highway. Mr. Light stated there may be some monies available for the intersection work, but with Patrick Street being a local street it will be hard to receive funding from the state. It was also noted that the railroads would be contributing, at a minimum of 5% of the cost of the overpass. Since there are two railroads, then that would account for 10% of the project. This is due to federal law requiring the railroads to pay 5% of the cost of the bridge to span over the railroad tracks.

Councilman Moore asked why the crossing at Fisher Street is going to be closed. Mr. Light explained the city will have to have an agreement with the railroads to build the overpass, with a stipulation being the closing of Fisher Street. He noted Fisher Street is a dangerous crossing.

Mayor Perrin explained they are putting together the cost-benefit analysis for the application now. The application is due by the end of the month.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the

following vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-043-2016

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-16:022

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE MASTER WATERSHED PLAN PREPARED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR THE BIG CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Executive Summary](#)

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

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

ORD-16:023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON HWY. 1 AND LAWSON ROAD AS REQUESTED BY WES THORNTON

Attachments: [Plat of Survey](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

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

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

The city issued 110 new business licenses from January through March. Almost 20% of the new licenses came from cross-checking the city's business licenses with the list from the state showing who is paying sales tax in the city. They will continue to watch that very closely.

Thursday night they will be holding a public meeting concerning the Property Maintenance Code at Allen Park at 6 p.m. There will be another meeting on Monday, April 25, at Parker Park at 6 p.m.

They have been working with the Highway Department concerning four pedestrian walkways on Johnson Avenue. But, the Highway Department said the crossing wouldn't be safe on Johnson Avenue due to the speed limit. They suggested the city look at a Hawk signal where pedestrian would be able to push a button to stop traffic in order to cross. The university is willing to work with the city to help with the Hawk signals.

Vector Mosquito trucks will start on May 1. The planes will fly from the end of June each week for eight weeks. The plane will be left at the Jonesboro airport hanger in order to give better service.

He is going to move some money in his budget from Professional Services to Part-Time Salaries in order to hire part-time help for the communications director. He explained they can do a better job of informing the public about some of the projects going on and do a series on the Council and department heads.

COM-16:026

2016 sidewalk projects

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [2016 sidewalk projects](#)

Mayor Perrin presented the Council with a map showing the sidewalk projects for 2016 and proposed projects for 2017. They will be applying for a \$500,000 TAP grant that will help fund the cost of some of the projects. They will also be looking at impassable sidewalks that are missing sections of sidewalk or are grown over.

This item was Filed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street commended the Police Department for placing the "In God We Trust" stickers on the police vehicles.

Councilman Gibson scheduled a special called Public Services Committee meeting for May 3 at 5:20 p.m. to discuss the Public Services Committee starting to meet on a quarterly or bi-annually basis in order to hear reports from JETS and Parks.

Councilman Moore stated concern has been expressed to him that the city is quitting the recycling program. Mayor Perrin explained Abilities Unlimited is having problems with the recycling program due to lower prices. Starting May 1, the landfill is adding a fee to help fund the recycling project. The city will have to amend their contract with Abilities Unlimited by \$4,000. They are applying for a grant for canisters as opposed to blue bags as well as the purchase of a one-armed truck to pick up the canisters. He stressed the city is not getting out of the recycling program.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules

and place RES-16:047 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-16:047

A RESOLUTION FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN A NO-COST EXTENSION FOR PROJECT A-10663-15-CG (CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK TRAILHEAD) OF THE FY 2015 50/50 MATCH GRANT.

Sponsors: Grants and Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [No-Cost Extension Agreement 04122016](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-044-2016

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phillip Cook questioned the status of the Police Department. He stated the city has an emergency fund to be used in hard times. The city is experiencing hard times because of the shortage of officers due to salary problems. Police Chief Rick Elliott stated they currently have 157 officers. Friday three officers gave notice that they will be seeking employment with the state police, leaving them 16 officers short. He also has officers out with injuries and family medical leave, as well as two out with the military. They are doing interviews and will start the police academy on May 15. There will also be another test in May. Some people will be sent to the academy at Black River. He noted they're having a problem finding people who want to do the job, but that's not just a problem here. That's a problem across the country. Mr. Cook explained it costs the city \$40,000 to train and equip a new officer. He questioned whether the city could save money if the city would pay a livable salary in order to prevent officers from going to places like the state police or other cities. He reiterated that the city is short 20 officers and if that's not an emergency then he doesn't know what is.

Steven Trotter, 408 W. Nettleton, asked about getting a back entrance to Joe Mack Campbell Park from the neighboring housing subdivision so the residents in that area can have access to the park. Mayor Perrin stated he doesn't know the exact status of that, but will contact Mr. Trotter tomorrow to give him an update.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk