



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 4 - Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-09:128 Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on December 1, 2009.

Attachments: [120109](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

3. New Business

Election of a Chairman

Councilman Darrel Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that John Street be the Chairman of the Public Works Committee. All voted aye.

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-09:100 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3026 SEC. 1 INCREASING FEES FOR STREET PLATES; BARRICADES; ASPHALT REPAIR; STREET CUTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsors: Streets

Chairman Street explained this ordinance has already been approved and needs to be postponed indefinitely.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

ORD-09:106 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Building Maintenance

Attachments: [City Attorney Legal Opinion - Overhead Door](#)

Councilman Hargis explained some of the language in the ordinance could be detrimental to a business and could discourage someone from bidding fairly, which is opposite of what the City was trying to avoid. He added he moves to strike the language from the ordinance stating doing business with the City.

Chairman Street stated he does not know if the language is legal or not. Maintenance Supervisor Keith Sanders explained he created the language in the ordinance and might have worded it wrong. He added he does not object to the wording being changed. Councilman Hargis stated this is a legal matter and he does not see why it falls on Mr. Sanders to write the ordinance.

Councilman Hargis asked if the wording could discourage someone from participating in the bidding process. Mr. Sanders answered no.

City Clerk Donna Jackson inquired if there is a certain line Councilman Hargis is objecting to. Councilman Hargis answered the last line in the ordinance that states to do business with the City.

Ms. Jackson then asked how Councilman Hargis would like for the ordinance to be worded. Councilman Hargis answered he would like for the last sentence to just be removed.

Mr. Sanders noted City Attorney Phillip Crego has reviewed this ordinance.

Councilman Dover stated he thinks the wording needs to be included in the ordinance because someone can still participate in the competitive bidding and not provide services. He added this ordinance is being done to inform the Council and the citizens that the City is allowing Councilman Vance to participate in the bidding process.

Councilman Hargis questioned why the City is passing this by ordinance if the services are based on a case by case basis. Chairman Street answered the City is required to pass an ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council and to have City Attorney Phillip Crego review the ordinance and give a legal opinion concerning the wording of the ordinance. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-09:208 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE

LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRIDANT BUILDERS, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY PHASE 1 - PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE - JOB NO. 2009:33

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Specs](#)
[Bid Tab](#)
[Plans](#)
[Award Certification](#)

Councilman Hargis asked if the City received only one bid for this project. Mayor Perrin answered the City received several bids. He explained it was brought to his attention that Tridant did not have the authority by state law to build the bridges. He added they are allowed to build pedestrian bridges, but not vehicle bridges. He noted they have the correct and current license and they had the lowest bid that met specs. He added he does not know if they will sub the work out or do the work themselves.

Councilman Dover asked if the City has a copy of the bids. Mayor Perrin answered the City does and it should be included in the book. He explained information included in the book should include all supporting documents, including bid sheets and a recommendation from the administration.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

RES-09:205

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT THIS EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Dan and John Kennett](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

RES-09:210

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH SCS FIELD SERVICES FOR GAS COLLECTION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS (GCCS) OPERATIONS, MONITORING, AND MAINTENANCE (OM&M) SERVICES;

Sponsors: Engineering and Sanitation

City Engineer Craig Light explained the City has an annual maintenance contract with SCS Field Services to monitor the gas collection system. He added the original contract signed in 2009 has an automatic renewal clause and this resolution is just giving the authorization to extend the contract.

Councilman Dover asked if the fees will be the same. Mr. Light answered there was a 5% increase, which was included in the original contract.

Councilman Hargis questioned if some of the machines are not working properly. Mayor Perrin answered the City is having problems with water getting into the holes.

Mr. Light stated the City has meet with SCS concerning the water and they are giving the City a proposal. He added the City will make a recommendation concerning the proposal and the City has also received a proposal from FTN. Mayor Perrin noted the City cannot just pump the water out of the holes due to the water having to be properly disposed of.

Councilman Hargis asked if the City is receiving another bid besides this current bid. Mayor Perrin answered yes.

Councilman Hargis questioned if the City will be monitoring what someone else is doing. Mr. Light answered no, but the permit with ADEQ requires the City to monitor the gas collection system until the City gets the final closure notice. He added this company will do the monitoring for the City and they are capable of doing other work the City is requesting proposals for, but is not covered by the current contract.

Mayor Perrin explained the cost of \$34,440 for monitoring will go away once the City receives a 2-year clearance on the post closure. Mr. Light stated the City will be able to cease the monitoring once the City receives the post closure notice and is allowed to shutdown the collection system.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

RES-09:211

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT LAND FROM THE JONESBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8461 CW POST ROAD (FIRE STATION #7)

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Warranty Deed](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

RES-09:212

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3909 HARRISBURG ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A FIRE STATION

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Appraisal](#)
 [Mayors Letter](#)
 [Offer and Acceptance](#)

Chairman Street inquired if this project came in under budget. Mayor Perrin answered yes. He added the City budgeted \$250,000 for the acquisition of property in the 2010 budget. He stated the appraisal for this property was \$193,000 and an additional \$4,000 was added for the cleanup of the entire area. He noted the total purchase price for this property is \$198,942.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

RES-09:213

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALL SERVICE ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 29 FLASHING BEACONS AND 2 CROSSWALK SIGNALS - JOB NO. 2009:48

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Specs](#)
 [Plans](#)
 [Bid Tab](#)
 [Agreement](#)

Chairman Street asked if this is for the Safe Routes School project. Mayor Perrin answered yes and it was submitted in 2008. He added for the safety of the children he would like for this to be placed on tonight's Council agenda. He noted it will take approximately 270 days to do the work and he will call the company tomorrow to request that the work begin.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore

4. Pending Items

Long-range facilities update

Mr. Light explained the notice to proceed for the JETS facility has been issued and construction will begin as soon as the weather permits. He added he has received an updated cost estimate for the mechanic shop and the warehouse. He noted he will meet with Councilman Vance to review the numbers and see how they are with the budget, but some cuts may be required to stay within budget.

Councilman Dover asked if the City could be required to pay back some of the grant money if cuts are made to JETS. Mr. Light answered the Council has approved a contract to begin construction of the JETS facility and the contractor has been issued

a notice to proceed on the project. He added the City can issue a stop work order, but the City will be responsible for any cost that has incurred to this point, which is nothing so far.

Operations Director Gary Harpole explained the grant has a 5-year term and for each year of operation 20% of the cost goes away.

Councilman Hargis stated there have been 27 change orders made to the bid.

Mayor Perrin stated he will meet with Councilman Vance concerning the comments that have been brought up concerning this project.

Mayor Perrin noted \$78,000 has been withdrawn from the \$784,000 grant, which can be used for administration.

Councilman Dover asked if the federal government requires a minimum amount of service be provided to be considered fully operational. Mr. Harpole answered they will recognize the service as long as the City is providing service to the citizens.

5. Other Business

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

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

Aye: 3 - Jim Hargis; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Moore