



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, July 30, 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 7 - Joe Hafner; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:066](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 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: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-24:077](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE FY2024 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL STREET OVERLAYS AND AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH ATLAS ASPHALT, INC. THE 2024 ASPHALT MILLING AND OVERLAYS FOR SELECTED CITY STREET PROJECTS

Sponsors: Engineering and Finance

Attachments: [2023 - 2024 Overlays Since First Step Report](#)
[2024 Additional Overlay Targets](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I will just point out that there was an attachment to this that shows the road overlay since adoption of the first step road conditions report that was presented to Council several months ago. It shows everything that was done in 2023 with two million dollars; and then it shows the 2024 overlays that were done with the million dollars that was in the current budget. It shows what is being done there. And then there was another one that shows the streets in the area that would be done with this additional \$1.5 million if approved. So hopefully everybody has had a chance to

review that; and with that I will open up the floor to Council for any questions or comments they may have for staff or anybody else.

Councilmember David McClain said, I had a quick question; and the only question I have is, do we have a list, like a running list of roads that we are looking at, and do you mind to share with us what that list looks like? I saw you shaking your head, Craig, so if you can share something with us that maybe is the focus for next year, or I guess the plan for that.

Director of Engineering Craig Light approached the podium and said, we do have a list that we put together. It was totaling just over five million, and then we went through that list and culled it down to this list. But we still have that running list. I don't have it with me, but I can definitely share it with you, where we started from to get down to this list. Councilmember David McClain said, that is fine. You can email it. Chairman Joe Hafner said, but it was based on that report that we got, was it last year? I can't remember when it was. Mr. Light said, it was actually at some point in 2022 is when they gave the presentation, but we have been using it. Chairman Joe Hafner said, it's been our guide this whole time, right? Mr. Light said, we do use that. We screen it with that list, but it kind of starts with problematic roads that the street department is spending a lot of resources on patching potholes and roads that we see that are coming apart as we drive the city, because every road deteriorates at different rates depending on how it was constructed, how much volume of traffic is on it, the weather conditions. So a report that was done in 2022 may not necessarily reflect the road conditions in 2024. Some of them may have lasted better than others, but we do look at those. So when a road comes up, we go, well in 2022 it was a pretty decent road. How is it on this list now? That sort of thing. So we do look at those, so these are all roads that, there are not any frivolous roads on that list. They are all roads that are pretty beat up and in a condition that they need some attention. It just takes money to do it. But, yes, I can share that list with everybody if they would like it.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, Craig, if you don't mind. I would like to ask also, based on that list and just recollecting, is Progress Road on that list? Mr. Light said, Prospect? Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, Prospect. I'm sorry. Mr. Light said, Prospect Road was a listed road on there. Prospect was overlaid 14 years ago. I know that sounds like it was a long time ago, but it has been overlaid since I've been with the city. And we are beginning to have to overlay some of those roads again. So it was on the list of the five million. It just did not make this, when we started looking at what it is. This is estimated on 200 pounds per square yard. We actually aim for about 165 pounds per square yard, and so we are hopeful that as we get down to it, that additional road or two might be added to the list at the end to stay within the money. But we usually do our estimating based on 200 pounds per square yard.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, do they expect they can get this done this year, at least the majority of it? Mr. Light said, yes. The conversation has been had if we can get this executed that they will do their best to get it done. It's all weather dependent, but they will do their best to get it done this year. Chairman Joe Hafner said, anything else from the committee?

Councilmember John Street said, I just want to comment. I'm glad we got an additional consideration for overlays. I've gotten a lot of calls and comments about our roads and how tough they are. But last year was a really tough winter. And as you said, you may have a road that looks pretty good, and then you have a couple of bad winters and it just takes them apart. So I am glad to see us putting a little more emphasis on some of those roads and overlays. Chairman Joe Hafner said, I know I text Tony quite a bit

saying, hey there is a pothole over on so and so, and so and so. But yeah I'm happy to see this. Anything else from the committee?

Councilmember Ann Williams said, I'm really pleased to see this including two that are in Ward 3 that were really needing this. I know everybody will appreciate it in that neighborhood where these are.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, I just wanted to add to what Mr. Light had said that, and I know there are some roads like over in the West End that are pretty beat up right now. But City Water & Light is doing a pretty extensive project replacing a lot of sewer lines through there. So they were on the original list, but until that work is completed, it just doesn't make a whole lot of financial sense to go through there and overlay roads and they might have to be worked on some more. So I just wanted to put that out there. Chairman Joe Hafner said, alright. Thank you.

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

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I just want to mention that I know the mayor is still working on his spending plan. There are a few things he had yet to refine, but hopefully we will be seeing that pretty soon. Brian, do you think maybe sometime next month? Okay.

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