



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Thursday, July 6, 2023

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

NOTE: MEETING MOVED TO THURSDAY DUE TO HOLIDAY

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Present 7 - John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent 1 - Anthony Coleman

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-23:055](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on June 6, 2023

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Mitch Johnson, seconded by LJ Bryant, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-23:030](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 117-329 - FENCES OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Planning, Inspections, Engineering, Code Enforcement and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Sec 117-329 Fences](#)

Councilmember Chris Moore said, John do we have somebody that can just give us the highlights of what the changes are that we're considering? Tell us what's different about this and our last one please. Monica Percy with the Planning and Zoning Department approached the podium and said, so there's really two main differences. The first being clarification on when a permit needs to be pulled for maintenance of an existing fence, and the second change is clarifications on the exact setbacks for

where a fence can be placed on a property. Councilmember Chris Moore said, ok, so on a house that has a 25 foot setback on the rear lot, did it imply that you could not put a fence in that 25 foot setback? Monica Percy said, it would follow the same zoning setbacks, so for an R-1 property, in the front yard it would have to be 25 feet from the front property line. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I was more concerned with the backyard because like in a lot of subdivisions the backyards back up and the fence is right on the line. And the way I read that you would have to pull the fence back to the setback. If it's a 25 foot setback in the rear yard you would have a 50 foot no man's land between the fences in the back that would go unmaintained. Monica Percy said, yes that is correct. They would have to follow that rear setback as well, so you would have that spacing between the two backyards. Councilmember Chris Moore said, you wouldn't be able to put the fence right on the inside of your property line? You would have to pull it up to the setback line? Monica Percy said, that is correct, yes sir. Councilmember Chris Moore said, ok. I was kind of concerned about that. Chairman John Street said, I am too. That would leave a no man's land that could be infested with mice and everything else if nobody's maintaining it. Councilmember Chris Moore said, what it looks like on most of the subdivisions that we work on, the fence is right on the line between you and your neighbor so there's no property that either of you are not maintaining. Chairman John Street said, yeah I wonder if he didn't mean to do that for the back, because I don't know of any occasion that would call for that. Now, I do know there were some issues with fence maintenance and that change I think is welcome there where they can replace up to two eight foot sections or 16 feet without a permit, and that's logical and reasonable and I agree with that. But, I think that would be a mistake not to let the fence go back to the property line. Councilmember Chris Moore said, and that also goes hand in hand with the side fence, because if Mitch and I are living side by side and the lines right here between us and we're in a R-1 with a seven and a half foot setback we would both have to pull back seven and a half feet back there would be a 15 foot strip between the fences. Chairman John Street said, that is exactly right and a majority of subdivisions in town are set up exactly like you're talking about. Where they go right on the line or they share that line. Councilmember Chris Moore said, that's the only thing I was concerned about. Chairman John Street said, that's a good question because I had that same one. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, I was just clarifying with Monica. I guess the intent of the discussion was regarding corner lots and the setback that's in the rear lot that is also alongside a road. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I can understand a corner lot that has two fronts or a front and a side. I was just concerned about when you have adjoining properties in the middle of the block. Or you and your neighbor where your backyards butt up. Brian Richardson said, yeah if we need to clarify some language on that, that's certainly something that can be done. Chairman John Street said, do we want to table this until next time and then let that be vetted out. We want to do it right. Councilmember Chris Moore said, Brian if one of you want to holler at me I can tell you exactly what my concerns are.

A motion was made by LJ Bryant, seconded by Chris Moore, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-23:106](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH W. WILLIAM GRAHAM, JR., INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CRAIGHEAD TECHNOLOGY PARK (CTP) INDUSTRIAL LEAD TRACK

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement - W William Graham Jr Inc](#)

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:108](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 1701 S CULBERHOUSE STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 1701 S Culberhouse Street](#)

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, Mr. Chairman I own this property so if the record could reflect I'm recusing from voting. Chairman John Street said, Madam Clerk please let the record reflect that Councilmember Bryant will be recusing himself because of his ownership of the lot. City Clerk April Leggett said, yes sir.

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

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

Recused: 1 - LJ Bryant

[RES-23:114](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 3228 S CARAWAY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 3228 S Caraway Road](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:115](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 2300 OAKBROOK DRIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 2300 Oakbrook Drive](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-23:116](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ON S CARAWAY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - S Caraway Road](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman