



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Public Services Council Committee

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Monday, December 14, 2009

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

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### 1. Call To Order

*Mayor Perrin arrived at the meeting at 4:05 p.m.*

**Present** 4 - Charles Frierson; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

**Absent** 1 - Tim McCall

### 2. Approval of minutes

**MIN-09:089**

Minutes for the Public Services Committee meeting on August 10, 2009.

**Attachments:** [Minutes 08/10/09](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

**Absent:** 1 - Tim McCall

**MIN-09:118**

Minutes for the special called Public Services Committee meeting on November 5, 2009

**Attachments:** [Minutes 11/5/09](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

**Absent:** 1 - Tim McCall

### 3. New Business

*Resolutions To Be Introduced*

**RES-09:136**

A RESOLUTION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO BE A HOST AGENCY FOR EXPERIENCE WORKS.

**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

**Attachments:**     [Experience Works Agreement](#)

*Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained Experience Works was formerly The Green Thumb. He added they pay the City to employ low income senior citizens. He stated he believes the City can use some of the people in its centers as attendees or administrative assistants in the new Parks Department Office. He noted the contract is for the entire City.*

*Chairman Frierson asked if this is the first time the City has used this program. Mr. Wilkie answered no, because former Mayor Brodell used this service.*

*Chairman Frierson inquired if this is at no cost to the City. Mr. Wilkie answered yes.*

*Councilman Woods questioned if the whole City could use the citizens. Mr. Wilkie answered any department within the City can use this service and employ the senior citizens.*

*Councilman Woods asked how they can pass this information onto other departments. Mr. Wilkie answered he mentioned it in the Department Head meeting on December 14, 2009, but is not sure if all of them understood. He added it might help if a representative from Experience Works could come and make a presentation. He noted he will get with Operations Director Gary Harpole concerning a presentation on this program.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 3 - Ann Williams;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

**Absent:** 1 - Tim McCall

**RES-09:207**

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE ROTARY CLUBS OF JONESBORO

**Sponsors:**     Parks & Recreation

**Attachments:**     [Rotary Clubs of Jonesboro Construction Agreement Fort Rotary Extension 11](#)

*Mr. Wilkie explained this is amendment to the contract that was passed in 2008 for the construction of Fort Rotary. He added the time frame the Rotary Club had to repay the funds was narrow and they are asking for a 1-year extension. He noted the Rotary Club will use the sports show to generate revenue to pay this off.*

*Chairman Frierson asked if this will require any funds from the City. Mr. Wilkie answered no.*

*Chairman Frierson questioned if these two items are in Legistar. Mr. Wilkie answered yes and it is his understanding is they will not be adopted until January.*

*Chairman Frierson stated he is impressed with the grants Mr. Wilkie has been able to receive.*

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 3 - Ann Williams;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

**Absent:** 1 - Tim McCall

#### **4. Pending Items**

#### **5. Other Business**

##### MPO Meeting

*Councilwoman Williams explained she attended the agenda planning meeting for MPO concerning the debriefing of the Arkansas Transportation Planning Conference that was held in June. She added the debriefing will be held on January 5, 2009, at the Chamber of Commerce from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

##### Chairman Frierson absence in January

*Chairman Frierson explained he will miss the Public Services Committee meeting and the first City Council meeting in January due to being out of the state. He stated Councilman Rennell Woods will preside over the Public Services Committee meeting in January.*

##### JETS Public Hearing

*Mayor Perrin explained the City will hold a public hearing tonight at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers to discuss the service changes to JETS.*

##### Softball Complex

*Councilman Gibson inquired if Governor Beebe has given an update concerning the softball complex. Mayor Perrin answered no, but the A&P Commission has approved funding for the softball field. He added he will try to meet with Governor Beebe after the first of the year concerning having land donated to the City. He noted he has not sent the second letter to Governor Beebe and the City is currently working on other projects concerning the ballpark.*

##### News Parks Department Building

*Councilman Woods asked for a status update on the new Parks Department building. Mr. Wilkie stated he has been involved in the process and is currently working with Maintenance Supervisor Keith Sanders who has people helping him determine what the Parks Department needs are. He added the City is waiting on the closing and the check before getting started. He noted the move-in date has been pushed back to January, 2010.*

*Mayor Perrin explained Mr. Kevan Imboden will be sending him a contract so City Attorney Phillip Crego can review the contract. He added if Mr. Crego agrees with the contract then CWL will disburse \$40,000 of the \$80,000 this week so the City can start construction. He added he appreciates the help from CWL.*

#### **6. Public Comments**

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business, Chairman Frierson adjourned the meeting.