



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

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

NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:20 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 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-13:031](#) Proclamation by the Mayor for Motorcycle Awareness Month

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin proclaimed May as Motorcycle Awareness Month and encouraged all citizens to increase their awareness of motorcycles.

This item was Read.

[COM-13:032](#) Proclamation by the Mayor for Parks and Recreation Month

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin proclaimed May as Parks and Recreation Month and encouraged all citizens to recognize the importance of Parks and Recreation.

This item was Read.

[COM-13:033](#) North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative update by Heather Clements, Grants Administrator

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Ms. Clements discussed the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative. For 2013, they will start fitness and life skills classes and are planning the second annual community

fair. They met all of their objectives for 2012, including receiving their first AmeriCorps grant. They will know in June or July if they will receive a second year of grant funding from AmeriCorps. They will also apply for the Choice Neighborhood Grant in order to submit a plan for revitalization in north Jonesboro, which will help commercial development along Johnson Avenue.

This item was Read.

COM-13:035

State Representative John Hutchinson presentation to Mayor Perrin

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

State Rep. Hutchinson announced he will be distributing \$225,000 to his district with Jonesboro receiving \$44,400. He stated he is elected to serve the citizens and will do anything and everything he can do for the citizens. Mayor Perrin thanked State Rep. Hutchinson for the money.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

MIN-13:035

Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 16, 2013

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-13:054

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CURTIS CONSTRUCTION AND CONCRETE STAINING COMPANY FOR THE EARL BELL BATHROOM RENOVATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF AND PREPAREDNESS

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Contract between City and Contractor](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-058-2013

RES-13:058

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE REVISED FY 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTION PLAN AND PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [FY 2013 ACTION PLAN 4.15.13](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-059-2013

RES-13:059

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE REVISED 2012-2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Grants and Community Development

Attachments: [2012 ConPlan Final Version 3.15.13](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-060-2013

RES-13:061

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HYETTPALMA TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE OF UPDATING THE DOWNTOWN ACTION AGENDA

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [HyattPalma Signed Agreement 5 1 2013](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-061-2013

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-13:017

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2405 STADIUM BOULEVARD AS REQUESTED BY TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Attachments: [Plats](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-017-2013

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

On May 14th, Information Systems will start moving to the new Municipal Center. On May 15th, Collections, City Clerk, Human Resources, Mayor's Office and Finance will move to the new building. On May 16th, the remaining Finance, Purchasing, Grants, MPO and remaining Information Systems will move. On May 16th, Jack will be moving the studio. They bid out the moving services and Shaw was the low bidder meeting specs. The current building will be vacated by May 20th.

Fairview did a clean-up two Saturdays ago. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Dan Passmore for organizing the event. They got rid of 9.35 tons of trash in one day. He also thanked Sanitation Director Royce Leonard and his staff for helping with the clean-up.

The Building Facilities Committee advertised three or four pieces of property for sale. They are waiting on one parcel, but have had good offers that will be reviewed by the committee after the move to the new Municipal Center.

They will be widening Patrick Street. Mr. Terry Bare will be doing the survey and should be done May 20th. That will allow them to put together cost figures for the widening project.

He met with Lt. Todd Nelson today concerning the Quality of Life Unit. They have been looking into grass, as well as illegal dumping and illegal storage. He has asked Lt. Nelson to present information to the Council at the next Council meeting. There have been about 35 condemnations this year.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-13:067 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-13:067

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FROM RAY AND REGINA NABORS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Real Estate Contract Landfill Property](#)

Councilman Street abstained from discussion and voting on this item.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Abstain: 1 - John Street

Enactment No: R-EN-062-2013

Councilman McCall asked if someone could take a look at Irby and Kathleen Streets because he's been getting complaints concerning trash. Councilman Fears agreed,

saying he has been getting calls as well. Mayor Perrin stated they will look into that.

Councilman Fears asked for an update regarding the roundabout at Airport and Aggie. Mayor Perrin explained it is being reviewed by the Highway Department. They are looking at any necessary alterations or changes. Councilman Fears noted the house on the corner of that intersection looks like it has been vacated and the grass has grown up. Mayor Perrin stated they will check on that tomorrow.

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and place RES-13:062 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-13:062

RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR PERRIN

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-063-2013

Councilwoman Williams asked for clarification regarding the previously mentioned survey on Patrick Street. Mayor Perrin explained they will start near the cement company and go down to Washington. Then, they will look at Washington to Matthews. He added you almost can't drive on the road in those areas without driving on the sidewalk due to the road being so narrow. He noted there will be a sidewalk and double lanes in those areas.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bob Hester asked why the Council is giving \$130,000 in taxpayer money to assist Hispanic Community Services Incorporated for expansion when, according to statistics, the majority of Hispanics in Arkansas are here illegally and the majority have never applied for citizenship. He explained illegal immigrants are claiming tax refunds for children and nieces and nephews that are still living in Mexico. He noted it is a federal crime to encourage an illegal alien to live in the United States or aide and abet such action. He questioned why the City is using taxpayer money to encourage residency of illegal aliens in the City. He then questioned how much more taxpayer money will the government and Council give to low income residents. He stated responsibility has to start somewhere.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk