



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

Election of a Chair

Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to nominate John Street as Chair of the Public Works Committee and to cease nominations. All voted aye.

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Mayor Copenhaver in attendance.

Present 6 - Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:125](#)

MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS MEETING ON DECEMBER 1, 2020

Attachments: [Public Works Minutes 12012020](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-21:016](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 WITH FISHER ARNOLD TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE JONESBORO DOWNTOWN TO ASU CONNECTION PROJECT (JOB 100971)

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Supplemental Agreement No. 2](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council

. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-21:017](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TATE GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL RENOVATIONS PROJECT (2021:02)

Sponsors: Engineering, Animal Control and Finance

Attachments: [Agreement](#)
[Bid Tab Certified](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-21:019](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PICKERING FIRM, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO SOUTH CARAWAY WIDENING

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement - South Caraway Widening](#)
[Ranking - RFP](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-21:020](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH W. WILLIAM GRAHAM JR., INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE JONESBORO INDUSTRIAL LEAD RAIL SPUR (NESTLE ROAD RAIL YARD CAR STORAGE EXPANSION) PROJECT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement 2020 97 Railspur](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman, to amend RES-21:019 to reflect the correct funding source on the fourth WHEREAS and Section 2. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

5. Pending Items

[ORD-20:030](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION

117.330(c), KNOWN AS THE SIDEWALK ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY IN PLANNED INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Letter to Council 9.8.20](#)
[Casteel email 09142020](#)
[Carlson email 11132020](#)
[Allen email 11142020](#)
[Vellozo email 11142020](#)
[McAvoy email 11152020](#)
[RWilliams email 11162020](#)
[Vellozo email 11162020](#)
[Only email 11162020](#)
[JWilliams email 11162020](#)
[Vance email 11172020](#)
[Nadzam email 11172020](#)
[Joshi email 11172020](#)
[Hardy email 11172020](#)
[Cormier email 11172020](#)
[Burns email 11172020](#)

Joe Hafner, 920 Lombardy Circle, Jonesboro, approaches and says "I appreciate you looking at this again, I am the one that asked that it come back to committee. I have a couple of comments about this. The first being I don't agree that businesses in industrial park should be given a blanket exemption from working on connectivity, someone out there made a comment that sidewalks out there would make it more dangerous for pedestrians, I don't believe that, but during the time I've asked for this to be tabled so we could look at additional resolutions on it I've met with Darryl Smith, Planning and Zoning Director, and Michael Black, Jets Transportation Director, a few different times to look at maybe public transit, unfortunately we decided that wouldn't be a good long term solution just to the different logistics to different plant closing times or shift changes ect. A couple weeks ago I met with Mayor Harold Copenhaver, Brian Richardson, Chief Administrative Officer, Darryl Smith, Planning and Zoning Director, and Michael Black, Jets Transportation Director, to discuss a few things and I think when it comes down to it the industrial park businesses should continue to contribute to connectivity and they should not be given a blanket exemption as they are asking for. If Mayor Harold Copenhaver would like to make any comments feel free obviously, I appreciate the additional time, there just wasn't a good resolution to come up with for an amendment to this."

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman commented by saying "I have talked about this once before of given exemptions, once we start doing these kinds of things we are going to go backwards again and I remember the last time we had council we need to start off right period as a council hopefully staying together, not saying we would all be going to like but I guess I just have a problem with I thought 9 years for sidewalks and all of a sudden we are going to give someone exemptions because they are different from other places. That is my comment on this now and will probably have more when we vote on it in council."

Mayor Harold Copenhaver added "I would like to follow up with comment and

conversations that I have had with Mark Young, President & CEO of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce, as well and I think it is a congregant effort that we come back to the table and be able to facilitate a plan of action that we all can agree on moving forward so they are aware that we are ready to adjust accordingly but we want to work together on this issue before it moves to city council.”

Councilmember Chis Moore commented “With that in mind Mayor Harold Copenhaver, this committee is the right place to make those adjustments not on the council floor so following Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman’s lead then I would make a motion that we postpone this item temporarily until we can come and meet with the Chamber of Commerce in your office and not forward it to the full council.” Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman stated “I want to second that but when they meet Mayor Harold Copenhaver but I would like to be part of that and listen to what someone has to say.” Councilmember Chris Moore added “my motion is to postpone temporarily until the Mayor’s administration and the Chamber of Commerce can work out some form of compromise and we will take that up at this committee meeting.”

Councilmember Ann Williams raised hand to speak and added “I was just going to say earlier that I wanted to remind everyone that for years waivers were granted to industries and developers almost automatically. As a result we are woefully behind on sidewalks and that is why the sidewalk committee was formed and they work really hard on our ordinances and I don’t want to do anything to undermine that effort. In fact and make a mockery to all the work they did by undermining the ordinance that was drafted and created by them.”

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman spoke up and said “I need to make a comment, I understand that Mayor Harold Copenhaver is going to get with the Chamber of Commerce but I think it’s still unfair for the people that have worked so hard for this to not be a part of that meeting.” Chairman John Street responded by saying “That means it would turn it into another public meeting again Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman which they are going to have that opportunity regardless of what comes back.” Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said “Ok I just want to make sure.”

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

Aye: 4 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Nay: 1 - LJ Bryant

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, Jonesboro, called in and said “I guess this comment is for all the committee councilmembers and I think Chairmember John Street, when all of you are reading each one of these resolutions it would be helpful if you would mention like the survey cost or the engineering cost are. I know you mentioned how much it was going to cost to redo the Animal Control with Tate Construction and I know you said that was going to be like \$187,000.00 but with all the surveying and all that I think the citizens would appreciate it if you would tell how much each survey would cost. I know it may take a little bit more time but I think it would be helpful and we would be better informed with that.”

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams