

City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center 300 S. Church Street Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 5:15 PM Municipal Center

Special Called Meeting

1. Call To Order

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2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

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Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; Darrel Dover; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

Absent 1 - Charles Coleman

3. New Business

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RES-15:019

RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR ADVERTISING BUS WRAP

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Attachments: A-State Bus Wrap Contract 2-19-15

Chairman Dover stated it is being requested that this item be walked on to the Council agenda for approval tonight.

JETS Director Steve Ewart explained this is the first new bus wrap contract and is with ASU. They have been working for months on the new process in which they wrap buses and would like to get this done soon.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

RES-15:022

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS

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Chairman Dover stated this resolution, along with RES-15:023 and RES-15:024 can be put on the next regular Council meeting agenda and do not need to be walked on to tonight's agenda.

Grants Administrator Heather Clark explained she attended a workshop at AHTD last week concerning these funding streams. The grant is an 80-20 matching grant. The city will be responsible for up to \$125,000 in 2016, not 2015.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

RES-15:023

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS

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Ms. Clark stated this is the same funding stream as RES-15:022. This grant is also an 80-20 matching grant.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

RES-15:024

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID RECREATIONAL TRAIL FUNDS

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Ms. Clark explained this is also a federal grant from AHTD for \$100,000 to complete the current gap in the Greenway. It is an 80-20 with the city being responsible for \$20,000 this year. She noted this grant was budgeted for in the 2015 budget.

Councilman Street asked if this will be a new bridge. Ms. Clark answered yes because the bridge will have to be designed at a 90 degree angle, so it's less expensive to build a new bridge as opposed to redesigning an existing bridge.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

4. Discussion concerning Finance Committee meeting schedule

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Chairman Dover explained with only one Finance Committee meeting a month the employee's are having a difficult time getting things together in order to be presented to the Council in a timely manner. He recommended the Finance Committee go back to two meetings per month in order to help eliminate having special called meetings. Mayor Perrin agreed, adding there are times where it could be five weeks between Finance Committee meetings which is too long in order to meet deadlines. Chairman Dover stated since they decided last year to go back to just one meeting it seems like the city has had more business and needs more meetings to be held.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to hold regularly scheduled Finance Committee meetings on the second and last Tuesdays of every month at 4:00 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor Perrin stated he will send out a notification to the department heads tomorrow so they will know about the new schedule.

5. Adjournment

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A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Todd Burton and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman