



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

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

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-19:001](#)

MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2019

Attachments: [Public Works Minutes 01032019.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-19:001](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

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: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[ORD-19:002](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

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

Aye: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED[RES-18:203](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2504 MARY JANE DRIVE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD MITIGATION

Attachments: [Signed Offer Package_ 2504 Mary Jane](#)

Councilmember Chris Moore asked if all of these properties were being acquired to build a retention pond, or is it just simply to remove the structures. Engineering Director Craig Light said there are two properties on Mary Jane that are not adjacent to each other, but all we're getting paid to do is remove the structures, the driveways, any fences or anything like that and just turn it into green space. We could come back in the future, but the lots are fairly small and I don't know that you would gain a whole lot by digging a shallow hole in it. We could look at doing that in the future, but it's not funded as part of the grant.

Councilmember Gene Vance said so, this is FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) money to get those structures out of the flood insurance program. Mr. Light said yes sir. Councilmember Street said hasn't there been previous flood problems? Mr. Light said yes. They were all prequalified for the grant through FEMA to meet the qualifications for a 100% buyout. So, they meet the qualifications established by FEMA.

Councilmember Moore asked if this was because the floor elevation was down too low? Are the lots buildable? Mr. Light said the lots cannot be rebuilt upon. It will be for green space and perpetuity. Councilmember Street said they've had previous flood claims. Correct? Mr. Light said there's a threshold of multiple flood claims exceeding the market value of the structure. There are some requirements. They're lost properties for FEMA. So, that's the reason they want it brought down. Councilmember Moore said I was trying to figure out what we were going to do with them in the future. Could the elevation of the lots be raised? Mr. Light said we will not be able to rebuild on them. Councilmember Moore said okay.

City Clerk Donna Jackson said I noticed that in the title it has 2504 and the next whereas says 2502 and the next one says 2504. We need to amend that so that it corresponds with what's on the agenda. It should all say 2504. Councilmember Street said no. There are two houses. One is 2504 and the next one is 2502. Ms. Jackson said the following resolution is 2502. Councilmember Street said okay. I see in the body that it says 2502. Do I have a motion to amend where it says 2502 to 2504? Councilmember L.J. Bryant made the motion to amend the body of RES-18:203 from 2502 to 2504, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-18:204](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2502 MARY JANE DRIVE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD

MITIGATION

Attachments: [Signed Offer Package_2502 Mary Jane](#)

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: 7 - Gene Vance;Mitch Johnson;John Street;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-18:205](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1904 DEERWOOD DRIVE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD MITIGATION

Attachments: [Signed Offer Package_1904 Deerwood Drive](#)

Councilmember Chris Moore said I have one question about 1904 Deerwood. Directly across the street from this house in the same grade elevation, they're building a brand new house. We're talking about taking down a structure on this property and they're saying it can't be rebuilt on, but, yet, they're building a brand new house and the grade elevation is within an inch. Engineering Director Craig Light said I will definitely be out there tomorrow to verify that. Councilmember Moore said the foundation is built. The slab is poured and they're starting the frame on it. It is directly across the street. Mr. Light said I wasn't aware that they were building one. Those do come through my department. They are screened. I'm going to check on it tomorrow. My staff should have caught that. Councilmember Moore said I'm just curious because this one can't be built on, but across the street, they're building one. I went out today. It's 24 inches from the foundation to the top of the slab and the grade on the yard is within an inch of the grade of this house. In fact, I think it's probably slightly lower than this current house we're talking about. Mr. Light said I'll get out there and look at it. The requirements of the grant says what we can do with the property. They are giving us the money to purchase it. They said that we cannot build upon it. Certainly, you could build a house up high enough that it wouldn't be flood prone anymore. Councilmember Moore said that may be what these people are doing. That's a valuable lot right there in a nice neighborhood. I hate to see it taken off the inventory from now until infinity. Mr. Light said our only option is not to purchase it. If we use the FEMA money to purchase the property, that is a restriction of the grant that it cannot be used for anything other than green space. Councilmember Moore said so, the house at 1904 Deerwood has been flooded inside the structure. Mr. Light said they have had enough claims to qualify for the grant. Councilmember Moore said okay.

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

Aye: 7 - Gene Vance;Mitch Johnson;John Street;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-19:001](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Darlene_Green Acres Lots 5-6.pdf](#)

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: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-19:004](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING THE SHARING OF DATA OBTAINED FROM GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM (GNSS) CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING REFERENCE STATIONS (CORS)

Attachments: [Agreement](#)

Engineering Director Craig Light said this is our GPS base station that is located out at the Public Works facility. It is monitored by the National Geodetic Survey. It's continuously monitored. All the local surveyors use it. We use it for our survey equipment. A few years ago, the city entered into an agreement with the State of Missouri to be on their grid system. So, when they're surveying in the bootheel of Missouri, they're actually connecting to our base station. Now, Arkansas is finally building a grid system over the state. We would be part of that network, which allows us to log in to their stations that they will have set up in the state. Of course, we're in Jonesboro, so we don't necessarily need them, but it's good to be a part of that entire network.

Councilmember Chris Moore said you're saying it's just a point of reference to take measurements from. Mr. Light said yes. It's a GPS base station. It's real high tolerance, survey controlled in elevation. It's a known point in the City of Jonesboro that we have our GPS set on and communicate with. It sends out corrections to all the surveying equipment that logs into it. If you recall, City, Water and Light helped us purchase that about seven years ago. Councilmember Moore asked if that was where the city put all the monuments around in different places of the city. Mr. Light said it was done around the same time with the same survey controls that we set that point. They did that with a level loop. This is GPS controlled.

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

Aye: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-19:005](#)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY

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: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams