



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 7 - Joe Hafner; Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:009](#)

Minutes for the Finance & Administration Committee Meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-24:009](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 300 N. THIRD, PARCEL 01-144182-18000, OWNED BY TYRONE L. FUTRELL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,792.19

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [300 N Third Invoice Letter](#)
[Council Letter Notice](#)
[Notice of Violation, Inspection Report, proof of service](#)
[Notice to Repair or Remove](#)
[Title Search](#)
[300 N Third Affidavit](#)
[300 N Third Council Letter](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, Mr. Chairman, was this a house that we tore

down? Chairman Joe Hafner said, yes, it was a house that we tore down.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:012](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CITY, WATER AND LIGHT (CWL) TO APPLY FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA), FY2023 BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES (BRIC) GRANT TO REPLACE WOODEN UTILITY POLES WITH STEEL POLES

Sponsors: Grants and Finance

Attachments: [MOU with CWL](#)

Councilmember John Street asked to be recused due to his position on the City Water & Light board.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, Mr. Chairman, I have a question. First, I don't have a problem with it. Is this for a section in Jonesboro, or is this totally...? Chairman Joe Hafner said, I have no idea.

Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas approached the podium and said, good afternoon. Again, we are applying on behalf of City Water & Light. It is not necessarily for any particular section in town. [Inaudible] It's for an overall approach that they are taking right now to replace wooden poles with steel poles in certain areas of town right now; and that's just according to the plan that they are currently working.

Councilmember John Street said, if you will note, most of the heavy transmission lines have been replaced with steel poles. We've bought, gosh, several hundred back after the hurricane. They overstocked, and we bought them from the federal supply down in Little Rock. We wish we would have bought every one that they had. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I think it's a good thing. I just thought... Councilmember John Street said, you don't have to replace them all the time. They withstand a wind of 110 miles an hour. They are a better...

Chairman Joe Hafner said, may I interrupt real quick? We don't have a motion on the floor.

Councilmember Brian Emison motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams and then Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman, to recommend RES-24:012 to council.

Councilmember John Street said, it will look better too. It won't be leaning, and having to be replaced and worked on all the time.

Mr. Thomas said, and generally they are able to apply for this grant on their own; but because of an issue that we have with the hazard mitigation plan here in Craighead County, FEMA has asked for the city to apply on their behalf, which is why it is coming through us. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, is this a one-time deal, if it's not doing the whole city, will we be coming back and doing this again? Mr. Thomas said, pending continued grant funding, I understand that City Water & Light is interested in continuing to pursue these funds. So whether it's grant funding or whether it's the use of some local funds, I understand that they have a plan. That plan was

already in place. They are operating under that plan, and this funding became available in order to supplement what they were doing on the ground.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I don't mind asking Mr. Rice for a better explanation of their plan just so we know moving forward. I mean, in this particular case, City Water & Light is covering the match or the non-federal share. So the city won't be out any money, but we will benefit from the... Mr. Thomas said, from the installation of the newer poles, which as Mr. Street indicated, are much sturdier and heartier during weather events. And, again, normally we would not see this, had it not been for the glitch that was in the county's hazard mitigation plan. This is normally something that they can apply for that goes through their processes. But because we have a window here with an issue, and this funding is limited right now to that window, we wanted to ensure that they had an opportunity. So when we were approached by FEMA to be the applicant on their behalf, we readily agreed to move that process forward.

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Recused: 1 - John Street

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember John Street asked if RES-24:014 was going to be walked on.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, this was presented to me last night as a potential walk-on for today, and my reply back was, 'I prefer it not be walked on because it involves a pretty sizeable purchase, and I think there needs to be more notice than trying to just walk it on to today's meeting.' So my preference was to not walk it on and have it on the next agenda.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by David McClain, seconded by Brian Emison, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman