



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Thursday, March 5, 2009

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 6 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-09:013 Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on February 3, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

MIN-09:017 Minutes for the special called Public Works Committee meeting on February 17, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

3. New Business

COM-09:023 ASU Overpass

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Marshall Estates Drainage](#)

Chairman John Street moved this file to the front of the agenda to accommodate Mr. Matt Parker.

City Engineer Craig Light explained the City met with ASU and St. Bernard's Hospital last week to discuss moving the ASU overpass and the Marshall Estate drainage projects. He added they discussed an alternate route that had not been previously

discussed, the route being south of Matthews Avenue. He stated he thinks the alternate route is valid and would not require additional property. He explained the alternate route would cost an additional \$40,000, but is within the 10% budgeted project estimate. He recommended allowing ASU to proceed with the alternate route without any additional funds from the City. He stated if the ASU overpass comes within budget the construction would be included in that cost.

Councilman Chris Moore commended Mr. Bernie Auld on coming up with the alternate route.

Councilman Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that the City proceed with Plan E for the ASU overpass and Marshall Estate drainage projects. All voted aye.

This it was Read.

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-09:010 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 11.36 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2643 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A CERTAIN TECHNICAL CODE ENTITLED THE ARKANSAS MECHANICAL CODE, 2003 EDITION

Sponsors: Inspections and Public Works

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

ORD-09:014 AN ORDINANCE TO SPECIFY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Sponsors: Engineering

Chairman Street explained this item has been discussed in the Stormwater Management Board meeting. Mr. Light explained the Soil and Water Conservation Commission is the State of Arkansas' Flood Plain Administrator and they have came up with a model flood plain ordinance that all cities are required to adopt. He stated the language in this ordinance came from the model ordinance. He noted this ordinance will have the City meeting the Soil and Water standards. He added it would also give the City some direction on the responsibilities and authority the City has on managing the flood plain.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-09:021 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT PROPERTY (PERMANENT EASEMENT) DESCRIBED AS A PART OF LOT 29 OF COBB'S SURVEY

TOGETHER WITH PART OF LOT 1 OF COBB'S SURVEY, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WASHINGTON AVENUE AND BRIDGE STREET

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Public Works

Attachments: [St Bernard's Agreement](#)
[St Bernards](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

RES-09:029

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SCS FIELD SERVICES FOR GAS COLLECTION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS (GCCS) OPERATIONS, MONITORING, AND MAINTENANCE (OM&M) SERVICES;

Sponsors: Public Works and Sanitation

Attachments: [SCS OM&M Proposal](#)

Discussion was held concerning this resolution.

Mayor Perrin stated he would like to discuss this matter with City Attorney Phillip Crego.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily until the next Public Works meeting . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

4. Pending Items

City Engineer - Craig Light

Mr. Light stated Councilman Gene Vance is now the Chairman of the Building and Facilities Committee.

Councilman Vance explained Mr. Light is in the process of identifying all City-owned property. He added the Building and Facilities Committee will meet later this month to establish goals for the coming year and to continue the identification of the property.

Councilman Moore asked for an update on purchasing property for the Street & Sanitation Departments. Mayor Perrin explained additional frontage property may need to be purchased.

Councilman Moore questioned what departments would be included in the new building. Mayor Perrin stated he would like to talk to the Building and Facilities Committee about that issue. He explained JETS received a grant in the amount of \$758,000 which requires JETS to purchase the property they are located in now. Councilman Moore questioned if the grant is to be used exclusively for the JETS property or if it could be used in conjunction with building on City-owned property. Mayor Perrin answered he had not read the entire grant, so he can't comment on

that.

Councilman Moore questioned what had been done concerning the administration building. Mayor Perrin stated only discussion on this matter has been held.

Councilman Moore questioned if the \$3.5 million for the new building would be offset by selling property the City no longer needs. Mayor Perrin answered he believes so, as long as the City does not need the property.

5. Other Business

RES-09:034

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EXPRESS SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE STAFFING NEEDS FOR MONITORING AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES RELATED TO DEBRIS REMOVAL RESULTING FROM THE ICE STORM OF 2009;

Attachments: [Express Agreement](#)

Mayor Perrin explained 133,734 cubic yards of storm debris had been picked up through February 28, 2009. He added he anticipates the total amount to be approximately 250,000 cubic yards.

Discussion was held concerning debris removal.

Councilman Dover explained March 22, 2009, is not the last day for debris pickup, but it is the last day for the citizens to have their debris at the roadside.

Mayor Perrin stated he will ask Public Works Director Erick Woodruff to get the newspaper to report when areas will have their debris removed.

Councilman Gene Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be sent to Council. All voted aye.

Discussion concerning FEMA flood plain map

Mayor Perrin explained FEMA denied the City's flood plain map request and did not give a reason why. He added they should have a reason why they were denied by the end of the week. He also added he had spoke with Congressman Berry who explained if the City does not receive an answer as to why they were denied, he would help get an answer. Mayor Perrin stated he would rather have the City do the City maps instead of having FEMA do them. He noted the City has spent over \$1.4 million on the projects to update the flood plain areas.

Councilman Moore questioned if the City had to refund the grant money since the City pulled out of the CTP program. Mayor Perrin explained he has not seen any correspondence requiring the City to repay the grant money.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover