



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

City Council Conference Room, Huntington Building

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

Present 9 - Judy Furr; Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Harold Perrin; John Street and Tim McCall

Absent 3 - Faye McCall; Ann Williams and Mitch Johnson

4. Special Presentations

Commendation for Mr. Larry Jackson

Police Chief Michael Yates presented Mr. Jackson with a commendation for helping the Police Department arrest the person who had been vandalizing homes near Craighead Forest Park. Mr. Jackson stated he was just doing his and that if he sees someone doing something suspicious he tries to get their license numbers as well as a description. He encouraged all citizens to do the same.

COM-08:116

Presentation by the Johanson Group

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
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[FW_Sole Source Provider_2 - Email message](#)

Councilman Perrin explained the Finance Committee recommended proceeding with the Johanson Group software. He added before making a motion they wanted to make sure Johanson was a sole source provider of the software. City Attorney Phillip Crego stated he has not had an opportunity to review the information he has received. Councilman Perrin stated they wanted to provide everyone with the information and they can make a decision at the next Council meeting. He asked for anyone with questions to contact Human Resources Director Gloria Roark since she is familiar with the program. Councilman Hargis explained he thinks the software will be good for the City. He added he hoped to have everything included in the 2009 budget. City Attorney Crego stated Johanson's part of their services were professional services, which would not require competitive bidding. He further stated he has not looked at the contract but they are looking at proposing to the Council an ordinance to waive competitive bidding for the software.

This item was Read.

5. Consent Agenda*Approval of the Consent Agenda*

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 9 - Judy Furr; Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Harold Perrin; John Street and Tim McCall

Absent: 3 - Faye McCall; Ann Williams and Mitch Johnson

MIN-08:180

Minutes for the City Council meeting on September 4, 2008.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-08:147

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT PROPERTY (PERMANENT EASEMENT) DESCRIBED AS A PERMANENT EASEMENT LOCATED AT 447 SOUTHWEST DRIVE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Public Works

Attachments: [447 Southwest Drive.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-127-2008

RES-08:161

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT PROPERTY (PERMANENT EASEMENT) DESCRIBED AS A PERMANENT EASEMENT OF THE NORTH TWENTY-FIVE FEET (25') OF LOTS 29, 30, AND 31, OF DOGWOOD ACRES, PHASE 1, AS RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET "C", AT PAGE 184, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY RECORDS, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Dogwood Acres Easement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-128-2008

RES-08:162

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAMERON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RACE STREET AND FAIR PARK BOULEVARD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT;

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[Contract](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-129-2008

6. New Business

Ordinances on First Reading

ORD-08:075 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE UNALLOCATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF RACE STREET AND FAIR PARK BOULEVARD

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 9 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street and Tim McCall

Absent: 3 - Faye McCall;Ann Williams and Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: O-EN-054-2008

ORD-08:078 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM RESIDENTIAL R-2 TO COMMERCIAL C-4 LUO AS REQUESTED BY JOANNE STEED

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Mayor Formon stated they were asked to pull the ordinance because Ms. Steed plans on taking it back before the MAPC sometime next year to request the removal of the limited use.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 9 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street and Tim McCall

Absent: 3 - Faye McCall;Ann Williams and Mitch Johnson

ORD-08:079 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM COMMERCIAL C-3 TO INDUSTRIAL I-1 LUO AS REQUESTED BY JOEY PERRY

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading.

Attorney Skip Mooney, representing Joey Perry, discussed the rezoning. He stated as far as he knows there are no objections to the rezonings. He asked for it to be put on two readings tonight, so it can be on final reading at the next City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that this matter be Placed on second reading by title only. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 9 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street and Tim McCall

Absent: 3 - Faye McCall;Ann Williams and Mitch Johnson

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-08:143 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 2002 Prescott

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)
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Ms. Janie Mounce, owner of the property, stated they are in the process of tearing down the property and asked for an extension until February to complete the process. Code Enforcement Office Ron Shaver stated it will be the end of October or beginning of November until the 30-day time limit begins. He added he spoke with Ms. Mounce and informed her he would continue with the condemnation process.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 9 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street and Tim McCall

Absent: 3 - Faye McCall;Ann Williams and Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: R-EN-130-2008

7. Unfinished Business

8. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Formon introduced Ms. Allison Whitley as the new interim Operations Director. He stated former Operations Director Misty Micenhamer has taken a job with FDIC.

Mayor Formon than asked for an update on the tornado siren system. Chief Yates explained Mr. David Moore, Mr. Jack Richardson and Mr. Charles Jones for the County Office of Emergency Management. He stated they looked through the bids and recommended the City proceed with accepting the low bid. Councilman Moore questioned whether they were okay with going with the electronic instead of the manual system. Chief Yates answered yes, that there are pluses and minuses to each system but they didn't feel like there was \$300,000 worth of difference.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to accept the low bid

for the tornado siren system. All voted aye.

Councilman Dover questioned whether the money will come out of the Capital Improvement Fund. Mayor Formon answered yes, it should be able to be taken out of Capital Improvements. Councilman Moore thanked Chief Yates and Fire Chief Leonard Jadrich for their work.

Mayor Formon then asked for the current mayoral and City Council candidates to hold off on asking for information from Finance Director Jim Barksdale because Mr. Barksdale is being so inundated with requests that he is unable to perform his daily job duties. Mr. Barksdale added he plans to have one meeting with all of the candidates to go over the financials so everyone can have the same information.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to place an ordinance on the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-08:073

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE UNALLOCATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELOCATING NECESSARY UTILITIES FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG CARAWAY ROAD, NORTH OF THE JOHNSON AVENUE INTERSECTION

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 9 - Judy Furr; Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Harold Perrin; John Street and Tim McCall

Absent: 3 - Faye McCall; Ann Williams and Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: O-EN-055-2008

Councilman Street announced a Stormwater Management Board meeting tomorrow, September 17, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. in the Huntington Building.

Mayor Formon introduced Mr. Terry Adams as the new Chief Building Inspector.

Councilman Street thanked the Street and Sanitation Departments who worked overtime and on the weekend to cleanup after the recent storm. Mayor Formon noted the Maintenance Department also helped clean things up not only on City property, but also on Caraway Road.

Councilwoman Furr stated a business owner recently questioned her about recycling. She explained the citizen tried to take his recycling to Hummelsteins and encountered several problems. She asked if the City could look at pick up recycling. Mayor Formon stated he's spoken with the citizen and he is working with Public Works Director Erick Woodruff to get something worked out.

Councilwoman Furr noted the recent death of Mr. Ted Pilot and stated the community has lost another great citizen.

Councilman Perrin announced the regular Finance Committee meeting on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Barksdale announced Legislative Audit has completed their field work for the 2007 audit. He added they should receive a final report in 2-3 weeks. He stated he would like to address the findings at a Finance meeting separate from items such as cleanup for 2008. He explained on Thursday they will discuss the budget and they can schedule a separate meeting to discuss the audit. Councilman Hargis asked for the results of the audit to be sent to the Council members so they can know what Legislative Audit found. Mr. Barksdale stated he can send it out and noted there may be changes in the final report.

Councilman Hargis reiterated the need for a full financial audit. He asked the Council to consider a full financial, independent audit to give them perspective to see how the finances have been going and for the citizens to feel good about where the City is going.

10. Public Comment

Mr. Joe Beatty referred to a recent power outage and stated he tried to call the Police Department concerning traffic lights being out. He explained the phones weren't working, so he stopped by the Police Department but was told the Police and Fire Department phones were down. Mayor Formon stated he also tried to call 911, but was unable to get through because the phone system was so overloaded with calls which caused some of the problems. Mr. Beatty stated he was told the phones weren't working because they run on computers. Mayor Formon answered that was correct, the phones work through the computers. Mr. Beatty questioned what citizens are supposed to do to call for help if the phones aren't working when the electricity is out. Mayor Formon explained emergency calls go to 911, who has a back-up generator to ensure calls still go through when the electricity is out. He further explained the 911 system never went down and was operational, but some calls didn't get through due to the number of people calling. He stated there were thousands of calls coming in at one time, so not all the calls went through. Chief Yates stated he spoke with IT after the problem with the phones and he is working with IT to get another switch for the phones and computers. Mayor Formon clarified the 911 system never went down. Chief Yates agreed.

11. Adjournment.

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

Aye: 9 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street and Tim McCall

Absent: 3 - Faye McCall;Ann Williams and Mitch Johnson

_____ Date: _____
Doug Formon, Mayor

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Donna Jackson, City Clerk