



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance. Councilman Gibson arrived at the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Present 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

Election of a committee chair and subcommittee chairs

Councilman Mikel Fears motioned, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that Councilman Mitch Johnson be appointed Public Safety chair for 2010. Councilman Johnson abstained from voting and Councilman Gibson was absent. All others voted aye.

Councilman Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that the subcommittee chairs remain the same for 2010. All voted aye. The subcommittee chairs for 2010 will be as follows:

Fire – Councilman Fears

E-911 – Councilman Gibson

Police – Councilman Johnson

Inspections & Ambulance – Councilman Moore

Animal Control & Mosquito – Councilman Vance

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-09:133 Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on December 15, 2009.

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

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-10:006 AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF DIGITAL CAMERA EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE UNITS

Sponsors: Police Department

Police Chief Michael Yates explained the City received a Department of Justice grant to purchase computer and car camera systems in 2005 or 2006. He added the system that was purchased is beginning to have problems and the warranties have expired. He noted it is expensive to repair the current camera system at a cost of approximately \$900 to \$1,800 each. He stated the Police Department is going to use a different setup, where the computer and camera system are separate from each other. He added they already have a server that can be used for the new equipment. He noted the City bid out this system in 2009 and only one company bid on the system. He explained the money is in the budget, but due to the system cost being so large they are required to pass an ordinance. He stated this ordinance is for only 9 Mobile Vision systems.

Councilman Moore inquired if this is the same company that bid on the systems in 2009. Chief Yates answered yes.

Chairman Johnson questioned if this needs to be placed on tonight's Council agenda. Chief Yates answered he would prefer it to be placed on tonight's Council agenda due to the cost of repairing the systems being so high. He added this ordinance has an emergency clause.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-10:012 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 408 N Bridge owned by Steve Tyler

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver explained this structure has been considered a nuisance. He added once this resolution is approved he will contact Liberty Bank, who has a mortgage loan against the home. He noted Code Enforcement deals with the owner of record first, but once the notice has been given to take the condemnation to Council the bank is given notice so they can discuss it with Council if they feel the need, which they normally don't do.

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

Discussion concerning house on Monroe Avenue owned by former Mayor Hubert Brodell

Councilman Moore asked for a status update concerning the house on Monroe Avenue. Mr. Shaver explained the house belongs to former Mayor Hubert Brodell and is a condemned structure. He added Habitat for Humanity is trying to get everything

together to bring the house up to code. He noted once the house is abated, Habitat for Humanity will have to request a variance due to the lot not being big enough to meet setback requirements.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears