



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance. Councilman Mikel Fears arrived at the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

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

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-12:076

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on September 18, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

3. New Business

4. Pending Items

RES-12:143

RESOLUTION PLACING STOP SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO RIGHT-OF-WAY

Sponsors: Police Department

Councilman Chris Moore inquired if Police Chief Michael Yates is ok with this resolution. Chief Yates explained these stop sign recommendations came from the Traffic Committee. He added he believes the Street Department already had temporary stop signs at these locations.

Chief Yates asked if this resolution will go on the next Council agenda . Councilman Moore answered yes.

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: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

RES-12:144

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS AND ROADS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Police Department

Councilman Gene Vance recommended this resolution be amended to include having the road made one-way.

Ms. Sally Broadaway with the Bicycle Coalition explained the plan to make a side path in Craighead Forest Park for pedestrians was unable to be done due to budget reasons. She added she would like for the resolution to be postponed until another date.

Councilman Moore asked if Ms. Broadaway thinks the 25 mph is too fast. Ms. Broadaway answered the 25 mph is not too fast for the riders, but it is for the pedestrians. Councilman Moore then stated that the pedestrians have a trail to walk on in Craighead Forest Park. and to him that is the compromise. Ms. Broadaway explained the chat trail is not the same as the paved surface.

Mayor Perrin explained the City was going to apply for a Parks and Receptions grant to put a rubberized surface around all of Craighead Forest Park, but the City discovered the grant was a 50/50 match grant instead of a 100% funded grant. He added the City would have had to pay approximately \$500,000 for this project.

Councilman Moore noted he is against any speed limit that is less than 25 mph. He stated the speed limit shouldn't be more strict than a school zone area.

Mayor Perrin explained the City is still researching for ways to pay for the rubberized surface. He added he has a meeting next week with Parks & Tourism.

Councilman Moore asked if the Bicycle Coalition is opposed to raising the speed limit on streets that is lower than 25 mph. Ms. Broadaway answered the issue is with the speed limit in Craighead Forest Park because it is a park and the intended use is for cyclist and pedestrians.

Councilman Mikel Fears stated if the City lowers the speed limit for cars then bicyclist will have to maintain that lower speed limit too. Ms. Broadaway agreed and stated it should be enforced for bicyclist as it is for car drivers.

Jonesboro resident Kathy Carns noted raising the speed limit to 25 mph is an accident waiting to happen.

Councilman John Street noted the 15 mph in Craighead Forest Park was done illegally. He added the City did a cleanup ordinance for stop and speed limit signs that were done illegally in the City.

Discussion was held concerning how people walk in the park and how they should walk in Craighead Forest Park.

Councilman Street noted the speed limit was 25 mph in Craighead Forest Park until it was illegally changed by a former parks director.

Councilman Moore explained that Ms. Broadaway and the Bicycle Coalition is welcome at the next Council meeting to discuss this resolution further.

City Clerk Donna Jackson stated this resolution will be removed from the consent agenda on the Council agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

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

5. Other Business

COM-12:073

Mosquito control report by Vector Disease Control for September/October 2012 with year end totals

Attachments: [Mosquito report for September-October 2012 with year end totals](#)

This item was Read.

Two parking spots in front of the new City Hall

Councilman Moore explained he received a call from a citizen concerned about the two parking spots in front of the new City Hall due to visibility issues. Councilman Vance stated the plan is to remove these two parking spots. He added the parking spots that require backing out into traffic on Creath Avenue will also be removed. Mayor Perrin noted the emergency generators will go in the parking spots on Creath Avenue.

Barricades on Culberhouse

Councilman Moore stated he received a few calls concerning when the barricades on Culberhouse between Burke and Johnson Avenue will be removed. E911 Director Jeff Presley answered he received a notice from the railroad company and they are hoping to have it open by November 1, 2012.

Mayor Perrin noted the City is ahead of schedule on the Bridge Street bridge.

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