



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance.

Present 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent 1 - LJ Bryant

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:041](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on May 5, 2020.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - LJ Bryant

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-20:021](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 117.35 REGARDING THE REFUND OF REZONING SIGN DEPOSITS

Sponsors: Planning

Chairman John Street explained that he thought the Planning Director Derrel Smith may have comments, and that he knew that Patti Lack and some other citizens had some concerns regarding how long rezoning signs can be left on the property. Planning Director Derrel Smith proposed shortening that down to the seven days after Council has taken action. Chairman Street went on to explain that if the signs are not picked up and turned back into the City within the timeline the Developers deposit would not be refunded.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road. I just want to thank Planning Director Derrel Smith

for considering this as well as the rest of the Public Works Committee. I really think it is important to the citizens that we know what is being rezoned. I hope that you consider that when you move it onto the City Council tonight.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - LJ Bryant

[ORD-20:022](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Engineering

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - LJ Bryant

[ORD-20:023](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WEIGHT LIMITATIONS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilmember Chris Moore asked Chairman John Street if we are having problem with the street out there, is it breaking down or what? Chief Engineer Craig Light said, we have been having complaints about concrete trucks using those as through streets. The normal rates have been deteriorating enough that there are pot holes, and so the trucks are finding new routes to miss those and go down these residential streets. We have gone ahead and fixed the other streets so the trucks can use them. We want to establish weight limits on these residential streets to keep the trucks from coming in and out of those areas. Councilmember Gene Vance asked if Sara was still going to be open to truck traffic for the industry's that's back in that area. Chief Engineer Craig Light said, yes, and the road that runs North, and South along the railroad tracks will still be open to truck traffic as well. Councilmember Gene Vance said, okay I just wanted to make sure.

Councilmember Chris Moore asked Chairman John Street is that a ten ton limit, single axle vehicle, or a combination vehicle. Chief Engineer Craig Light said essentially it is the weight of an empty concrete truck, and I think it is twelve-thousand pounds. Councilmember Chris Moore said, what about a truck pulling a trailer. Councilmember Gene Vance said it is gross vehicle weight. Engineer Craig Light said yes, gross vehicle weight. Councilmember Chris Moore said, without regard to axles. Councilmember Gene Vance said yes, it would matter how many axles you had, it is a ten-ton total restriction.

Councilmember Bobby Long addressed Chairman John Street. Councilmember Long said that he had received a call from a lady that had lived on Janice Street. She had indicated that one of those streets were already reinforced and able to take vehicles like concrete trucks. But, like Chief Engineer Craig Light had said they started going

down Sara, and Sara was originally built to be a residential street and not take the number of trucks that had been using it. Sara started getting a lot of pot holes in it, and then the trucks started using Janice and they were afraid it would become damaged as well. Janice is a residential street as well. They just don't want a lot of those heavy trucks going up and down their street all the time. Councilmember Long asked Engineer Craig Light if there is a way to do a study to see if Cotton Street should be reinforced.

Chief Engineer Craig Light said, we have not done a coring's of the road to determine what sort of structural cross section they are. The roads have been taking concrete trucks for forty plus years. It's mostly a concern by the neighborhoods that large trucks are going down. Councilmember Long said, I can understand that. Because, when there is residential development and some of the heavy trucks have to go through these residential neighborhoods for a limited number of times we get complaints. But, in this instance I think you can see where Sara is damaged and know it just wasn't a limited number of times, and that it was an everyday deal year in and year out. You are right in saying these streets were designed to be residential neighborhoods. I think those people deserve the same type of consideration as any other neighborhoods.

Councilmember Chris Moore said the only concern I had was the weight limit did not have any consideration for the number of axles as the commercial vehicle code does in Arkansas. I mean obviously 20,000 pounds on a two axle vehicle is a completely different item, then 20,000 pounds on a single axle vehicle. Councilmember Gene Vance said, if you are looking at gross weight it really doesn't matter. Councilmember Chris Moore said, well it does matter when it comes to damaging our roads. Because, instead of having ten-tons on each axle, you have four-tons on each axle so it's spread out. All of the small Contractor's use one-ton trucks and pull a trailer are going to exceed 20,000 pounds. But, they are using five axles. They have two axles on the truck and three axles on their trailers. So, you have 4,000 pounds per axle on the ground as opposed to a cement truck which has 60,000 pounds. Councilmember Gene Vance asked if deliveries could be exempt.

Engineer Craig Light said, again the only recommendation is based solely on the empty weight of a concrete truck. That was the only consideration given to the recommendation, and that was the complaint that empties and loaded concrete trucks were driving through the neighborhoods. Eventually those roads will wear out. A road can only handle a certain number of trips before it begins to fail regardless of the weight of the vehicle. The heavier weight will cause them to wear out faster. The recommendation wasn't really based on any structural analysis of the roadway. Chairman John Street asked Chief Engineer if it could be amended to include the axles so that it would not be as unforgiving to 18-wheelers, and delivery trucks that have a legitimate reason to make a delivery down on of those streets. Councilmember Gene Vance said, if I am looking at the map right as long as Sara and Cotton is open it takes care of all of the commercial traffic. Am I not right Craig? Chief Engineer Craig Light said, yes.

Chairman John Street said I think what Councilmember Chris Moore is alluding to, is staying in accordance with the ordinance that we've adopted, and I can see that point. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I thought that was the direction we were going in with following the Arkansas Commercial Vehicle Code, with our city ordinances on weighing vehicles. The consideration that they have is based on the number of axels. There is a direct relationship with how much weight you can carry and the number of axels before you are considered overloaded. It is not an arbitrary number.

Councilmember Gene Vance said, for instance if Chris goes in to service one of those residential areas he's going to be exempt to get there with his backhoe. Chief Engineer Craig Light agreed with what Councilmember Vance said. Engineer Craig Light said it is simply a way to put up signage that says "No Trucks over Ten-Tons". Councilmember Gene Vance said, we will have three more times to hear this. This is just to recommend it for Council Review. Councilmember Chris Moore said yes, we can just forward it on to Council and make recommendations there.

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

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Abstain: 1 - LJ Bryant

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-20:067](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE CROWLEY'S RIDGE PARKWAY: CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK TRAIL - PHASE III (ARDOT NO. 100919) (2018:31)

Sponsors: Engineering and Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Change Order 3, Craighead Forest Trail](#)

Chairman John Street asked for Chief Engineer Craig Light to please comment on the change order. Chief Engineer Craig Light explained that this was the final reconciliation change order for the job and to close the project out. There is no work remaining to be done. This is a unit cost contract, we asphalt how many linear feet of pipe that we are going to install and at the end of a job we reconcile that for exact quantities. We had some overruns on both rock and asphalt on the job. If you all will remember we had some pretty wet conditions during the construction period. We had some overruns on both rock and asphalt on the job. If you all will remember we had some pretty wet conditions during the construction period. We had to dig out some soft areas and replace those areas with solid material to keep the project moving forward, and we also had to add asphalt too push water off of Lincoln Drive. We had to lay down some additional asphalt that was not included in the original contract. Those are the two major changes that caused the cost increase. The contractor did have some items that he felt like he should be paid for, and we felt like there may be some liquidated damages due on the project. This is a negotiated amount that we are recommending from Engineering, and the closing amount to get this contract closed and behind us so that we can move forward with the next project. Chairman John Street said did you say the project is totally done? Engineer Craig Light said, yes. Chairman Street asked if the final check list was done and if Mr. Light was satisfied with it. Mr. Light said yes, we did a punch list and they have corrected the items that we asked them to. Chief Engineer Craig Light said there is a one year warranty period in the contract, if there is minor issues that come up between now and a year from now the Contractor is responsible for fixing those issues.

Councilmember Mitch Johnson asked just for clarification from Chairman John Street. In the written body of this resolution it says CHANGE ORDER NO.1, but in the top section of the resolution it says CHANGE ORDER NO. 3. So, I don't know if we need to do some clarification in the motion or not.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road. Again, I want to say "thank you" to Chairman John Street for calling me back to day. As you all know myself and another family take care of the Pine Hill Cemetery. I think we really have to look at what kind of contract we are having done. Because, they had to come back and correct something that wasn't done right and wasn't working properly. We need to be really watchful of the types of contracts that we are signing up for with these people. I think there is still a little bit of drainage that stays in that area where they stopped. I think that needs to be looked at. The next thing I want to say is that the cost of the project has ended up being \$420,000. We added \$49,000 for pre-changes, and now we are adding \$44,000. Chairman John Street and I had discussed that you all moved some money from this project over to the ASU project. I checked with Regina Burkett, Community Development Director and my understanding it was in phase four, and the money was transferred over.

I'm okay with that. Patti explained that before Engineer Craig Light pays the money to go out and look back over the trials, because there are some holes in the asphalt. I know that the Committee from the Pine Hill Cemetery met with Mayor Harold Perrin and Chief Engineer Craig Light out there, I know that there needs to be extra work and that's going to be done separately from what this contract is. Chairman John Street asked Chief Engineer Craig Light if he was aware of any of the issues that Pattie Lack had mentioned. Mr. Light said I will make sure I walk the project one more time, and I am not aware of any holes in the asphalt. I'm not going to say something hasn't developed since the last time I've been out there.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - LJ Bryant

[RES-20:068](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FISHER ARNOLD TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS LINK TRAIL PROJECT (JOB NO. 101060)

Sponsors: Engineering and Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Supplemental Agreement - University Heights Link Trail](#)

Chairman John Street commented prior to reading the resolution. Chief of Staff Mike Downing sent out an update regarding the Supplemental Agreement. Chairman Street said as you all can see the amount was reduced from \$90,976 to \$88,976 so this will need to be amended this to reflect the change.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - LJ Bryant

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

[RES-20:070](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OLYMPUS CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO CONSTRUCT THE VETERANS' VILLAGE PROJECT (2020:12)

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Contract Documents - Veterans' Village](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-20:070. All voted aye.

Keith Inman, Jonesboro Sun. When you were reading the resolution the amount of the contract the sound system went silent. Can you repeat the amount of the contract? Chairman John Street repeated the amount as \$1,163,496.75.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gene Vance, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - LJ Bryant

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Gene Vance, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - LJ Bryant