



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 6 - Joe Hafner; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent 1 - Charles Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:060](#)

Minutes for the Finance & Administration Council Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Attachments: [Finance Minutes 06.25.2024](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-24:073](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 504 BELT STREET, PARCEL #01-144074-16200, OWNED BY AMY HUTSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: WAGNER SUB

Attachments: [1. Notice of Violation](#)
[2. Billing Request](#)
[3. 504 Belt St Invoice Notice](#)
[4. 504 Belt St 2nd Council Notice](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

[RES-24:074](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1313 PARDEW, PARCEL# 01-144212-20200, OWNED BY MICHELLE NUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PARDEW SUB PT W 1/2 E 1/2 SE NW 21-14-4 N 1/2 LOT 10 50X140.81 ALL LOT 11

Attachments: [1. Notice of Violation](#)
 [2. 1313 Pardew Billing Request](#)
 [3. 1313 Pardew Billing Invoice Notice](#)
 [4. 1313 Pardew Council Notice](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Anthony Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

[RES-24:075](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2612 CRAWFORD, PARCEL #01-144273-02300, OWNED BY RANDY & ALEY CRAWFORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NE JB NETTLETON CITY

Attachments: [1. 2612 Crawford Notice of Violation](#)
 [2. 2612 Crawford Billing Request](#)
 [3. 26912 Crawford Invoice Notice](#)
 [4. 2612 Crawford Council Notice](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember David McClain said, I've got a quick question, so, especially with the liens. Are we seeing repeat offenders, and if so, are we charging them differently, or no? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, it's based off of the work that gets done on the property. Chairman Joe Hafner said, their fees just accumulate. Some of them have been paying and some of them have not been paying. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, just to follow up with that. So, basically what you're saying is if I have a \$275 lien, I pay it and then do something else you just charge me another \$275? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, what ever it cost. The liens are based upon recouping

what the city spends in fixing the problem. So, if it's a mowing lien it's based on what it cost us. Now, we have some administrative costs that goes in there. Whatever it cost to file it at the courthouse and things like that but it's not a money maker. It's a way to break even. We're not allowed to increase. It's not like a court fine. I guess that's the best way to look at it. You know, with a court fine a second offense may cost more, a third offense might cost more. And it's not that this type of lien is strictly just to recoup the money the city has to spend to maintain the property you should be maintaining. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I know we're pretty good about charging. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, right. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, but are they good about... City Attorney Carol Duncan said, sometimes. What's happened with the tax collector is they have addressed the statute that says you're not allowed to pay your taxes unless you take care of these types of liens, so we find, especially on the smaller ones, that we're getting more payments on them then we use to, because of the position taken by the tax collector that says you need to satisfy this lien with the city before you can pay your taxes. Because they don't want to lose the property all together. Now, some people don't live here, you know, they've inherited the property from a grandparent, those no, they don't care if the property goes because of lack of taxes. But those that don't want to lose their property, when they go to pay their taxes tend to pay the lien. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, thank you. I have another question not pertaining to this.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I see Brian here. When is the mayor going to submit his new plan. The reason I'm asking is because I know we're supposed to try to appropriate a lot of these ARPA funds and others, and I'm just, I've been asking so, but nobody's been answering. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, yeah, as part of the, from the last time it was introduced and there were some questions about some additional information that was requested by this committee. We authorized a couple of different studies. One being a facility study. We did some follow-up on the parks plan since it's been adopted. It helps lay out some specific expenses. We're working right now with the Community Development Department and with Engineering to put together a comprehensive presentation to provide to Finance that kind of details each expenditure. We looked at, possibly later this month at the next Finance meeting, moving with a authorizing resolution. It's not binding, as far as if the package is passed or not, but it just allows the city to recoup any kind of investment or fees in studying the process dated back to whenever the resolution would have passed. So, that would be the first step for revenue bond. We're looking at probably next month. Because, a lot of cities will introduce that, because let's say you start incurring a lot of expenses prior to when that actual revenue bond becomes active, it allows you to charge that back to the revenue bond. So, if you start designing plans or anything like that prior to actual cash in hand revenue bond it allows you to recoup back to a certain date. So that's kind of step one. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I guess I'm just not equating that with what I'm asking with the ARPA funding because that's just an appropriation. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, well yes, the ARPA funding would just require an appropriation, but it's part of a larger capital improvement plan. ARPA funding is obviously separate. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I got you. Great. I got it now. It makes sense now.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by John Street, that this

meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Brian Emison and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman