



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Final Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin and Operations Director Gary Harpole from the Mayor's Office were also in attendance.

Present 6 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-09:095](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on August 31, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

[MIN-09:096](#)

Minutes for the special called Public Works Committee meeting on September 15, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

[ORD-09:063](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS PROHIBITING ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTIONS

Sponsors: Engineering

City Engineer Craig Light explained the regulations are part of the MS4 program, which requires the City to have an ordinance that prohibits illicit discharge. He noted there are exceptions such as, using water to put out a fire. He stated the ordinance gives the City the authority to enforce the regulations. He added floor and sanitary sewer drains will be prohibited and the current drains in use will have to be disconnected.

Councilman Moore questioned if washing cars in your personal driveway would be prohibited. Mr. Light answered it would prohibit commercial operations. He added washing your car in your personal driveway will not be prohibited, but the City recommends parking your car in the grass while washing it.

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

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-09:146

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT THIS EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO.

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Jonesboro Baptist Church.pdf](#)

Mr. Light explained the easement is for the Jonesboro Baptist Church property located in the Farrville curve. He added the property connects to a ditch that needs to be cleaned so the water can be diverted from the Windsor Landing subdivision.

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

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

RES-09:154

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Letter and Lease Agreement from Mixon Law Firm](#)

Councilman Moore asked what the status is of the negotiations for an easement for the property located on the Jonesboro High School band practice field. Mr. Light explained the City has meet with Jonesboro School District's Attorney Don Mixon who recommended the City wait till the football season is over to start the discussion process concerning the property.

Councilman Dover stated the prior negotiations stalled due to a conflict concerning where the dirt would be placed.

Councilman Moore questioned if the Center Grove project is connected to the old fire station. Mayor Perrin answered no. He added the property is vacated and the City has no need for it anymore.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover

4. Pending Items

COM-09:131

Sidewalk recommendations

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Sidewalks Handout](#)

Chairman Street inquired if the walkability survey has been held. City Planner Otis Spriggs answered the walkability survey will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on October 8th from 9:00 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Chairman Street asked if the survey is directed towards Caraway Road and other high traffic areas that are in need of sidewalks. Mr. Spriggs answered yes.

Mr. Spriggs explained the Planning Commission is leaning towards requiring sidewalks for all residential units that includes more than 5 units and for all commercial development. He added the only issue he has with the ordinance is the part concerning who is responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks.

Mr. Spriggs stated Engineering has been working on a sidewalk plan that will show a 5 to 10 year plan concerning where sidewalks will be placed. He added there are areas that will not be recommended for sidewalks. He noted Engineering's sidewalk plan is being reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Chairman Street stated a survey showed a lot of citizens favored sidewalks in the commercial and multi-family areas.

This item was Read.

Long-range facilities update

Councilman Vance explained the City will be receiving bids on Thursday for the JETS portion of the new Public Works facility. He added the City will be looking at different plans for the warehouse and shop facility in the near future. He noted the dirt work has been slowed due to the amount of rain the City has received.

5. Other Business

Special called Public Works meeting

Chairman Street called a special Public Works Committee meeting for October 20th at 6 p.m. to discuss the RFPs for the privatization of sanitation service.

Detention ponds update

Councilman Dover asked about the status of the 3 detention ponds the City is currently working on. Mr. Light answered the Bufford Street detention pond is progressing, but the rain has slowed the project down. He added the excavation is done and the ponds could be completed within the next 3 weeks if the rain subsides. He noted the City has started clearing the Avondale area. He stated the City is currently trying to find a place to discard the dirt because there is not much room left at the cemetery and there are also road issues that have come up. He further added

he has spoken with the Craighead County Sheriff's Department in order to use the dirt as a backstop at the shooting range.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson and Darrel Dover