



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

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 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-18:068](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee Meeting on July 5, 2018

Attachments: [PW Minutes 07052018.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-18:008](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO TERMINATE AND DISSOLVE THE DOWNTOWN JONESBORO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; AND TO PAY ALL EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DISSOLUTION AND TERMINATION OF THE DISTRICT

Attachments: [ORD-77 2446](#)

Mayor Harold Perrin said I would like to table this one until the next committee meeting, if we can, for two reasons. First, is that we have had conversations with the Downtown Jonesboro Association to look at this. Second, it is my understanding that this has already been dissolved through court action. Engineering Director Craig Light was going to be looking at documentation on this to see, and if it hadn't, I will bring you back information on that at the next meeting, if that is okay. The reason for that is because this was a bond issue to do improvements. All the bonds have been done, all cleared, etc., but the Downtown Association was looking at trying to reactivate this to do some improvements for downtown. The problem with that, that I see, is that you're going to have to go back and do a whole new document. You're going to have to get everybody to sign. All these ownerships have changed, and all the people who you had

levied any fees to, etc. I did talk to the incoming chairperson, Brock Cline, with Nabholz Construction. So, I'm going to give her that benefit of sitting down and visiting with her. Councilmember Gene Vance asked so you want us to table it to the next committee meeting. Mayor Perrin said yes, the next committee meeting if you would, please. Councilmember Vance motioned to postpone temporarily until the next Public Works Committee meeting, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Moore said I have a question for City Attorney Carol Duncan. I assume that this is the bond issue that built the overpass on Main Street in 1978. Mayor Perrin said I think it is. Yes. Councilmember Moore said originally, improvement district number one financed City Water and Light, but then it became a bond issue for the overpass, if I remember right. The basis was that private businesses imposed to sell self-imposed tax on the property to fund the overpass. Is it your legal opinion that we can spend city money to pay off private business expense to terminate disagreement? Mayor Perrin said there's no expense on this. Councilmember Moore said well, the thing says to pay off all remaining expenses associated with that. Mayor Perrin said that is true, but there is none. The bonds have been paid off. There is no money. Councilmember Moore said but I'm talking about is there paperwork that has to be filed. Mayor Perrin said no. You just file it with the court. Councilmember Moore said okay. Before the next committee meeting, just let us know for sure. Mayor Perrin said that's why I want to dig into all of that. Councilmember Moore said because that's a private agreement amongst businesses not in partnership with the city and I don't think we can pay expenses of private business. Mayor Perrin said that is true.

Ms. Duncan said so you'll send me an e-mail on the breakdown. Mayor Perrin said yes, I will. In fact, that's the reason Mr. Light was getting a hold of me today is the fact he says that he is trying to find that court docket or number and it's already been dissolved. If it is, there's no action that we need to take at all. Councilmember Moore said I would assume then at the next committee meeting that the wording needs to be changed to eliminate paying any fees. So, if you'll change that wording. Mayor Perrin said exactly. Councilmember Moore said that way there's no misunderstanding. Mayor Perrin said you're right.

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

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[ORD-18:051](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 117-326, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE PROVISION OF LANDSCAPE, SCREENING AND TREE PRESERVATION WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, WITH THE INTENT TO PROMOTE LANDSCAPING, BUFFERING, SCREENING AND TREE PRESERVATION FOR THE GENERAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY.

Attachments: [Landscape Ordinance 5th addn.pdf](#)

Councilmember Gene Vance said I would like to ask Planning Director Derrel Smith one question. You have excluded single-family residential. What if somebody got 50 acres where they are going out and putting a residential development, does it come under the next section, or is it exempt ... period? Mr. Smith said if it's single-family residential, then it's exempt. My reasoning for that was that I don't want to be telling an individual homeowner what plants to be putting on their lot. Councilmember Vance asked what about the tree preservation part. Mr. Smith said the tree preservation gives

a number of trees that can be taken down within a calendar year, and right now, we have that number set at seven. Councilmember Vance said the tree preservation covers one single family, also. Mr. Smith said yes sir.

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

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

5. Pending Items

[RES-18:088](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PICKERING FIRM, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO SOUTH CARAWAY WIDENING

Attachments: [Agreement.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street said I was asked by Mayor Harold Perrin to postpone indefinitely RES-18:088, due to research and rewriting of the procedure for dealing with professional services. That was the resolution to authorize the city to enter into an agreement with Pickering Firm, Inc., for the widening of South Caraway Road. Mayor Perrin, do you want to say anything else about that? Mayor Perrin said no. I think we have sent all councilpersons the way we are going to do that on the \$20,000 and the administrative policy. I think this is the only one that was hanging out there, and I just feel like it's only fair if we are going to start all over then we'll just start with this one and send it out. We will get Engineering Director Craig Light to get the thing going. We already have the professional lines and all that. We'll just go back to the scoring, and I'll appoint somebody on that. Councilperson L.J. Bryant motioned to postpone indefinitely RES-18:088, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore. All voted aye.

Councilmember Street said I did talk with Dennis Zolper today and I know he has been working back and forth with Interim Chief Operations Officer Roy Ockert. He knows Mr. Ockert is out of town, but Mr. Zolper is going to be sending out his file draft for the council's consideration, I believe in the morning, through the City Clerk's office. If you want to get that and look at it, then we can look at it again next month when we meet again and see what we want to do from there. Mayor Perrin said that's fine.

A motion was made by Councilperson L.J. Bryant, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams