



Meeting Minutes
Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

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

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-10:080 Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on September 7, 2010.

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

MIN-10:088 Minutes for the special called Public Works Committee meeting on September 27, 2010.

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

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-10:123 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM MALL AT TURTLE CREEK, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Mr. Harold Carter questioned why the City is asking for a permanent easement for an area that the City should be maintaining anyways for public safety. He noted the easement is near the mall. He questioned why the easement is permanent when the mall has the discretion to revert the property back to them with 30 days notice and the City is still obligated to keep the ditch clear. He asked why the mall doesn't keep the ditch clear since it's their property. City Engineer Craig Light explained this resolution and the one after it is for easement for detention behind Kohl's. He noted the easements have been sitting on the shelf since 2008 and were never filed at the

courthouse. He added the City has already been maintaining the channels and the resolutions are to reflect the City's legal right to be on the property. He further explained these resolutions are just clean-up. He stated the resolutions tie the easements down to a legal description, so that in the future if anyone wants to modify those channels the City has some say in what can be done.

Councilman Moore questioned why the City isn't getting just a permanent easement without it being revocable. Mr. Light stated if the company wants to revert the property back to their ownership, then they can maintain the property.

Councilman Moore asked where the ditch is located. Mr. Light explained it is on both sides of the ditch along Highland. He stated one of the ditches is by Kohl's and the other is around the mall.

Discussion was held concerning the location of the ditches.

Mayor Perrin noted the first resolution, RES-10:123, is a maintenance easement around the mall and it has the 30-day revocable status. He stated the second resolution, RES-10:124, is a permanent easement for property around the mall and is not revocable. Mr. Light added the easement documentation was made by their attorney and not the City's attorney.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council and for Mayor Perrin to meet with the property owners' attorney to change the easement in order to exclude the wording relating to the reverting the property back with 30 days notice. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

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

RES-10:124

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM REALTY ASSOCIATES BROKERAGE, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council and for Mayor Perrin to meet with the property owners' attorney to change the easement in order to exclude the wording relating to the reverting the property back with 30 days notice. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

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

4. Pending Items

Long-range facilities update

Councilman Vance stated they have entered into the contract for the maintenance shop and the location will be staked out tomorrow. He explained the architects are currently working on the warehouse plans. Mr. Light added they are just getting started on how many offices are needed, as well as other details such as the shape of the building. They have another meeting scheduled for Thursday. Councilman Vance noted the warehouse building should be put out to bid in about three months and by March or April they should be under contract for the warehouse and office buildings. Discussion was held concerning the buildings.

Incinerator

Discussion was then held concerning the recent opening ceremony for the incinerator and JETS building.

Councilman Hargis questioned whether other cities would be able to use the incinerator. Mayor Perrin explained they have discussed that option. He further explained there is proposed legislation that would allow the City to give the ash to farmers or other businesses that would need it, as opposed to having to take the ash out to Legacy Landfill. He stated he thinks the incinerator will pay for itself within a year. Councilman Moore then questioned whether there's anything in the laws that would prevent the City from allowing companies, such as lawn care services, to dispose of their debris at the incinerator. Mayor Perrin stated they are currently looking into that. He explained the companies have indicated they would like to see the incinerator open for longer hours during the week and on Saturdays so the companies can use it. He stated they are currently running a cost analysis to see if it would be feasible to do that.

Councilman Street noted the City has a February deadline to get the debris burned. Mayor Perrin stated the City will not be able to meet that deadline, but he has been told by Ms. Bassett that if the City sent her a letter then they could look at extending the deadline. Sanitation Director Royce Leonard estimated it will take the City about a year to burn all of the debris that has been stockpiled.

Further discussion was held concerning the incinerator.

5. Other Business**6. Public Comments****7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, 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