



City of Jonesboro
Meeting Minutes
Public Services Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Monday, January 14, 2008

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Present 4 - Ann Williams; Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Charles Frierson

Absent 2 - Tim McCall and Faye McCall

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-08:001 Minutes for the Public Services meeting on December 10, 2007.

Attachments: [121007](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Cecil Province, seconded by Councilperson Jim Hargis, that these Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Charles Frierson

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Faye McCall

3. New Business

RES-07:2552 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BID NUMBER 2007:54 FOR 2 ADA PARA-TRANSIT MINI VANS

Sponsors: JETS

Attachments: [Bid 2007-54 MiniVan Tab](#)
[MiniVan](#)

Mr. Mike Black and Ms. Tawana Bailey from JETS discussed the resolution. Ms. Bailey explained they went with Arkansas Conversion Center since they were the low bidder. She also explained they decided to go with Chevy Uplander vehicles because they hold more riders. Discussion was held concerning the mileage from 2007. Ms. Bailey explained the vehicles are a 83-17 match, in which they will have to cover 17% of the cost. Councilman Frierson questioned the prices for para-transit rides. Ms. Bailey stated they charge \$2 per one way trip. Councilman Hargis noted the December numbers for para-transit ridership dropped in December. Ms. Bailey agreed, stating they attribute the decrease to the holidays which caused doctor's offices to be closed and people who had vacation time off. Councilman Hargis then questioned how many vehicles JETS has. Ms. Bailey stated they have six buses and one para-transit van, as well as a truck for the mechanics and a van to transport drivers. Councilman Frierson questioned how they chose who to send the bid to. Ms. Bailey explained they used Presidential Conversions to purchase the last van and they also had information concerning Arkansas Conversion Center. She added they only sent invitations to bid to those two companies.

Discussion was then held regarding JETS working with other area transit services. Ms.

Bailey explained they have a joint transportation plan with Abilities Unlimited, FOCUS, The Learning Center and St. Bernard's. She further explained they have a joint maintenance plan where if one of their vehicles breaks down or needs an oil change then they bring the vehicle to JETS and JETS fixes the vehicle.

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Cecil Province, that this Resolution be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Charles Frierson

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Faye McCall

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

ORD-07:3160 AN ORDINANCE TO GIVE A STEP RAISE TO THE YOUTH SPORTS COORDINATOR

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained the work load for the position has increased, so he would like to move the position up four steps. He noted the ordinance was looked at by the Finance Committee during the budget process. He added the raise was not in the 2007 or the 2008 budget. Chairwoman Williams stated she thinks he could just amend the 2008 budget to include the raise.

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Jim Hargis, that this Ordinance be Recommended to Council. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Charles Frierson

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Faye McCall

COM-08:001 Correspondence as handed out by Councilman Province at the Public Services meeting on January 14, 2008, regarding JETS.

Attachments: [Letter from Monica Brodie](#)

Councilman Province explained he was given the communication over a year ago and it pertained to some problems in JETS. He provided those in attendance with copies of the letter. It was noted the letter is from Ms. Monica Brodie, former employee of JETS who resigned in December and has filed an EEOC claim. Councilman Frierson stated they should let EEOC do their own thing. Mr. Black stated he is familiar with EEOC and as far as he can tell Ms. Brodie lost her claim when she resigned. Councilman Frierson questioned whether JETS had been contacted by EEOC. Ms. Bailey explained they have not been contacted so far but they have been told they might be contacted.

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6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Charles Frierson, that this be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 3 - Cecil Province; Jim Hargis and Charles Frierson

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Faye McCall