



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

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-09:040

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on April 7, 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-09:041

Minutes for the special called Public Works Committee meeting on April 14, 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-09:025

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A 2007 KOMATSU EXCAVATOR

Sponsors: Streets

Attachments: [Scan-15-Apr-2009:02:26:56](#)

Chairman Street explained the excavator will be budget neutral and is needed in order to clean out ditches.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, 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

ORD-09:024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF STATE HIGHWAY 91 AND LACY DR., AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS.

Sponsors: Public Works and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [LACY REZONE PLAT](#)
[Rezoning Application City of JBORO Lacy Rd](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Chairman Street explained a rezoning to I-1 is being requested in order to build the Street and Sanitation facility. City Planner Otis Spriggs stated signs have not been put up on the property yet because it will need to be taken to MAPC before going to Council. He further explained he wanted to bring the rezoning to committee before going to MAPC. Councilman Vance further explained the committee is just authorizing city staff to request the rezoning to MAPC.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, 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-09:072

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO TO CONDUCT A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT OF URBAN IN-STREAM ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE IMPAIRED WITH EXCESS SEDIMENTS, NUTRIENTS, BACTERIA, AND TRACE METALS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Vegetative Management Agreement](#)

City Engineer Craig Light explained they are going to divide the major drainage channels into segments and look at the habitat in each segment in order to find better ways to manage the segments. He further explained they are hoping that will help them control erosion and cut long-term maintenance costs. He stated they will look at chemical applications and mowing needs in order to allow them to manage the vegetation and improve the water quality. Councilman Moore asked how long it will take before the study results are complete. Mr. Light answered two years, due to having to do research and do tests on the ditches. Councilman Moore asked if the study is of no cost to the City. Mr. Light stated no, the study is being paid for but will be used for future work with the Corps. He explained the study is the initial step in managing the vegetation. Chairman Street noted they met with the Corps last week and the study is a key item that is required by them. Councilman Moore asked how they will know the study is accurate in regards to what the chemicals the City can spray and what not to spray. Mr. Light stated he would trust the University's study more than an outside consultant's study. He added they will also be utilizing Mississippi State and they have done this type of study before. Mayor Perrin noted Mississippi State performed a similar study on the whole state of Mississippi.

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

RES-09:076

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ISLAS CONCRETE WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Contract Documents](#)
[Bid 2009-21 - Bid Tab](#)

Chairman Street explained it was indicated to him that the bid was not submitted in an approved format and asked for the resolution to be withdrawn.

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

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

4. Pending Items

Long-range facilities update

Councilman Vance explained they met with the architect on Monday and it appears the grant JETS has been approved for can be utilized on the property, so they are looking into putting JETS in the Street and Sanitation facility as well. He further explained they are also looking into a centralized maintenance shop that will take care of all City vehicles. He discussed the centralized facility and also discussed what will be done on the property. Councilman Vance stated the preliminary will be presented for the grant June 1 with an August bid date. He stated if everything goes as planned they will have building started in September and the buildings should be occupied by the end of 2010. He added he will get the committee a timeline of the project, but it changes frequently so they're not at the point where they can write too much down.

Councilman Vance stated Mr. Light is still working on the booklet of city-owned property and should be done in a few weeks. Councilman Moore questioned whether there are any properties that can be liquidated. Councilman Vance stated there's no doubt there's several properties that can be liquidated. Further discussion was held regarding the properties.

5. Other Business

RES-09:080

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER CAMERON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid 2009-21 - Bid Tab](#)
[Contract Documents - Cameron](#)

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to add the resolution to the agenda. All voted aye.

Councilman Moore stated the bid documents and contract are still needed before being taken to Council.

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

6. Public Comments

Mayor Perrin explained they received a request from Mr. Robin Nix to utilize a letter of credit in lieu of a performance bond on the maintenance part of a subdivision because getting a letter of credit is less expensive than a bond. He further explained City Attorney Phillip Crego stated the current ordinance would allow for the letter of credit. He asked for Mr. Nix to use a letter of credit in lieu of the bond only on the maintenance of the subdivision, not the construction. Councilman Hargis questioned who would pay if something goes wrong. Mayor Perrin answered the bank would pay the City and then bank would in turn take recourse on the customer. Councilman Moore questioned whether a letter of credit weakens the City's ability for recourse. City Attorney Crego answered no. Further discussion was held regarding letters of credit. Councilman Vance asked for the Council to make sure the letter of credit is attached to the agreement and interconnected with the agreement because it can be hard to collect on a letter of credit. City Attorney Crego stated they typically do make sure it states the letters of credit are payable on presentation or demand. He also added there is no action needed by the committee; rather, the Mayor just wanted to inform the committee of what was being done.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, 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