



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Works Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

4:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Formon and Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office were also in attendance.

Present 6 - John Street; Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Cecil Province and Mitch Johnson

2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-07:1894](#) Minutes from the November 6, 2007, Public Works Committee meeting.

Attachments: [110607](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Cecil Province and Mitch Johnson

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

[ORD-07:3155](#) AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A GRADALL XL3300 HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR WITH GRAPPLE ATTACHMENT

Sponsors: Streets

Attachments: [GRADALL QUOTE](#)
[GRADALL SOLE SOURCE](#)

Chairman Street explained Public Works Director Erick Woodruff asked for the ordinance to be pulled.

This Ordinance was Tabled.

[ORD-07:3165](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 14.44.02 AND 14.44.03 OF TITLE 14 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFICATION ON THE PERMIT DRAWING REQUIREMENTS AS IT RELATES TO MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS

Sponsors: Metropolitan Area Planning Commission

Attachments: [Text Amendment Memo Public Works](#)

City Planner Otis Spriggs explained the staff recommended changing the code regarding

the permit process requirements.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Charles Frierson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Cecil Province and Mitch Johnson

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-07:2545 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT PROPERTY (PERMANENT EASEMENT) DESCRIBED AS "THE NORTH 10 FEET OF LOT 7 OF HUNTER'S RUN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS" FOR PIPE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE;

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Perm Easement Wilma Butler](#)

City Engineer Kelly Panneck explained they would like to formally acquire a drainage easement for property where there currently is a pipe. He further explained they would like to work on the pipe, but can't without a drainage easement.

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

Aye: 5 - Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Cecil Province and Mitch Johnson

RES-07:2549 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT PROPERTY (PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT) DESCRIBED AS A 20' DRAINAGE EASEMENT CROSSING LOTS 6 AND 7 OF JASON WILLIS REPLAT FOR MAINTENANCE;

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Willis Replat](#)

Mr. Panneck stated this is similar to the previous item in which they would like to acquire an easement for a pipe that is already on the property. He also noted the owners are going to remedy the problem themselves, but are going to give it to the City when the work is done.

A motion was made by Councilperson Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Cecil Province and Mitch Johnson

RES-07:2559 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING AND TESTING LLC TO PROVIDE LAND SURVEYOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE PATRICK STREET IMPROVEMENTS;

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement - Patrick Street](#)

Mr. Panneck explained this is for surveying services which would be the first step in the planning stages in making improvements to the roadways.

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

Aye: 5 - Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Cecil Province and Mitch Johnson

RES-07:2560 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HAYWOOD, KENWARD, BARE & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE LAND SURVEYOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE RACE STREET IMPROVEMENTS;

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement - Race Street](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Cecil Province and Mitch Johnson

4. Pending Items**BUILDINGS - MAYOR FORMON**

Long range facilities plan update: Mayor Formon stated he does not have an update but hopes to have something soon.

PUBLIC WORKS - ERICK WOODRUFF

Standard operating procedures: Mr. Woodruff explained he will present the procedures to the committee in January.

5. Other Business

COM-07:069 Lawson Road - Phase II

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Jonesboro LawsonRd ICE](#)

Mr. Panneck explained they have a memo of understanding between the City of Jonesboro and AHTD for AHTD to give the City \$1 million for the construction of Lawson Road from Highway 49 to Stadium. He further explained the current phase from Mt. Carmel to Culberhouse is estimated to cost \$3.5 million of which the City would have to fund \$2.5 million. He stated if the City elects to not accept the \$1 million then the next cycle in which the City would be eligible would be in 2013. Councilman Dover questioned whether the whole project needed to be completed. Mr. Panneck answered no, the City has to accept the \$1 million and contribute \$250,000. He further explained the total \$1.25 million would be put into a project account for construction. He added accepting the money will also make the City eligible to receive future grants prior to 2013. Mr. Panneck

asked whether the money can also be used for property purchases. Mr. Tony Thomas explained the money has to be used towards the project, which could include property purchase. Mr. Panneck recommended finishing the process from Mt. Carmel to Culberhouse.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Frierson, to allocate the \$250,000 to match the \$1 million dollar AHTD grant for the construction of Lawson Road from Mt. Carmel to Culberhouse. All voted aye.

This item was Read.

House on Nettleton & Main

Councilman Moore explained he has looked at the timeline given to the owner of the home. He further explained the the owner is three months into the timeline and it doesn't even look like the first month's work has been done. He noted the owner has not even purchased an electrical permit. Mr. Woodruff explained Code Enforcement and Chief Inspector Joe Little are keeping up with the project. Chairman Street stated last time he spoke with Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver, Mr. Shaver indicated they were okay with the progress being made. Councilman Moore expressed concern over the homeowner not keeping up with the schedule even though he's only four months into a twelve month plan. He asked for them to keep an eye on it because he does not want to find out at the end of the twelve months that nothing has been done.

Landfill

Councilman Moore stated the Council had asked him and Attorney Andy Adams to look into ways to save money on the landfill. He explained there may be a possibility to bid out the final portion of the contract and save some of the O&M money for the job. He further explained it may be cheaper to have a City employee or a third party operate the equipment. Mr. Mike Cameron discussed the history of closing the landfill. He explained that he believes the City was required to mitigate the gas, but not collect it. Councilman Moore explained they have to figure out how to operate the equipment. He further explained they have three options: let FTN operate it, hire a City employee to do it or hire a third party to operate it. He asked for City Attorney Phillip Crego to review the contract to see whether the City is obligated to have FTN perform the startup and take care of it for the first 11 weeks or whether the City can bid it out. He added there are other companies out there that the City can bid the project out to. Mayor Formon stated he was under the impression that after the 11 week period FTN would provide the training for an employee to train someone to operate the flare. He explained he was under the impression that someone didn't have to be there constantly; rather, there would be an alarm that could go off and other than that someone would check it daily or weekly. He also stated there will be some employees on site due to the green waste and other materials that come in. He further explained they have not given up on getting carbon credits. He stated they are still talking with the Chicago Climate Exchange regarding getting carbon credits. Councilman Moore questioned whether Chicago Climate Exchange gave the City some sort of timeline when they would make a decision. Mr. Thomas answered no, they are still attempting to resolve whether the City was mandated to put in the collection system. He added they will make application regardless of the decision made. Chairman Street asked for Mayor Formon to meet with Mr. Crego concerning the FTN contract and whether the City can bid out the startup and operation costs.

COM-07:072 Information regarding PEX as handed out by Mr. Dan Norman on December 4, 2007.

Attachments: [PEX](#)

Mr. Dan Norman explained they use PEX plumbing in other projects but found out it is not allowed in the City of Jonesboro. He discussed PEX plumbing and asked for the committee to direct the staff to amend the resolution to allow PEX. Councilman Moore noted the state set the minimum and the City of Jonesboro has decided to increase the set of minimums, including plastic piping for plumbing not being allowed within the City of Jonesboro. He added the City only allows for the use of galvanized pipe or copper inside a dwelling. Mr. Norman stated they have a proven track record with PEX and the City is not enabling a lot more development by not allowing PEX. He added the state's plumbing department uses it in state buildings. He then presented the committee with a video describing PEX. Councilman Moore stated he's not prepared to direct the staff to change the code. He added the committee needs to research it more. He added he doesn't see an advantage that warrants a change. Mr. Jim Gulley spoke in favor of allowing the use of PEX, noting the product is cheaper and the theft rate is zero compared to a higher theft rate with copper. Discussion was held regarding copper versus PEX. Councilman Frierson stated he thinks the Council should consider amending the code if it was determined the quality of the product met good standards. Councilman Moore suggested the staff meeting with PEX and copper sellers to hear both sides. Councilman Johnson also noted people from the Homebuilders Association might want to be involved as well. Councilman Dover questioned whether if Campus Crest saved money on building apartments by using PEX, if they would pass those savings on to the renters. Mr. Norman answered yes, they would pass the savings on to the renters. Councilman Moore suggested a recommendation should come from engineers because builders are going to go with the cheaper product. Chairman Street asked Mr. Woodruff to set up presentations from PEX and copper suppliers in order to hear both sides. Mr. Woodruff added other entities such as the Homebuilders Association should be involved. It was decided to hold a meeting to hear a presentation from someone concerning copper so that the committee can hear both sides.

This item was Read.

6. Public Comments**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Darrel Dover; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Cecil Province and Mitch Johnson