



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

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-19:057](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on June 4, 2019.

Attachments: [Minutes 060419](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-19:036](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 66-267 ADOPTING WEIGHT AND SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE TRUCKS AND DETERMINING TRUCK ROUTES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND REPEALING SECTION 66-301

Councilmember Chris Moore said, Mr. Chair, in case some people might not be familiar with what this is about, would you let Steve tell us about Keller's Chapel Road and north Culberhouse. Chairman John Street said, yes, I will read it and then we will have a discussion.

Chairman Street asked, can you explain briefly the reason for this ordinance and what brought this about? Street Department Director Steve Tippitt said, about a month ago, we started having trouble on Keller's Chapel Road. We had some trucks hauling out there and we had about a quarter of a mile to a half a mile of road just disintegrate. We have been out there for a month digging out the parts where the truck had fell in at in the asphalt, putting in a fresh base. As a matter of fact, we like two more spots that it has caved in and then we will be going back to the start of it, notching everything out

and getting ready for asphalt. Once we get it all patched up with our patches, then we are going to overlay the street. The trucks that are coming out there overloaded has just tore our road all to pieces back there. We need some help to stop this from happening because when we have to pull off to do a major job like this, it takes away from other parts of our maintenance and stuff we have to keep up with also. Chairman Street said, Steve, I know I have called you in the past and probably several other councilmembers have called you in the past about damage done by heavy trucks on streets where we have no ability to limit the weight or anything that we have had. I know east Craighead Forest Road from Culberhouse to Mount Carmel suffered the same. It was chewed up pretty bad over the last year and a half and I think that is on our overlay list this year and several other streets around town. Mr. Tippitt said, it is. North Culberhouse, we are having the same problem on north Culberhouse also. We are fixing to have to do the same thing with. Chairman Street said, so this hopefully will alleviate some of it. Mr. Tippitt said, it will help us out to designate where they can run and give us some kind of help replacing the roads that they tear up.

Councilmember Moore asked, Steve, do we have any idea what that is going to cost on Keller's Chapel because we are talking about a half a mile. Mr. Tippitt said, we have got some estimated costs. Now, just on materials alone, we have been out about \$28,000 just on materials. Now, Craig Light, the engineer, has estimated about \$188,000 to overlay the street. Councilmember Moore said, yeah, plus our manpower and equipment. Mr. Tippitt said, it is not counting the manpower. Councilmember Moore said, so we are talking about a \$250,000 repair. Mr. Tippitt said, pretty much so. Councilmember Moore asked, is it going to be the same on north Culberhouse? Mr. Tippitt said, we are not losing as much on north Culberhouse as we did Keller's Chapel, but it probably will be about \$30,000-\$40,000 repair out there. Councilmember Moore asked, and an overlay on top of that? Mr. Tippitt said, yes sir. Councilmember Moore asked, so we are probably looking at another \$100,000? Mr. Tippitt said, about \$60,000 for what section that is out there.

Councilmember Gene Vance said, I have a question and it may not be for Steve. It may be for the City Attorney or whoever put this together. But, in C, it says 6,000 pounds, but then in E, it, to me, it says if they are not overloaded for their license. Is this going to restrict the city streets to 6,000 pounds? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I think that is the definition of a truck and we are wanting them to primarily use truck routes if they are over 6,000 pounds. Now, that doesn't mean that you might not occasionally have a truck that is over 6,000 pounds that needs to travel to make a delivery to Walmart or wherever they may be going. But, we want them to use the designated truck routes as long as possible and only veer off the shortest possible route on the city street. Councilmember Vance said, well, I know we have got some landscape trucks and trailers that will be well over 6,000 pounds. Ms. Duncan said, right, but it is kind of a dual thing. We want them to use the truck routes as much as possible other than when they have to veer off to do whatever job they are doing. The flip side of that...

(NO AUDIO HERE FROM 8:59-10:06)

Ms. Duncan said, ...scales where they can set up and weigh the trucks on our city streets as needed. So, I mean, they are not going to do it daily. But, they will do random checks of trucks just like Highway Patrol would do, but Highway Patrol can only do it on state highways, whereas, we can do it on city streets. That is part of the reason for the ordinance. Mayor Harold Perrin said, I would like to add to that and thank the Highway Patrol because of when this first started happening, I did call the Chief at ArDOT and he did send some people up here and they did monitor that for a

few days. The deal on Keller's Chapel is that all of those trucks have been stopped now. They are on hold. We have had discussions about reimbursing the city on some of those on those damages, but, again, that has been a discussion at this time and we will continue those. Chairman Street said, thank you Mayor.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-19:089](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FOR THE HARRISBURG ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

Attachments: [Change Order #4.pdf](#)

Chairman John Street said, basically that is for a traffic signal design at the intersection of Harrisburg Road and Forest Hill Drive which was after the study warranted a traffic signal per the count. Mark, could you address that please sir? Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols said, we had a public forum at Central Baptist Church and many of the comments from that forum were for the desire for a signal there. And, so, we restudied the intersection. About a year and a half had passed since the last counts were taken and they were really close. It lacked only a couple of hours warranting at that time. When they redid the counts, it warranted so this is the result of that. ArDOT confirmed that they felt like a signal would be a good idea there. As far as this, this is the contract that the consultant will take four weeks to design the signal and get it up to the 60% plans that we are at now with the current job and then we can move forward with designing the rest of the roadway. Chairman Street said, thank you sir.

Mayor Perrin said, I did call and visit with Lorie Tudor with ArDOT and we are planning a trip to Little Rock next week to meet with them and one of the things that we are going to be discussing is the seeing if ArDOT will pay the full cost of this. But, if you go ahead and pass this onto the council, we will have plenty of time to change that if we have to. This was not in the original design if you will remember on Highway 1. And so, it is a STIP Program in which we have already set back the \$7.8 million. We have used some of that money. I just want to see if we can let them go ahead and pay the full cost of that. Chairman Street said, yeah and that would be good. As Mr. Nichols pointed out when that first came about, the study then did not warrant that signalization, but this new study now does warrant signalization there. Mayor Perrin said, that is my comment to her in the fact that when we started this project which has now been over two years on this project, that it was not inside the project itself. And so now that we have made that change, I want to make sure if ArDOT can see to go ahead and use federal funds to go ahead and pay for that entire light because that is only the design. Then, you put the light in there, you are looking at another \$300,000 or so. So, I want to make sure that \$400,000 is not the cost to the city. Chairman Street said, ok. Thank you Mayor.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I have a question Mr. Chairman for Mark and Mayor. Again, not knowing what the cost of the signal would be, would it be the same participation as far as the percentage rate if we wind up having to pay? Mr. Nichols said, it is typically 80-20, 80 federal and 20 city. In this case, I think if we can convince

ArDOT to take up that 20 that would be beneficial. And, again, for this design cost, this comes out of our match towards this project. So, in reality, we have to pay it now, but we will get reimbursed that. It will come out of our match so it would be less that we have to pay when the project lets contract. Mayor Perrin said, that is correct. Councilmember Bryant said, thank you.

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

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

5. Pending Items

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