



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 7 - John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent 1 - Anthony Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:044](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on May 7, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-24:048](#)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Sponsors: Engineering

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

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant; Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:049](#)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

Sponsors: Engineering

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

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:050](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MARCK INDUSTRIES, INC TO PERFORM RECYCLING PROCESSING SERVICES

Sponsors: Sanitation

Attachments: [Bid 2024-01 Recycling Processor Tabulation](#)
[Recycling contract with Marck--one party signed](#)

Chairman John Street said, I would just make one comment. Abilities Unlimited was \$625 recycle ton as opposed to Marck's \$188.77, so it was considerably lower. Councilmember LJ Bryant said, Mr. Chairman could Brian or somebody speak to what we're currently paying. I mean, it's obviously it is what it is, but... Or Tony. Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas approached the podium and said, first of all, good evening. Honestly, I was looking, I suspected that question would come up, so I was looking in Legistar at the old contract and I have yet to locate that. I do know that this price is somewhat marginally higher than what we were paying. My recollection is Abilities was around the \$145 mark prior to this. There had been a number of negotiations with Abilities over the years to get to that price. As you recall, they were originally picking up as well as processing our recycling product. Abilities did approach us at the beginning, well the middle of last year needing a price increase in order to do what they were currently doing, thus we moved forward with a bid process. And as you can see, there was a significant difference, but I'll keep looking in the meantime and get you a response with the exact price, but my recollection is around \$145. Councilmember LJ Bryant said, how will this compare to the budget? Will this be a major change against what's budgeted? Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas said, no we've actually didn't, our waste stream has been, for recycling, has been slightly below the norm, as far as this time of year, and so there's been some cost savings there that we think will cover what we have currently budgeted. Then as we look forward to next year's budget, we'll look at that stream and make adjustments as needed in order to cover any additional cost.

Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas approached the podium and said, just for the record for that question, we were paying \$148 per ton for the recyclables currently.

A motion was made by Charles Coleman, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:054](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM WILLIAM CHILDERS THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Permanent Drainage Easement](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

[RES-24:055](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: HIGHWAY 49/CHRISTIAN VALLEY DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [ArDOT 04302024](#)

Chairman John Street said, I assume this will be 80/20, Craig, is that right? In fact, if you would be on your way while I read the rest of this.

Chairman John Street said, and that is the intersection of Christian Valley and Highway 49, which is very dangerous intersection. Definitely in my opinion, in need of a light because the number of school buses that traverse that intersection, as well as people going to and from events at school or to school. But if you want to explain that Craig. Engineering Department Director Craig Light approached the podium and said, I agree with you. We've had a lot of phone calls through the years about that intersection, and we requested, I believe it was by the school, to look at it and see if it met the warrants for traffic signals so we initiated that. And it came back that it did, so we had the letter sent to ArDOT to have them confirm. They agreed and that's what moved this forward. There is a need for a traffic signal at that location. Their cost estimate, it seems, I don't know if it's an attachment to this or not, but their estimated cost on it seemed a little bit high. It included property acquisition and utilities adjustments. Not really anticipating that those are going to be needed for this project, but the city would be responsible for that. They're estimating the city's share would be \$575,000. If you can see that, they have utilities and Right-of-Way acquisitions as part of that, so I don't think it will be that high. Total. But, by the time it gets designed and out to bid, I mean, we're probably looking at another 18 months, so we'll see what it comes out at when it actually happens. But it is a warranted.... Chairman John Street said, I know when we asked for that before, of course it's been several years back, when they came through there and widened everything, they were a little reluctant to do that, I think, because the light was already down there at the end, but I don't think with the anticipated growth in that area and the use of that particular intersection right there, but it's... I don't know what the traffic count is there either, you may have that, but it's well traveled. Director Craig Light said, it's been a while since I've looked at those numbers, but like I said, there's been a lot of traffic accidents at that location that kind of lead to our really looking at it. Once we saw the number of accidents happening at it, we thought it probably needed a further look at it.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, Craig, that \$1,700,000 estimate, that was the prepared by the Highway Department? Director Craig Light said, it was. The last one that we've had out to bid, and it's actually about to start construction, ended up being about a \$660,000 construction cost, and that was the one for the FedEx facility

at Great Dane and 18 where FedEx or the owner of that property is actually paying for that project. But it was a \$660,000, or will be, construction project with some land adjustments. I'm hoping that ArDOT is just overestimating what it's going to cost. Councilmember Chris Moore said, they estimated \$880,000 just for construction. Director Craig Light said, right. Councilmember Chris Moore said, we're spending, it looks like, on that fabrication behind me, 15% on the engineering, so they are over in the engineering fees. Director Craig Light said, right. Yup. Correct. I'm hoping that their numbers are just conservative and they will come in less than that. Ultimately.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, I was just going to reinforce what Mr. Light had said. Of course I see it every day, taking my daughter to school and picking her up, and talking to multiple parents and facility there at the school. It's been a long-time concern over there. We've actually personally witnessed, I think this past year, two wrecks. One was a student and a semi-truck, which fortunately turned out ok. I know MPO has done several studies on it and I think the last one that they looked at was somewhere around 5,000 traffic movements a day during the school year right there, as far as turning on and off Christian Valley Road. It's definitely a high priority need, and we're glad to see that the Highway Department saw it that way. It's a good project. Chairman John Street said, that tells you right there that when they endorse it, pretty much on their own, that tells you a lot right there because they're usually kind of reluctant, but that is a very dangerous intersection. I couldn't remember exactly what the traffic count was but it's pretty bad. Councilmember Chris Moore said, and then we're fixing to have a McDonald's go in right there by it too. Chairman John Street said, yeah and as that area continues to expand it's only going to get worse.

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

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by LJ Bryant, seconded by Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant;Ann Williams and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman