



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Services Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Monday, December 10, 2007

4:00 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent 1 - Tim McCall

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-07:1896 Minutes for the November 12, 2007, Public Services meeting.

Attachments: [111207](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Cecil Province, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-07:2562 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS PARKS AND TOURISM FOR THE 2007 OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [2007 Outdoor Recreation Grant Contract 11-28-2007](#)

Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained once the contract is approved the City will be given a notice to proceed and will be able to bid out the project to see how much it will cost. He further explained the grant will fund half the cost of the bathhouse. Discussion was then held regarding the mobile park area.

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

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

4. Pending Items

5. Other BusinessUpdate on JETS

JETS Director Joel Gardner stated they have 50,000 riders for the year so far and the ridership continues to grow. He explained they met recently with citizens from north Jonesboro to discuss what the transit system can do to help with that area. He further explained they are hoping to have meetings to discuss the transit system with the community and how to use it.

Lights on Bridge Street bridge

Mr. Wilkie explained it would cost \$60,000 to redo the lighting on the bridge. He further explained a grant wouldn't fund the renovations because it would be aesthetic lighting instead of security lighting. He stated Ms. Gayle Vickers from CDBG is looking into demolishing some of the homes around the bridge to clean it up. Discussion was held concerning the lighting in the stairwell. Mr. Tony Thomas stated he didn't think there would be any problem with the stairwell or underneath the bridge; rather, the problems were just with the lights on top of the bridge where there is already lighting existing. Councilman Hargis suggested putting together a design that shows exactly what they want done to the bridge and to put the project out to bid. Mr. Wilkie noted the Historic Register has a grant department that could possibly help with grant money but the bridge would have to be put on the historic register. Mr. Thomas also noted they've been working with the Arkansas Department of Economic Development to gather more information about other grants.

6. Public Comments**7. Adjournment**

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

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Cecil Province and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall