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Minutes for the City Council meeting on March 5, 1956

The City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, met in regular session on the above named date in the City Hall at 7:30 p.m. There were present: Mayor, City Attorney and the following named Councilmen: Keister, Johnson, Fritz, Fields, Copeland, Snow, Hamilton and Hart. Absent: City Clerk, Powell and Stricklin.

Mr. Hart made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the Pure Oil Co. be granted a permit to build a service station subject to the approval of the Fire Chief. Roll was called with all members voting aye. Motion carried. Permit granted.

Mr. Bill Perry appeared before the Council on behalf of the application for a permit by the Chamber of Commerce to build a vegetable market at Highland and Madison. He presented a more complete plat showing proposed locations of stalls, restrooms, etc., said plat being incorporated herein and retained in the City Clerk's office. Also present in support of the permit was: Ray Washington, Walter Grunden and Charles Frierson. Also filed and incorporated herein was the certificate of the Jonesboro Real Board to effect that granting of a permit would not lower property values in the area. D.A. Breland, H.R. Warring and Howard Tatliff appeared before the Council in opposition to granting of said permit. They filed a petition signed by 14 purported property owners and residents of the affected area. Petition on file in the Clerk's office.

Motion made by Mr. Keister and seconded by Mr. Stricklin and Hamilton that permit be granted. Roll was called. Mr. Keister, Dr. Fritz, Mr. Stricklin and Mr. Hart voting aye. Mr. Johnson, Fields, Copeland, Snow and Hamilton voting no. Motion failed. Permit denied.

Mr. Charles Frierson, Chairman of the Planning Commission, made a preliminary report to the Council upon the progress and status of work done by the Commission. He announced they are at present waiting upon the report of the Arkansas Highway Department survey. They will, at a later date, submit to the Council an amended master street plan and hop to be able to present a proposed zoning ordinance. He reported that the recent subdivision planning ordinance has been working satisfactorily with few complaints and all complaints have been satisfactorily met.

Mr. Johnson offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS TO APPLY FOR AN URBAN PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Mr. Snow then made the motion, seconded by Mr. Stricklin, that the resolution be adopted as read. Roll was called. All members voting aye. Motion carried. The resolution was given the number 1956:03.

Mayor Sanderson made a report on present status of a special census for Jonesboro. Mr. Hamilton offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL CENSUS TO BE TAKEN

Mr. Copeland then made the motion, seconded by Mr. Stricklin, that the resolution be adopted as read. Roll was called. All voting aye. Motion carried. The resolution was given the number 1956:04.

Mayor Sanderson proposed to the Council that all timber be removed from Westlawn Cemetery. The following bids were opened:

Dalton Elrod \$450.00 Herman Tinsley \$210.00 Richard Slaven \$200.00

Bids were filed and remain on records in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Copeland made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the bid of Dalton Elrod be accepted as follows:

Offer #1

I hereby offer and do agree to pay as a lump sum for all white oak and post oak timber located on the south end of Westlawn Cemetery the amount of \$450.00 cash in and said timber being located south of boundary of present cemetery.

Offer #2

I hereby guarantee to pay \$30.00 per cord (128 Cu. Ft.) for all white oak and post oak located in above Offer #1.

Approximately 80 trees will be cut and I will lease a 12-inch stump or more in diameter, approximately 12 inches above ground level.

Signed: Dalton Elrod

The following bids were opened and presented to Council regarding purchase of office equipment:

Child's: 18 Col. Burrough adding machine, \$315.00 less \$10.00 and less \$20.00 trade-in; typewriter: Remington \$192.50 less 5%

Porter: National Adding Machine, \$293.76; Royal Typewriter, \$196.35

Office Equip.: Underwood 10-key Adding Machine, \$350.50 plus tax and trade-in; Remington 10-key, \$299.00 plus tax and trade-in. Typewriter Underwood \$167.00 plus tax and trade-in. Burroughs p. 201 \$23.15. Adding machine, typewriter, none.

Mr. Johnson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the bids be turned over to the Mayor, City Collector, Mr. Hart and Mr. Snow for consideration and to accept low bid or best bid in their opinion. Roll was called. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Copeland offered the following ordinance and asked that it be placed on the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 10 OF ORDINANCE NO. 757 AS AMENDED BY SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 836; SAME BEING AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF CITY LICENSE OR OCCUPATION TAX WITHOUT PENALTY; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. Copeland made the motion, seconded by Mr. Keister, that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be placed on the second reading. Roll was called. All aye. Motion carried. The ordinance was then read for the second time.

Mr. Keister then made the motion that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be placed on the third and final reading. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. Roll was called. All aye. Motion carried. The ordinance was then read for the third and final time. Mr. Copeland then made the motion that the ordinance be adopted as read. Mr. Keister seconded the motion. Roll was called. All aye. Motion carried. Ordinance was then passed and adopted. The roll was called on the emergency clause. All members voting aye. The ordinance was given the number 913.

Mr. Johnson made a report of the Police Committee and recommended on advice of Chief that two Sgts. be created and appointment authorized by the Chief. Mr. Keister made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that two Sgts. be created. Roll was called, all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson also recommended that radios be purchased for two fire trucks and for the motorcycle on advice of Police and Fire Chiefs. Mr. Snow made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the recommendations be approved and funds be appropriated. Roll was called. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Hamilton made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hart, that the bills as okayed by the Finance Committee be paid. Roll was called. All members voting aye, motion carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Hamilton made the motion, seconded by Mr. Keister, that Council adjourn. All aye. Council adjourned.