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Minutes for the City Council meeting on July 19, 2005
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - JULY 19, 2005

The Jonesboro City Council met Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. A full quorum was in attendance. Present were: City Clerk, Donna K. Jackson, City Attorney Phillip Crego and twelve council members. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Perrin presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Formon.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilwoman Furr to approve the minutes of July 5, 2005, as provided. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley.

City Attorney Crego stated he was unable to obtain a report from APERMA Attorney, Ralph Ohm, but the B&G case regarding the landfill had been dismissed.

The following ordinance was on the third and final reading:

ORDINANCE CREATING THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (J.E.T.S.)

Discussion followed with Councilman Moore praising Dr. Paul Copeland for his work with the transit system proposal, but explained he objected to asking citizens to vote on the measure after funds had already been allocated. He stated his objection was with the implementation of the transportation system, and the public should be allowed to vote on the measure first. Councilman Farmer stated this is a measure that will continue to be presented and the Council has limited their exposure as much as possible. He further explained citizens needed information in order to make an informed decision regarding the transit system, and by the end of the three year period the necessary information would be available. Councilman Street stated the MPO members were told it would take two to three years to know if the proposed system would work, and by then they could make a knowledgeable decision based on fact. Councilman Province stated the Council had a moral obligation to people who need help, while Councilman Moore responded saying the Council had a moral obligation to provide emergency services such as police and fire protection. Councilman Hargis contended this was an

experiment, and Councilman Dover stated a price could not be put on the quality of life. Mr. Copeland assured council members he was comfortable with the \$130,000 allotment. He stated he was confident the buses would last for the three year period based on industry standards. Councilwoman Williams moved, seconded by Councilman McCall for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye with the exception of Councilman Moore who voted nay. Those members voting aye were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 3558.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OUTSIDE AGENCY APPLICATIONS OF FUNDING THROUGH CITY COUNCIL APPROPRIATIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to amend the ordinance by adding the word “annual” under Section 3, subsection (4) just before the word budget. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Hargis to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 3559.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL 9R-10 TO COMMERCIAL (C-3), LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 351 JUST NORTH OF HIGHWAY 49 (J. Wade)

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman McCall to suspend the rules and place on second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO COMMERCIAL (C-1), LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WASHINGTON AVENUE, EAST OF BRIDGE STREET AND WEST OF KITCHEN STREET (City of Jonesboro & St. Bernard’s Regional Medical Center).

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Moore to suspend with the second reading of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley.

Mr. Paul Stotts addressed the City Council requesting a copy of the plat and ordinance. Both were provided.

Councilman Street offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF JONESBORO 2005 ANNUAL BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO THE FIXED ASSET FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend with the second and third readings of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Farmer for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Moore for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned number 3560.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson to pull agenda item number 6, a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease agreement with Best Manufacturing for property located at 107 Flint Street. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Dover for the adoption of a resolution accepting 10 foot drainage easements from various locations on Angelus Street for the purpose of cleaning out a drainage ditch. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2005:85.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to pull agenda item 8, a resolution authorizing a lease agreement with Oskosh Capital for the lease/purchase of one Pierce Enforcer Pumper Truck for the Fire Department. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Ashley to pull the following agenda items:

(9) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter an agreement with Alvin Crabtree for completion of work on Matt Drive.

(10) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter an agreement with Alvin Crabtree for completion of work on Briar Drive.

(11) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter an agreement with Alvin Crabtree for completion of work on Alex Drive.

Mr. Garry Tate former council member addressed the current City Council stating the streets do not belong to the City of Jonesboro and to complete them could set precedence, potentially costing Jonesboro millions of dollars. He stated it is between the property owners and the developer. Discussion was held regarding a decision made when Mr. Tate was a council member to pave several gravel roads within Jonesboro. Mr. Tate contended the streets were owned by the City of Jonesboro; however it was explained a signed petition does not result in ownership of the property. City Attorney Crego was asked to research the matter regarding an ordinance requiring a bond and the possibility of holding building permits if a developer switches entities. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley.

Under new business, Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Street to place a resolution on the

agenda for consideration. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilwoman Williams moved, seconded by Councilman Moore for the adoption of a resolution to amend the Memorandum of Understanding with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for improvements to Craighead Forest Park Lake. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2005:86.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to place an ordinance on the agenda for consideration. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilman Street offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE REPAIRS TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S KOBELCO SK250LC EXCAVATOR

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Moore to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilman Ashley for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Dover for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned number 3561.

Discussion was held regarding the ditch on Race Street. It was explained Race Street would have to be widened and the ditch closed, and were waiting on the traffic study. Turtle Creek was also discussed. It was explained a fence has not been installed because of the drainage study.

Under public comment, Rev. Charles Coleman thanked council members for their support of the transit system.

With no further business, Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Ashley.