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Minutes for the City Council meeting on November 5, 1973 CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, 1973

The City Council of the City of Jonesboro met in regular session in City Hall, Monday night, November 5, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. there were present: Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk and the following named Councilmen: Pierce, Park, Dr. Bowers, Hannah, Stricklin, Minx, Smith, Bowers, Johnson, Bridger and Ward. Absent: Goforth.

Civil Defense reported to Council concerning a warning system for the city. The finance committee was requested to make a study as to the money for matching funds with a federal grant.

Mr. Stricklin offered the following Resolution. Dr. Bowers moved for its adoption with Mr. Pierce seconding. All present voted aye and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS

The resolution was given the number 1973:24

The City Council set the date of November 12th for closing bids on the City group insurance.

Mr. Pierce moved with Mr. Bowers seconding the motion that the 7th Day Adventist Church be allowed to solicit funds from the 15th of November to the 15th of December. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Stricklin offered a Resolution to close an alley close to the medical center. Mr. Pierce moved with Mr. Bowers to adopt the resolution and all voted aye. Motion carried. Resolution not prepared.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE AN ALLEY CLOSE TO THE MEDICAL CENTER

The resolution was given the number 1973:25.

Mr. Bowers offered an ordinance closing an alley off of Cate for its 1^{st} reading. All present voted aye. Mr. Pierce moved with Mr. Ward seconding the motion that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be placed on its 2^{nd} reading. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Hannah offered an ordinance placing 4-way stop signs @ Washington & Nesbitt and 1 @ Church & Cherry. Dr. Bowers moved with Mr. Ward seconding the motion that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be placed on the 2nd reading. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson moved with Mr. Bridger seconding the motion that 3 trailers be allowed @ 528 McAdams for McGee, 814 E. Washington for Colemen and 409 N. Church for Pardew. Mr. Minx voted nay and all others present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Stricklin moved with Mr. Pierce seconding the motion that the City purchase 2 pieces of property in the downtown area, 1 for \$25,000 and 1 for \$26,500 in order for some improvements in the downtown area. All present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Hannah moved with Mr. Smith seconding the motion that the City leases from the Stallings a piece of property (for park) @ 1.00 per year for motorcycles to ride. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Pierce moved with Mr. Stricklin seconding the motion that the City contributes \$300 dollars towards the drainage of Whiteman's Creek from Revenue Sharing money. All present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Johnson moved with Mr. Pierce seconding that bids for a new backhoe be accepted. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Ward moved with Mr. Pierce seconding the motion that Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. till the time changes and that the curfew stay the same @ 10:30. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Hannah offered a Resolution and moved for its adoption with Mr. Stricklin seconding the motion to commend and praise Engineer Gene Gardner, Fire Chief Rorex and the fire fighters for their excellent work on the new fire station and want to express their appreciation and tanks for the money that the city was saved for the work that they did. All voted aye and the motion carried.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND PRAISING ENGINEER GENE GARDNER, FIRE CHIEF ROREX AND FIREFIGHTERS FOR THEIR WORK ON THE NEW FIRE STATION

The resolution was given the number 1973:26.

Mr. Smith moved with Mr. Minx seconding the motion that the City surfaces the road from the by-pass to the Sanitary landfill. On calling the roll, Mr. Hannah voted nay and all others present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Minx gave a report on new sites for the City Shop, but no action was taken.

On Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Park, the City Attorney was directed to draw up an ordinance amending the width of Sims St. to 60 ft. All voted aye, and motion carried.

Mr. Ward offered an ordinance for its 1st reading prohibiting roadblocks for charity drives.

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Mr. Ward moved with Mr. Pierce seconding the motion that the bills as okayed by the finance committee be paid. All voted aye, and motion carried.

Mr. Ward moved with Mr. Stricklin seconding the motion that the City proceeds with condemnation suits on 4 lots in the Urban Renewal projects. Mr. Bridger passed and voting aye were: Pierce, Park, Stricklin, Smith, Johnson and Ward; voting nay: Dr. Bowers, Hannah, Minx and Bowers. Motion failed for lack of 2/3 majority, which is required by law in condemnation of private property.

There being no further business, Council voted unanimously to adjourn.