



Legislation Text

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Minutes for the City Council meeting on September 7, 2004.

PUBLIC HEARING - 6:00 P.M. - In a letter addressed to City Clerk, Donna Jackson, Attorney David Menz, requested the public hearing for the establishment of two TIF districts be postponed due to the request being premature.

PUBLIC HEARING - 6:15 P.M. - A public hearing was conducted regarding the issuance of taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds to finance the expansion and improvement of an industrial facility for Frito-Lay, Inc. Dr. Richard Wang, Professor of Political Science addressed the Jonesboro City Council requesting that the ordinance be read on three separate meetings allowing for further comment and study. Dr. Wang contended that it was a loss of revenue for the schools, county and public library. He further stated the agreement was unclear what the conditions were for the in lieu of taxes if the bonds are extended. Mayor Brodell responded saying it was a new issue, and the school district and tax assessor's office both has signed off on the agreement. Dr. Wang responded saying it was a restoration or extension of the original arrangement and requested the City Council to consider it carefully because the City would be incurring debt.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - September 7, 2004

The Jonesboro City Council met Monday, September, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. A full quorum was in attendance. Present were: Mayor Brodell, City Clerk, Donna K. Jackson, City Attorney Phillip Crego and twelve council members. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Moore to approve the minutes of August 16, 2004, and for August 27, 2004, (Special Called Meeting) as provided. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Flowers reported they had collected \$20,000,000 in revenue through the month of July which is 60% of 2004 revenues. He explained this was due to an increase in sales tax. Regarding expenditures Mr. Flowers explained we were down 1% compared to this time last year which is 50% of 2004 expenditures.

The following ordinance was on the third and final reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM COMMERCIAL (C-4) TO COMMERCIAL (C-3) LOCATED AT 3401, 3407, AND 3415 E. HIGHLAND DRIVE. (Kevin Alpe, dba A & B Investments)

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Dover 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, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy. The ordinance was assigned number 3486.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PERMANENT FINANCING FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING A TRUST INDENTURE SECURING THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AS LESSOR, AND FRITO-LAY, INC., AS LESSEE; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

City Attorney, Crego explained this was a new series of bonds, being sold to PepsiCo, Inc. for the purchase price of one hundred cents on the dollar, with an extension of the original lease. He further explained the City of Jonesboro retains title, holding the building and improvements until the bonds are paid off. Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend with the second and third reading of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy 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, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy. Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin 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, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy. The ordinance was assigned number 3487.

Councilman Dover offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 3379, THE PURCHASING MANUAL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, ESTABLISHING APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR CHANGE ORDERS.

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend with the second and third reading of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy 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, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy. Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin 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, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy. The ordinance was assigned number 3488.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of a resolution to proceed with condemnation action at the following locations: 4919 E. Johnson, Jack Hollingsworth, Sr. Owner; and 601 W. Word, John Michael Lanier, Owner. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy. The resolution was assigned number 2004:69.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the "Cooperating Technical Partner Agreement" with FEMA for the revision of firm maps within the City of Jonesboro. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy. The resolution was assigned number 2004:70.

Under new business, Mayor Brodell stated they had compiled a list of streets within subdivisions located in Jonesboro that have not been completed. He explained once they had completed the list he would be sending it out to everyone with a recommendation to set a deadline of December 15, 2004, for bringing the streets into compliance.

Councilman Street reported the traffic study was not complete as yet, and a public hearing would be announced at a later date. Mayor Brodell reported he had spoken to Mr. Joe Barnett about the intersection at Hwy 49 and Parker Road and recommendations would be provided at a later date.

Councilman McCall requested a list of all City owned property that rent is collected on. Mayor Brodell stated they would provide the list.

With no further business, Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Farmer for adjournment. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Young, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy.