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Minutes for the City Council meeting on February 16, 1998

The Jonesboro City Council met Monday, February 16, 1998, 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 11 council members. Those members were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. Councilman Fletcher was unable to attend.

The minutes for February 2, and February 5, 1998, and November 22, 1997, were approved as delivered, by Councilman Roddy seconded by Councilman Rorex. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy.

Councilman Roddy offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Little & Maddox)

Councilman Rega recommended holding all rezoning matters on first reading due to notification signs not being in place. Mr. Brian Wadley of the Inspection Department stated the signs had been requested around January 20, 1997.

Councilman Pratt offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Sam Hester / C. M. Mooney)

Mr. Charles Mooney, Sr. Attorney for Mr. Hester stated there was a rezoning notification sign on the property as early as last Friday, and requested the ordinance be read twice. Councilman Rega stated he did not see a sign posted for this location. Councilman Rorex agreed with Councilman Rega that a sign was not posted on the property.

Councilman Rega offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Jay Harmon)

The ordinance was read one time.

Councilman Young offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Bob Gibson)

The ordinance was read one time.

Councilman Tate offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

**ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF EXCAVATING WORK FOR THE MATA DEPARTMENT**

Councilman Tate moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy to suspend the rules and place on second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. Councilman Young moved, seconded by Councilman Kelton to amend the ordinance in Section 4 to read, "to provide services". A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. Councilman Young moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers to further suspend the rules and place on the third and final reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. Councilman Rega moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. The ordinance was given number 3032.

Councilman Tate moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers for the adoption of a resolution to proceed with condemnation action on property located at 506 West Matthews. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. The resolution was given number 1998:07.

The following bids were reviewed:

**98:02 - Sewer Cleaner - Street Department**

Councilman Rorex moved, seconded by Councilman Davis to accept the bid of Shamrock Pipe Tools for \$24,900.00. Mr. Steve Kent, Purchasing Agent explained neither of the two bids met bid specifications regarding the number of gallons of water the equipment would hold. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy.

**98:03 - Iron Worker - Street & Sanitation Departments**

Councilman Tate moved, seconded by Councilman Davis to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of McDaniel Machinery in the amount of \$6,769.00. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy.

**98:04 - Backhoe/Loader - Street Department**

Councilman Tate moved, seconded by Councilman Davis to accept the Street Committee=s recommendation to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Barton Equipment #1 for \$52,000.00 with no trade in. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy.

Councilman Roddy moved, seconded by Councilman Rega for the adoption of a resolution naming judges,

clerks, and alternate workers to serve in the election for directors of the City Water & Light Improvement District. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. The resolution was given the number 1998:08.

Councilman Young moved, seconded by Councilman Pratt for the adoption of a resolution placing STOP signs at the following locations:

On Blue Spruce at South Caraway

On Alicia at South Caraway

On Pine Valley at South Caraway

On Gandy at South Caraway

On Pine Creek at Pine Valley

On Country View Loop at Country View Dr.

On Fallwood Cir. at Greenwood St.

A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. The resolution was given the number 1998:09.

Under new business, Mayor Brodell stated that City Water & Light transferred title of approximately 105 acres, located at Hwy 63 South and Commerce Drive to the City of Jonesboro. Mayor Brodell stated he wanted to transfer the deed for the 105 acres to Haworth, Inc. with the understanding that once the Industrial Development Revenue Bonds are issued the deed would be returned to the City of Jonesboro until the bond issue is retired. Councilman Roddy moved, seconded by Councilman Rorex to deed the property to Haworth. Councilman Kelton questioned if there would be a written agreement. Mayor Brodell said Haworth would prepare the documents and Phillip Crego, the City Attorney would have to approve the documents. Councilman Davis questioned if the transfer of city assets should be done by ordinance. City Attorney, Phillip Crego stated no necessarily with an ordinance, but the question of what the asset is being exchanged for was a consideration. Mr. Crego stated the Mayor indicated that the expenses of the bond issue were going to be advanced by the Haworth Industry as a part of the transfer. Mayor Brodell stated yes this was temporary measure until Haworth gets the bond issue settled. Mr. Crego stated whatever documentation Haworth is preparing about the exchange in relation to the bond issue then he would be better able to answer the question. Mayor Brodell reminded Council they had already approved the bond issue. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy.

Mayor Brodell then brought up a rezoning for Earl Brannon which was denied by council six months ago due to a lack of the majority of elected officials. Mayor Brodell requested the matter be read one time and be put on the agenda for the March 2, 1998, meeting. Councilman Kelton offered the following ordinance for first reading:

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Earl Brannon)**

Councilman Rorex moved, seconded by Councilman Rega to suspend the rules and place on the second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy.

Councilman Crockett announced a Block Grant Systems Advisory Committee meeting for February 23, 1998, at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of City Hall.

Councilman Rega moved, seconded by Councilman Kelton to endorse the Personnel Committees recommendation to invest the non-uniform pension fund with a 70/30 split in favor of stocks. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy.

Councilman Pratt requested that Mr. Julies Dawson, of 810 Cate Street be allowed to address Council even though he was not on the agenda. Mr. Dawson stated Cabinet City, his neighbor, pumps sawdust into a shed, and the sawdust seeps into his yard. He also complained of toxic fumes coming from a metal building used by Cabinet City to varnish the cabinets. Mr. Dawson stated Doug Little, the Code Enforcement Officer had gotten Cabinet City to clean up the sawdust one time, but it continues to be a problem. Mr. Little explained his authority is limited to trash pickup, and advised Mr. Dawson to contact Pollution Control & Ecology. Mayor Brodell stated if Mr. Dawson had contacted the Mayor's Office he would have been assisted earlier in solving the problem. Mayor Brodell stated he would contact the Health Department first thing in the morning and try and get the matter taken care of.

Councilman Young gave members of the Council a copy of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3016. He explained the original bond ordinance allowed Construction Fund Investments to be in Triple A Bonds only. However, after the issuance of the bonds, Jonesboro had twenty nine million dollars to invest, and it was discovered there were no enough Triple A rated, two year or less maturities, to invest in. Councilman Young stated by amending the ordinance the investments will yield approximately 1% higher, generating \$130,000 to \$150,000 per year in interest earnings.

Councilman Young offered the following ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF PERMITTED INVESTMENTS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Councilman Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Pratt to suspend the rules and place on second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. Councilman Rega moved, seconded by Councilman Pratt to further suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. Councilman Roddy moved, seconded by Councilman Kelton for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Tate, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Bowers, and Roddy. The ordinance was assigned number 3033.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.