



Legislation Text

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Minutes for the City Council meeting on February 2, 1987

A Public Hearing was held at 7:15 p.m. at City Hall regarding the island annexation of Nick and Margaret Troxler's property, a four-acre tract east of Commerce Drive, south of E. Highland. The land is located in the center of approximately 3,000 acres of the Industrial Park.

.City Council Minutes - February 2, 1987

The Jonesboro City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, and Aldermen Hannah, Park, Stricklin, Evans, Bridger, Province, Mays, Sanderson, Strauser, and Hinson. Mr. Shelton came in after the meeting had commenced and Mr. Nix was absent.

Dr. Strauser led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Evans presented the invocation.

The Clerk asked that the minutes of January 19, 1987, be corrected as follows: (page 4, paragraph #2) The sentence should read: Mr. Hannah commended the committee for their work and moved, seconded by Mr. Stricklin to have the Mayor instructed Jeff Gibson to investigate the intersection of Washington and Gee. (The remainder of the sentence should be deleted.) Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Dr. Strauser to approve the minutes of January 19, 1987, as corrected. All voted aye.

Mr. Sanderson offered the following resolution: (Resolution-Arkansas Enterprise Zone - Ark. Glass Container & Don Gilbert, Inc.)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARKANSAS ENTERPRISE ZONE.

Mr. Sanderson moved, seconded by Mr. Stricklin to adopt the resolution. A roll call was taken, and all voted aye. The resolution was given the number 1987:02.

Mr. Hannah offered the following ordinance: (Island Annexation - Nick & Margaret Troxler, AG, 4 acres in Inc. Park)

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; ANNEXING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 6; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Hinson to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. The ordinance was read for the second time. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Sanderson to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. The ordinance was read for the third time. Mr. Hannah further moved, seconded by Mr. Park to adopt the ordinance with the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken and all voted

aye. The ordinance was given the number 2009.

Mr. Hannah offered the following ordinance: (Traffic - stop sign on NW corner of Meadowbrook & W. Matthews)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Mr. Sanderson suggested leaving the ordinance on first reading and allowing any additional stop sign placements to be incorporated into the ordinance.

An Ordinance to rescind Ordinance #1769 regarding flood damage prevention was tabled at the request of Joe Tomlinson. The ordinance includes changes mandated by federal regulations.

An Annexation Ordinance of the Wilson Cox property located on the N. end of Scott St., E. of Mayes addition, zoned R-2 was tabled at the request of the Attorney, Skip Mooney.

The following ordinance was on third reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1930 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE DOWNTOWN PARKING ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE INITIAL FINE OF \$2.00 FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS BE INCREASED TO \$5.00 WHERE THE PARTY CITED FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL FAIL TO PAY THE SAID \$2.00 FINE WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE CITATION.

Mr. Hinson moved, seconded by Mr. Stricklin to adopt the ordinance, but to omit the emergency clause, thus making the ordinance effective March 3, 1987. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. The ordinance was given the number 2010.

A resolution regarding the leasing of 9 parking spaces on the parking lot at the corner of the 6th block of S. Church and the 100th block of E. Jefferson was tabled at the request of Attorney, Skip Mooney.

Mr. Hinson moved, seconded by Mr. Mays to allow the placement of a mobile home at 303 N. McClure by Dan Oswald. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

The following bids were up for review:

87:01 - Towel and Linen Service

City Attorney Jim Burton ruled that the 6-5 vote on January 19, 1987, to accept the bid of I.D. Industrial Services of Lake City for \$5,591 compared to the \$6,151 bid from Clean Services of Jonesboro did not pass reversing his original ruling on January 19 that a simple majority of the elected members is required to award a contract constituting 7 pro votes. He further stated that the original 6-5 vote did not invalidate the two bids.

Mr. Bridger stated he favored rejecting both bids and re-advertising. He said he had toured the Clean Service facility and felt the bid specifications should be rewritten and that an official of Clean Services should assist in the rewriting. Mr. Hannah asked if Mr. Bridger had toured I.D. Industrial in Lake City, and Mr. Bridger responded that they had not, but would like to and encourage all Aldermen to do likewise and tour both facilities.

Mr. Bridger moved, seconded by Mr. Park to rewrite the specifications and rebid. A roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Hannah, Evans, Shelton, Province, Mays, Strauser and Hinson voted nay. The motion failed 4-7.

Following discussion as to the correct parliamentary procedure, Mr. Hannah moved to rescind the action by the council at the January 19, 1987, meeting which awarded the bid to I. D. Industrial, seconded by Mr. Province. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. Mr. Hannah further moved, seconded by Mr. Hinson to accept the low bid meeting specifications. A roll call vote was taken, Aldermen Hannah, Shelton, Province and Hinson voted aye. Aldermen Stricklin, Evans, Bridger, Mays, Sanderson and Strauser voted nay and Aldermen Park abstained. The motion failed 4-6-1.

Mr. Hinson moved, seconded by Mr. Bridger to have the Mayor, the Purchasing Agent, and two other people to make a recommendation at the next meeting of February 16, 1987, on the bid specifications on Towel and Linen Service. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Mr. Hannah stated that he was amazed that the council spent almost two hours during two meetings discussing specifications for linens, mops, and floor mats, yet would approve an \$80,000 expenditure without questioning any specifications. He also asked Mr. Burton for his legal opinion on the right of a councilman to change his vote (a legal question arising at the January 19, 1987, meeting). Mr. Burton stated once the votes have been recorded by the Clerk, councilmen would be precluded from changing their vote.

87:06 - Fill Material at Airport

Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Sanderson to amend the bid to include if the City of Jonesboro suspects that the soil test, the soil being delivered may not meet the original soil test, the soil will be tested again. If the soil fails such test, the vender will pay for said test. If soil passes test, the City will absorb cost of test. A roll call vote was taken on the amendment and all voted aye. Mr. Sanderson moved, seconded by Dr. Strauser to amend the bid to have all truck checked, measured, tagged, and inspected to make certain they meet all specifications. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. Mr. Park moved, seconded by Dr. Strauser to accept the low bid meeting specifications from Wilbanks Sand and Gravel. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

87:07 - Tire Recaps - Street and Sanitation

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Dr. Strauser to accept the low bid meeting specifications from Memphis Bandag. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

87:08 - Police Cars (5)

Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the low bid meeting specifications from Teague Chevrolet of Walnut Ridge. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

87:09 - 4-door Sedans (2)

Mr. Hinson moved, seconded by Mr. Bridger to accept the low bid meeting specifications from Teague Chevrolet of Walnut Ridge. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

87:13 - Soil Testing - Flight Station

Mr. Shelton moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to accept the low bid meeting specifications from NEA Contractors Lab. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Mayor Brodell announced a groundbreaking for construction of the FAA Automated Flight Service Station at the Municipal Airport in Jonesboro. Preceding the groundbreaking, the council will have lunch with the

Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 17, 1987, at the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Evans asked fire and police personnel to enforce the ban on burning or said he would consider an effort to repeal the law.

Public Works Director, Jeff Gibson addressed the bridge repair and/or replacement on GE Drive. He updated the council on a more realistic estimate for said repair @\$50,000 for minimum repair to \$120,000 for complete replacement to meet AHTD specifications and asked for confirmation to proceed with payment of 5% to program the project. (The vote to approve said payment was made at the December 15, 1986, meeting.) The council directed the Mayor to have the check written as soon as possible and to proceed with the project.

Mr. Mays stated he had asked the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to provide local firms a five percent bidding preference over out-of-town companies. The state has a five percent preference for Arkansas companies when they bid against our-of-state firms.

Mr. Sanderson offered the following resolution: (Resolution - Monitoring of wells)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING JEFF GIBSON'S RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT DR. RICK CLIFFT'S PROPOSAL TO TAKE WATER SAMPLES, TEST SAMPLES, AND SEND REPORTS

Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Sanderson to accept Mr. Gibson's recommendation and adopt the resolution. All voted aye. The resolution was given the number 1987:03.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.