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Minutes for the City Council meeting on May 17, 2004

PUBLIC HEARING - 6:15 P.M.- A public hearing was conducted for the purpose of vacating and abandoning a utility easement located between the east 225.9 feet of Lots 1 and 9 of Block C in Spring Valley Subdivision as requested by Billy and Betty Gerlach. No opposition was voiced.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - May 17, 2004

The Jonesboro City Council met Monday, May 17, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. A full quorum was in attendance. Present were: City Clerk, Donna K. Jackson, City Attorney Phillip Crego and eleven council members. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. Councilman Young was unable to attend. Councilman Perrin presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Brodell.

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Hargis to approve the minutes of May 3, 2004, as amended. Councilman Farmer corrected the spelling of the name "Burton" to "Bergemann" on page three of the minutes. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Roddy.

The legal report provided by City Attorney Crego contained no new information since Attorney Ralph Ohm was in attendance at the last council meeting and gave an overview of legal cases involving the City of Jonesboro.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON AN UNUSED UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED BETWEEN THE EAST 225.9 FEET OF LOTS 1 AND 9 OF BLOCK C IN SPRING VALLEY SUBDIVISION. (Billy and Betty Gerlach)

Councilman Street 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, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. Councilman Street 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, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. The ordinance was assigned number 3471.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO COMMERCIAL (C-3), LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WEST WASHINGTON AND WEST MATTHEWS. (Scott Moore)

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend with the second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. No further action was taken regarding this particular ordinance.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM COMMERCIAL (C-1) TO COMMERCIAL (C-3), LOCATED AT 4935 E. NETTLETON. (Ruben Griffin)

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend with the second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. No further action was taken regarding this particular ordinance.

Councilman Street offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF SANITARY SEWER PIPE FOR LANDFILL DRAINAGE FROM CONTECH CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS FOR \$19,315.48 PLUS FREIGHT AND SALES TAX, TO BE PAID FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman McCall 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, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. 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, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Dover for the adoption of the emergency clause. It was explained the reason for waiving competitive bidding and declaring an emergency was due to a recommendation by the landfill engineer that unique pipe was needed for this project and because the existing pipe had collapsed. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. The ordinance was assigned number 3472.

Councilman Hargis offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM COMMERCIAL (C-3) AND COMMERCIAL (C-5) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-3), LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LATOURETTE DRIVE, ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF LATOURETTE LANE. (HAML Investments)

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Moore 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, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. Discussion followed regarding public comment on the issue. It was requested that public comment be held till the next council meeting, June 7, 2004, for the final reading of the ordinance, however the following individuals stated they would be unable to attend, so they were allowed to speak in opposition to the zoning change:

- Mr. Delane Hogan of 4120 Forrest Hill Road stated he was there representing members of the quorum court and addressed traffic and housing issues. Mr. Hogan asked that a traffic study be done on Harrisburg Road and a long range plan be developed. Councilman Street informed everyone that a major traffic study was being conducted that would encompass Nettleton South, and should be complete sometime this fall.
- Jim Essman of 1107 Medallion Drive stated previous City Council's "opened the road" allowing for the construction of apartments, that house many college students which cause he and his neighbors difficulty getting in and out of their driveways. He explained the damage has already been done, and they are just trying to isolate an already bad traffic problem. He explained his home was his retirement home as many of his neighbors.
- Robert Ryan, a citizen of Jonesboro, and a member of Respect Our Neighborhood (RON), requested the zoning change be denied, so it would have to be addressed in six months after the traffic study was complete.

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Moore for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all documentation for a MATA right-of-way contract for Jonesboro Investment Partnership, for property located at the North West corner of Stadium and Fox Meadow Lane, Parcel # E. Councilman Farmer asked for clarification regarding item number 6 on page 1 of in the contract, which read, "Landscape and seed all area disturbed by street construction." Mr. Ron Shipley assured members of the city council that landscaping was for a specified amount of work, and not an undetermined landscaping project. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. The resolution was assigned number 2004:39.

Councilman Williams moved, seconded by Councilman Furr for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with Construction Network Inc. for the construction of the Skatepark at Allen Park at a cost of \$150,000.00. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. The resolution was assigned number 2004:40.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Williams for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a change order with Robinson Electric in the amount of \$1,815.00 for Parker Park Addition, CDBG Program. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. The resolution was assigned number 2004:41.

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman McCall for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Peter's and Associates Engineers for the purpose of preparing Traffic Signal Construction Plans for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Washington Ave. and Bridge Street for the sum of \$7,000.00. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. The resolution was assigned number 2004:42.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Farmer for the adoption of a resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Jonesboro to utilize Federal-Aid monies for the possibility of upgrading the signalized intersection of Highway 18 and Highway 63B/ Nettleton Ave. at an estimated cost \$110,000.00 with an 80/10/10 match. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall, and Roddy. The resolution was assigned number 2004:43.

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