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Minutes for the City Council meeting on March 21, 2006
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - March 21, 2006

The Jonesboro City Council met Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Mayor Doug Formon, City Clerk, Donna K. Jackson, City Attorney Crego and ten council members. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Moore to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2006, City Council meeting as delivered. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley.

Mr. Brian McElroy, a Representative for Tree City U.S.A. presented a plaque recognizing the City of Jonesboro for being certified in the Tree City Program.

City Attorney Crego provided a written legal report reflecting the closure for 2005. Mr. Crego noted the total number of trials for 2005 District Court were 3350, and 476 reviewed affidavits. The report also reflected the number of 2006 pending cases being handled through Attorney Crego's office. No report was provided by APERMA, Attorney Ralph Ohm.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams to add eight new items to the agenda which had missed the agenda deadline, but had been approved by various committees. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilman Street to change the order of the agenda, allowing certain ordinances and resolutions to be addressed first in order to accommodate several out of town visitors. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Ashley for the adoption of a resolution recognizing the late Senator Jerry Bookout for his many accomplishments. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:32.

Councilman Dover offered the following ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3487 AND 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.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members present voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned number 3623.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO CONTRACT WITH B. B. VANCE FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE JONESBORO JUSTICE COMPLEX LOCATED AT 410 W. WASHINGTON AVENUE, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. 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: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members present voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned number 3624.

The following ordinance was on the third and final reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM R-1 TO I-2, LOCATED ON PARKER ROAD, EAST OF J. A. RIGGS TRACTOR CO. AND WEST OF MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD. (Meadows Construction, Dale Wood)

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: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 3621.

The following ordinance was up for reconsideration:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM AG-1, AGRICULTURAL TO R-1 RESIDENTIAL, LOCATED NORTH OF FLEMION ROAD, EAST OF WOODSPRINGS ROAD, AND WEST OF FRIENDLY HOPE ROAD (Jerry McCormick)

Councilwoman Williams moved, seconded by Councilman Street to table the reconsideration until more information was available regarding drainage. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilman Perrin offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM R-2, RESIDENTIAL TO C-1, COMMERCIAL, LOCATED EAST OF BAKER STREET AND NORTH OF WASHINGTON AVE. (LARRY O. WILLIAMS/JONESBORO REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS COMPANY/ST. BERNARD'S HOSPITAL, BOBBY GIBSON)

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Hargis to suspend the rules and place on the second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley.

Councilman Street offered the following ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, ESTABLISHING THE SAME PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN EXCEPT AS HEREIN EXPRESSLY PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH CODE AND A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

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: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Moore for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members present voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 3622.

Councilman McCall moved, seconded by Councilman Moore for the adoption of a resolution requesting free utilities at city cemeteries, Joe Mack Campbell Park and Craighead Forest Park. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:30.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman McCall for the adoption of a resolution to appoint the following members to the Jonesboro Urban Forestry Council:

Pam Alexander	January 2006-January 2008
Christy Appleton	January 2006-January 2009
James Crawford	January 2006-January 2009
Mike Donahue	January 2006-January 2007
Bill Hall	January 2006-January 2007
Brian McElroy	January 2006-January 2007
Jodie Morris	January 2006-January 2008
Adam Salisbury	January 2006-January 2008
Jason Wilkie	January 2006-January 2009

A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore,

Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:31.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Dover for the adoption of a resolution accepting bids and approving the contract for installation of three diesel generators from Powerhouse Electric, Inc. of Forrest City, Arkansas. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:33.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of a resolution amending a contract for obtaining the services of Mr. Joe Tomlinson to assist the planning activities for 20 hours per week. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:34.

Councilwoman Williams moved, seconded by Councilman Dover for the adoption of a resolution to enter into a provider service agreement for professional services with Michael H. Teague, MSW, LADAC, CCS for a value of \$1,000.00 annually. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:35.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Dover for the adoption of a resolution to enter into a contract for marketing and advertising services from Harpole Phillips, LLC for a zero dollar value. Questions were raised regarding the zero dollar value. Mr. Joel Gardner, Transit Coordinator explained if an incident occurs, they would need to call Harpole Phillips, LLC for their public relations expertise, who in turn could bill the JETS program up to 20 hours per week or more if need be. Councilman Street questioned if the funding would come from the J.E.T.S. program. Mr. Gardner stated it would and no additional funding was required. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye with the exception of Councilman Hargis who first voted aye but later changed his vote to a nay vote. Councilman Hargis raised questions pertaining to the Confidentiality Clause of the contract, stating everything the city does is open to the public. City Attorney Crego explained the Confidentiality Clause protected Harpole Phillips, LLC and merely meant they would refer any Freedom of Information requests to the City of Jonesboro, prior to responding. Those members voting aye were: Province, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:36.

Councilman Perrin offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2006 ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, GRADE 14, STEP 3 IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Ashley for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 3625.

Councilman Perrin offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2006 ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY, GRADE 10, STEP 1 IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 3626.

Under new business by the Council, Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of a resolution approving the purchase of firefighter fitness testing as priced in bid 2006:22. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:37.

Councilman McCall announced there would be an advisory meeting held Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Earl Bell Center for the purpose of discussing skateboard park options.

Councilman Province moved, seconded by Councilman Ashley to allow the Finance Committee to narrow the applications for the position of Internal Auditor down to five so the final decision could be brought before the full city council. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley.

Under public comment Attorney David Tyler, a resident of 623 W. Washington presented a petition in opposition to the widening of West Washington Avenue from two lanes to three or more lanes from Gee Street to Flint Street. Councilman Street explained the Public Works Committee earlier this year had put together some possible road improvements, but no decision has been made at this time. Mr. Tyler explained the residents wanted to voice their objections to it before it became part of the plan. He explained the area is mostly residential with an elementary school located in close proximity.

Mr. David Jackson once again addressed the Jonesboro City Council regarding ward voting. He challenged the Council to set up a forum to discuss the issue and to get public input. Councilman McCall questioned if Mr. Jackson had a date in mind. Discussion followed regarding the best appropriate date. The decision was made to set the meeting for Thursday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the Huntington Building.

With no further business, Councilman Johnson moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, McCall, and Ashley.