



Legislation Text

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Minutes for the City Council meeting on March 6, 1995

APPEAL HEARING - 7:10 P.M. - An Appeal Hearing was conducted as requested by Mr. Jim Farmer and his attorney, Mike Gott. The purpose of the hearing was to appeal a rezoning denial by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, from Residential One to Commercial Three, located north of Colony Drive and west of Richardson Drive. It was Mr. Farmer's understanding that prior to annexation (Ordinance 2137) property owners were guaranteed rezoning of any type, at the property owner's request. Mr. Robert Rees concurred with Mr. Farmer. Spokesman for the opposition, Mr. Doug Ward submitted a letter to council members which stated to approve the zoning would be spot zoning. The letter stated Mr. Farmer had a vested interest in Commercial Three zoning for monetary reasons only, and requested council members to consider the quality of life for families who will continue to live there. It was determined that the MAPC could grant an increase in footage for the Mr. Farmer's building without rezoning the property Commercial. However, Mr. Farmer stated it would be difficult to borrow money on the property if it remained Residential.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES, MARCH 6, 1995

The Jonesboro City Council met in regular session, Monday, March 6, 1995, at 7:30 P.M. A full quorum was in attendance. Present were the City Clerk, City Attorney, and all twelve council members. Those Councilmen present were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah. Vice Mayor, Donnie Wise presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Brodell who was away on official city business.

The minutes of February 20, 1995, were approved as mailed on motion by Councilman Perrin seconded by Councilman Harpole. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Councilman Tate offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (Jim Farmer / Mike Gott)

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to suspend the rules and place on second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Councilman Harpole offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (David Clines/ Jim Lyons)

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend the rules and place on second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Councilman Perrin offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (Kent Arnold 26.73 acres)

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Vance to suspend the rules and place on second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Councilman Perrin offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (Kent Arnold 3.32 acres)

Councilman Tate moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend the rules and place on second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Councilman Tate offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (Kent Arnold 7.93 acres)

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Vance to suspend the rules and place on second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Councilman Roddy offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (Steve Stoker)

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Vance to suspend the rules and place on second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

The following ordinance was up for the third reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE ABOLISHING JONESBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING THE JONESBORO PARKS

AND RECREATION PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilman Tate moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole for the adoption of the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah. The ordinance was given the number 2607.

The following bids were reviewed:

95:21 - Crack filling material - Street Department

Councilman Evans moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to accept the low bid which met bid specifications. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those Aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

95:22 - Woven wire partitions - Street Department

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Vance to accept the low bid which met bid specifications. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those Aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

95:23 - 3000 feet of linear pavement markings (12 inch) - Street Department

Councilman Vance moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to accept the low bid which met bid specifications. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those Aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

95:24 - Street markers - Street Department

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Tate to accept the low bid which met bid specifications. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those Aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

95:25 - Garbage truck - Sanitation Department

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to accept the Sanitation Committee's recommendation to accept the low bid meeting specifications from River City No. 1, excluding a six (6) month extended warranty. Discussion followed regarding another company (Blackwell-Baldwin) whose bid was \$5,000.00 lower than River City No. 1, but did not meet bid specifications of a 90 day delivery date. It was explained, Blackwell-Baldwin had failed to meet delivery dates in the past. Councilman Perrin requested a legal opinion from City Attorney, Phillip Crego regarding the rejection of all bids and rebidding, or excepting the lowest bid. Mr. Crego agreed the Council should either reject all bids or go with the lowest bidder. Councilman Hannah explained time was a factor, and that is why a specified 90 day delivery date was specified. A roll call vote was taken resulting in an eight (8) to four (4) vote in favor of the motion. Those Aldermen voting aye were: Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Perrin, Kelton, Harpole and Hannah. Those Aldermen opposing the motion were: Vance, Young, Tate and Roddy.

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to approve the reappointment of Councilman Jim Hannah and Mr. Cleo White to the City Water and Light Board with both terms to expire February of 1998. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye with the exception of Councilman Hannah who abstained from voting. Those Aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Under new business, Vice Mayor Wise explained that "Clean Sweep" would be moved back a week to March 20, 1995. At the request of Vice Mayor Wise two reports were given. The first by Dave Wimpy, Parks and Recreation Director, and the other by Brian Wadley of Planning and Inspection.

Councilman Vance moved, seconded by Councilman Kelton to appropriate ten percent (10%) of \$271,965.00 (an estimated cost) for the city's share, to allow the St Louis Southwestern Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad to install flashing signals with gates and surface improvements at the Prospect Road railroad crossing. At the time of final accounting, a statement will be prepared reflecting the total costs, and Jonesboro will be returned any excess funds or billed for any additional funds required. The 10% appropriation is to come from the Unappropriated Sales Tax Fund. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those Aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Young to move \$175,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Reserves to when opening the bidding process the decision was made Wise, Rega, Evans, Young, Perrin, Tate, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole, to move \$5,500.00 for surveillance equipment from the Capital Improvement Reserves to Capital Improvement of the Justice Building. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

Councilman Harpole reported that the Negotiations Committee had received seven (7) proposals for bond underwriting services. The three chosen by the committee were: Stephens Incorporated, a joint proposal by A.G. Edwards and Crews & Associates, the last being T.J. Rainey, Morgan & Keegan. Also, Alderman Harpole requested the Council review the new personnel handbooks and come prepared to vote on the matter at the next council meeting.

Councilman Young moved, seconded by Councilman Kelton, to establish the positions of City Engineer and Administrative Assistant (excepting salary ranges). Councilman Harpole explained the Personnel Committee did not want to spend any additional funds, other than what was already allocated for the Public Works Director in the 1995 budget. Once the City Engineer's position is filled, then the Personnel Committee will determine when to fill the Administrative Assistant position. However, Councilman Harpole stressed additional funds would need to be allocated in the 1996 budget to cover both positions. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those aldermen voting aye were: Vance, Wise, Rega, Evans, Province, Young, Perrin, Tate, Kelton, Roddy, Harpole and Hannah.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.