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Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 6, 1998

PUBLIC HEARING - A public hearing was conducted regarding Jonesboro's 1998 application for a \$611,000 Community Development Program. Mr. Chris Snipes, an intern with HUD, requested funds for a Title 6 Housing Program. Mr. McKinnon explained Council would be making the final decision, but no information had been provided to his committee regarding this request. Councilman Kelton inquired about the time limit within which Mr. McKinnon could include this request. Mr. McKinnon stated it could be done if Council so desired.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - April 6, 1998

The Jonesboro City Council met Monday, April 6, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. A full quorum was in attendance. Present were: City Clerk, Donna K. Jackson, City Attorney, Phillip Crego and 11 council members. Those members were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher, Bowers, and Roddy. Councilman Tate was unable to attend. Vice Mayor Ron Kelton presided in the absence of Mayor Brodell who was out on business.

The minutes for March 16, 1998, were approved as delivered, by Councilman Roddy seconded by Councilman Crockett. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

Mr. David Moskowitz of the Arkansas Department of Health Division of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems presented Certificates of Appreciation to Patient Transfer Service, Emerson Ambulance Service and Keller Medical Service for their quick response to the tragedy at Westside Middle School on March 24, 1998. The three medical teams received a standing ovation by Council.

Councilman Davis offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS FOR POTABLE WATER CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL

The decision was made to hold this ordinance for second reading until April 20, 1998.

The following bids were reviewed:

•98:07 - Asphalt - Street Department

Councilman Young moved, seconded by Councilman Fletcher to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Atlas Asphalt. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:08 - Ready Mix Concrete - Street Department

Councilman Young moved, seconded by Councilman Crockett to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications

of Nettleton Concrete. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:09 - Blocks - Street Department

Councilman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Nettleton Concrete. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:10 - Glass Spheres - Street Department

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

•98:11 - Oil - Street & Sanitation Departments

Councilman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Pratt to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Industrial Oil. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:12 - Sand & Gravel - Street Department

Councilman Crockett moved, seconded by Councilman Davis to split the bid between Razor Back Construction and Roberts Construction. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:13 - Street Paint - Street Department

Councilman Rega moved, seconded by Councilman Pratt to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Ennis Paint. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:14 - Crushed Stone & Rip Rap - Street Department

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

•98:15 - Recap Tires - Public Works

Councilman Pratt moved, seconded by Councilman Young to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Looney's. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:16 - Concrete/Corrugated Pipe & Boxes - Street Department

Councilman Rega moved, seconded by Councilman Crockett to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Jonesboro Concrete Pipe. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:17 - Sidewalks, Curb & Gutter, Driveways (Materials & Labor) - Street Department

Councilman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Barnett Concrete. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:18 - Pavement Markings - Street Department

Councilman Young moved, seconded by Councilman Crockett to accept low bid meeting specifications of 3M, except for items 5 and 6 (yellow and white paint) to be awarded to Newman Traffic. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:19 - Stop Bars - Street Department

Councilman Pratt moved, seconded by Councilman Davis to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of 3M. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:20 - Automated Range - Police Training

Councilman Rorex moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Action Target for the amended amount of \$15,173.25. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

•98:21 - Nettleton Tennis Court Resurfacing - Parks Department

Councilman Rega moved, seconded by Councilman Young to accept the low bid meeting bid specifications of Arkansas Striping. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

Councilman Rega moved, seconded by Councilman Young for the adoption of a resolution requesting City Water & Light to provide services to Allen Park, and Stallings Parks One (1) and Two (2). A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy. The resolution was given the number 1998:18.

Councilman Young moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy for the adoption of a resolution approving the 1998 Community Development Block Grant Project & Budget. Mr. Jim McKinnon named five projects which had been discussed at previous meetings. They were:

- (1) Washington Street Drainage Improvements-Phase 2 for \$252,189.
- (2) Sewer Improvements in the Mays Addition for \$242,811.
- (3) Demolition of substandard Housing for \$10,000.
- (4) Two Police Mobile Home Substations and Radios for \$20,000.
- (5) Administration
 - (a) Administrative Expenses \$84,200
 - (b) Equipment for Office \$1,800

Another proposal was made during the 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing in which Mr. Chris Snipes, an intern with HUD, requested funds for a Title 6 Housing Program. Mr. McKinnon explained no details had been discussed in previous meetings for this proposal, but the final decision would come from Council. Councilman Young questioned if substandard housing had been identified for demolition. Mr. McKinnon explained funding for substandard housing demolition would be for 1999, as recommended by Mr. Doug Little, Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman Young inquired about the equipment to be purchased. Mr. McKinnon stated it would be the basics, listing a printer, desk, chair, file cabinet, calculator, book case, and plastic board. A voice vote was

taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy. The resolution was given the number 1998:19.

Councilman Fletcher moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers for the adoption of a resolution authorizing Mayor Brodell, as the Chief Executive Officer, to enter into a contract of obligation with the Department of Pollution Control and Ecology. It was explained by Vice Mayor Kelton that Council had a choice of putting \$498,000 in an escrow account for thirty years or have the Mayor enter into this agreement. Councilman Young questioned what will happen if the Mayor is not re-elected in two years. Vice Mayor Kelton stated the resolution would be binding on the Mayor's successor. Councilman Young questioned what city department is responsible for monitoring pollution control and ecology as authorized by Arkansas Code. No response was given. City Clerk, Donna Jackson stated the resolution was a generic and had been sent by PC&E. She suggested amending the resolution to read Chief Executive Officer. City Attorney, Phillip Crego stated there was not a problem leaving Mayor Brodell's name in the resolution since the Mayor would be acting in his official capacity and binding the City of Jonesboro. Councilman Rorex questioned Sanitation Supervisor, Royce Leonard as to who is responsible for the monitoring wells in the landfill. Mr. Royce stated it is contracted out with Environmental Services out of Little Rock, Arkansas. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy. The resolution was given the number 1998:20.

Councilman Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy for the adoption of a resolution requesting City Water & Light to provide services to the Central Chevrolet Building and to the Old Garden Club on Cobb Street. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy. The resolution was given the number 1998:21.

Councilman Rega moved, seconded by Councilman Roddy for the adoption of a resolution appointing Dale Blackwell to fill the vacancy created by Kevin Carpenter, and declaring Barry Wright, Rick Martin and Dale Blackwell as Commissioners of Southview Acres Street Improvement District No. 1. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy. The resolution was given the number 1998:22.

Councilman Davis moved for the adoption of a resolution placing various traffic signs within Jonesboro. The motion failed for lack of a second. Councilman Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Pratt to table the traffic resolution till April 20, 1998 to allow MATA time to approve an additional 20 MPH traffic sign on French Street. Councilman Young requested certain verbiage be deleted from the resolution. The resolution contained what appeared to be a memo to Council regarding one of the traffic signs. A voice vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Those members voting aye were: Kelton, Rorex, Province, Davis, Crockett, Rega, Pratt, Young, Fletcher Bowers, and Roddy.

Under New Business, Vice Mayor Kelton announced that Pollution Control & Ecology would conduct a meeting April 7, 1998, 1:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilman Davis reported that the Information Systems Committee will be meeting April 17, 1998, to discuss solutions to possible technology problems in the year 2000. A pamphlet was given to Council explaining this concern.

Councilman Fletcher introduced an ordinance to amend the plumbing code. He inquired of City Attorney, Phillip Crego as to whether or not the ordinance could be read by Title only since the ordinance was amending a technical code. City Attorney, Phillip Crego stated he had not seen the ordinance until now and was not sure if it could be adopted without reading the ordinance in its entirety. The decision was made to offer the ordinance at the next Council meeting, April 20, 1998.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.