



Legislation Text

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Minutes for the City Council meeting on December 20, 1993

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:15 P.M. - A public hearing was held regarding the vacating and abandonment of Jordan Street and a portion of Hill Drive. Attorney Tom Bennette was filling in for Attorney Skip Mooney Sr. No opposition was voiced.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - DECEMBER 20, 1993

The Jonesboro City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Present were the Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, and all council members.

The minutes of December 6, 1993, were approved as mailed out by motion of Councilman Perrin seconded by Councilman Harpole. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

Councilman Vance offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAFEWAY PROJECT TO COME FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESERVES

Councilman Vance moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to amend the ordinance as follows: Section One - amending \$800,000.00 to read "\$870,000.00" and to amend the total of \$1,550,000.00 to read "\$1,620,000.00". A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Councilman Evans moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers to suspend the rules and place on the second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Councilman Evans moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend the rules and place on the third and final reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Vance for the adoption of the ordinance as amended. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye, with the exception of Councilwoman Ingram who voted nay. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 2527.

Mayor Brodell recognized Elaine Bartee of Nettleton and Lois Freeman of Jonesboro Schools for being awarded the title of 1994 Teacher of the Year. Each teacher was given a certificate of appreciation by the Council.

Councilman Kelton offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING, CLOSING AND ABANDONING JORDAN STREET AND A PORTION OF HILL DRIVE LOCATED IN CEDAR HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO.

Councilman Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to suspend the rules and place on the second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The ordinance was read a second time.

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 OTHER PURPOSES. (MELVIN BROWN)

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers to suspend the rules and place on the second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The ordinance was read a second time.

The following ordinance was on the third reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2343, CHAPTER 5.12 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, LABELED MOSQUITO AND BLACKBIRD CONTROL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Robert Rees questioned the Council regarding blackbird control. Councilman Mullenix stated the problem would be addressed once a Mosquito & Blackbird Coordinator was hired. Councilman Evans stated he was concerned that citizens had not had an opportunity to have input on this particular ordinance. Councilman Mullenix stated as Chairman of the Mosquito Committee, he had received only positive calls regarding the matter. Councilman Bowers questioned the need to supply the funds now opposed to two weeks from now. Councilman Mullenix stated it would save the City of Jonesboro a substantial amount of money on chemicals if they are purchased now, rather than the spring and summer months. Councilman Mullenix also stated the Mosquito & Blackbird Coordinator would be in place to begin the 1994 year. Mayor Brodell asked about the exemption for hardship cases. Councilman Mullenix moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers to amend Section Three to read: "That all cases of a proven hardship as determined by the Department of Sanitation will be exempt from the \$2.00 fee." Also, to have the effective date of January 1, 1994, become Section Four. A roll call vote was taken resulting in an eight to four vote in favor of the amendment. Those voting aye were as follows: Wise, Evans, Ingram, Mullenix, Bowers, Kelton, Vance and Harpole. Those opposed were: Province, Perrin, Mays and Hannah. Councilman Mullenix moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers for the adoption of the ordinance as amended. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a seven to five vote opposed to the motion. Those voting nay were as follows: Evans, Province, Perrin, Vance, Harpole, Mays and Hannah. Those in favor of the motion were: Wise, Ingram, Mullenix, Bowers and Kelton. The ordinance was denied.

Councilman Mullenix offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF MOSQUITO AND BLACKBIRD CONTROL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Councilman Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Mullenix to suspend the rules and place on the second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Councilman Mullenix moved, seconded by Councilwoman Ingram to further suspend the rules and place on the third and final reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in an eight to four vote in favor of the motion. Those council members voting aye were: Wise, Evans, Ingram, Mullenix, Bowers, Kelton, Mays and Hannah. Those voting nay Province, Perrin, Vance, Harpole. Councilman Mullenix moved, seconded by Councilwoman Ingram for the adoption of the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a seven to five vote against the motion. Those voting nay were: Evans, Province, Perrin, Vance, Harpole, Mays and Hannah. Those voting aye were: Wise, Ingram, Mullenix, Bowers and Kelton. The motion failed.

The following ordinance was on the third reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FROM FIVE TO SEVEN

Councilman Kelton moved, seconded by Councilman Mullenix for the adoption of the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a nine to three vote against the motion. Those voting nay were: Wise, Evans, Province, Bowers, Perrin, Vance, Harpole, Mays and Hannah. Those voting aye were: Ingram, Mullenix and Kelton. The motion was denied.

Councilman Hannah offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE BIDS AND PURCHASE TWO POLICE PACKAGE AUTOMOBILES FROM NORTH POINT FORD, NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to suspend the rules and place on the second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to further suspend the rules and place on the third and final reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers for the adoption of the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The ordinance was given the number 2528.

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to set a public hearing for January 3, 1993, at 7:15 p.m. regarding the vacating and abandonment of an unimproved portion of Liberty Street. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The resolution was given the number 1993:63.

Councilman Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole for the adoption of a resolution placing liens on 22 parcels of land located within the City of Jonesboro. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The resolution was given the number 1993:64.

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Mays to adopt a resolution approving a temporary budget for 1994, and granting a three percent pay raise for all city employees. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The resolution was given the number 1993:65.

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Vance for the adoption of a resolution to proceed with condemnation action on a garage located at 1225 South Main. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The resolution was given the number 1993:66.

The following bids were reviewed

93:55A - Crack Filling Material - Street Department

Councilman Mays moved, seconded by Councilman Hannah to except the low bid which met specifications. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

93:56 - Wash Building - Street and Sanitation Department

This item was tabled till a later date.

93:57 - Laser Transmitter - Street Department

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers to except the low bid which met specifications. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

Under new business the City Clerk, Donna K. Jackson submitted to the Council a certified financial report for the first, second and third quarters based on figures given by the Finance Director, Linda Bullock. The reports listed total expenditures, assets and liabilities as required by law.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Mays to request the Finance Department to clear the 1993 budget by calculating all comp-time, which is to be paid, and as of December 31, 1993, at midnight, start paying over-time for anything over forty hours. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a nine to three vote in favor of the motion. Those council members voting aye are as follows: Wise, Evans, Province, Bowers, Perrin, Vance, Harpole, Mays and Hannah. Those opposed were as follows: Ingram, Mullenix and Kelton. The motion carried. Detective David Allen questioned if comp-time calculated by David Egel back in August would be included. Mayor Brodell stated all comp-time through 1993 would be calculated.

Councilman Vance submitted documentation regarding the IBM application System 400. Councilman Vance explained the system could be purchased at a reduced price if the Council chooses to act now. Councilman Vance also explained that in the long run the cost would be less to upgrade than what is being spent today. Alderman Province raised questions regarding operating the system. Councilman Vance stated that issue would be addressed in the 1994 budget. City Attorney, Pam Honeycutt stated she would not recommend waiving the bids on this system, but wait a few weeks, do a study and come back with bids. Councilman Province agreed with Honeycutt's opinion. Councilman Vance stated they had been working on this for a year and taking the opinion of Jim Yeager, from City Water and Light.

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to appropriate \$12,850.00 from the Unappropriated Sales Tax to the Police Professional Services to pay for the Police Audit. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.