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Minutes for the City Council meeting on February 17, 1992

PUBLIC HEARING

7:15 p.m. - A Public Hearing was held concerning the vacating and abandoning of Brentwood Lane, Brentwood Cove East and Brentwood Cove West

City Council Minutes - February 17, 1992

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

The minutes of February 3, 1992, were approved as mailed by motion of Mr. Stricklin, seconded by Mr. Hinson. All voted aye.

The following ordinance was on third reading:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TRAFFIC PLAN PRESENTED BY THE METROPOLITAN AREA TRAFFIC AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO FOR THE FUTURE PLANNING OF STREETS, ROADWAYS AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND FOR THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT METROPOLITAN AREA TRAFFIC AUTHORITY TO OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PLAN.

Speakers in opposition to the traffic proposal were Dr. Mike Dougan and Dr. Laddie Logan. Dr. Dougan stated that a one-way street down Washington will make the court house out of compliance with Federal Handicap rules. Also, Dr. Dougan stressed the rejection of one-way couplets along with Kitchen Street plans, the parts which are most dangerous. Dr. Logan agreed the city needed a traffic plan and explained his proposed plan was done in a week's time whereas the M.A.T.A. plan took over a year to prepare. However, Mr. Logan added he did not feel it would have made much difference anyway, for no matter how long he took to prepare the proposal it would not have been taken seriously.

Mr. Ron Jackson was the spokesperson for M.A.T.A. Mr. Jackson read a resolution, adopted by the Board of the Chamber of Commerce, in favor of a traffic plan in which modifications could be made as needed, and for the City Council to establish a permanent Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority to implement the adopted traffic proposal. Mr. Jackson also read a letter from Mr. Jim Hargis, a property owner on S. Main Street, and Mr. Harris Gilliam, a resident on S. Madison, who were 100% in favor of the traffic proposal. The letter stated, to continue without a traffic plan would be a step backwards, and felt the people in opposition to the plan were acting in their own self interest rather than the overall good of Jonesboro. The letter explained the City had asked for involvement all the way along and had provided three (3) major public forums, and asked where were these people when these meetings were being held?

Mr. Bridger expressed his concerns in opposing a plan with which he agreed ninety percent, but had problems with only ten percent of it. Mr. Evans commended citizens of Jonesboro for their concerns and asked how long would it be before the proposal would be amended. Mr. Shelton spoke in opposition to the one-way couplets; however he commended the M.A.T.A. for their hard work. Mr. Sanderson explained the traffic proposal was designed to be amended; it is a 10 year plan. He also explained the bridge on Bridge Street is owned by the Cotton Belt Railroad and if anything is to be done to the bridge it would have to be approved by the Cotton Belt Railroad.

Mr. Mays moved, seconded by Mr. Stricklin to amend the ordinance to delete Section Two concerned with the one cent sales tax to pay for the traffic proposal. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a 10/2 vote with all Aldermen voting in favor of the amendment except Mr. Hannah and Dr. Strauser who voted nay. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Sanderson to adopt the ordinance as amended with the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in an 8/4 vote with all aldermen voting in favor of the ordinance with the exception on Mr. Evans, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Province, and Dr. Strauser. The ordinance was given number 2381.

A five minute recess was taken before proceeding with the Council Meeting.

Mr. Hannah offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON A PORTION OF BRENTWOOD DRIVE IN HUNTER'S RIDGE ADDITION.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Bridger to suspend the rules and place on second reading. All voted aye. Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Bridger to further suspend the rules place on the third and final reading. All voted aye. Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton for the adoption of the ordinance with the emergency clause. All voted aye. The ordinance was given number 2382.

Mr. Stricklin 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.

Mr. Shelton moved, seconded by Mr. Stricklin to suspend the rules and place on second reading. All voted aye. Mr. Stricklin moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to further suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. All voted aye. Mr. Stricklin moved, seconded by Mr. Nix for the adoption of the ordinance with the emergency clause. All vote aye. The ordinance was given number 2383.

Mr. Hannah offered the following ordinance for first reading:

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

The ordinance was held till all the Aldermen have a copy of the plat.

Mr. Shelton offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A 520 FOOT RADIO TOWER FOR THE E-911 BUILDING.

Dr. Strauser reported that later the sum of approximately \$25,000 would be needed to build a building and emergency generator, but for now they were concerned with the tower itself. It was stipulated the funds should come from the unappropriated sales tax revenue. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Stricklin to suspend the rules and place on second reading. All voted aye. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to further suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. All voted aye. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton for the adoption of the ordinance with the emergency clause. All voted aye. The ordinance was given the number 2384.

Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Hinson to set a public hearing for 7:15 p.m. on March 2, 1992, in the matter of vacating and abandoning a ten (10) foot alley at block four of Nisbett's Second Addition. All voted aye.

Mr. Stricklin offered a resolution to condemn property at 517 Houghton (Mr. Kenny Edge). Mr. Sanderson moved, seconded by Mr. Hinson for the adoption of the resolution. All voted aye. The resolution was given number 1992:06.

Mr. Stricklin offered a resolution to request CWL to install two (2) inch water meter West of Stadium Blvd. adjacent to the softball complex. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton for the adoption of the resolution. All voted aye. The resolution was given number 1992:07.

Mr. Hannah offered the following traffic resolution as recommended by the Traffic Safety Officer:

“STOP” Signs at:

- Southview Dr. at Lawson Rd.
- John Wood Dr. at Darrhill Rd.
- Pam Dr. at Darrhill Rd.
- Clearview Dr. at Jaybee Dr.
- Craighead Forrest Rd at Mt. Carmel
- Sherwood Oaks Ln. at Craighead Forrest Rd.
- Kimberly Dr. at Budyshaw Dr.
- Sunset Dr. at Kimberly Dr.
- Pamela at Kimberly Dr.
- Lake Dr. at Aggie Rd.
- Blue Ridge Dr. at Aggie Rd.
- South Brook Dr. at Fox Meadow Ln.

Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton for the adoption of the resolution. All voted aye with the exception of Mr. Sanderson who voted nay. The resolution was given number 1992:08.

The following bids were up for review:

92:08 - twenty-nine 5 row bleachers - Parks Dept.

Mr. Stricklin moved, seconded by Mr. Hinson to accept the bid which meets the low bid specifications. All voted aye.

92:09 - 1500 W. Halide Lights - Parks Dept.

Mr. Stricklin moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to accept the bid which meets the low bid specifications. All voted aye.

92:10 - Fencing - Parks Dept.

Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to accept the bid which meets the low bid specifications. All voted aye.

92:11 - Striper - Street Dept.

Mr. Mays moved, seconded by Mr. Hinson to accept the bid which meets the low bid specifications. All voted aye.

92:12 - Uniform Rental - Public Works

This was tabled till further research could be done.

Mr. Shelton moved, seconded by Mr. Evans to allow a hard-ship application for the mobile home of Ms. Oma Brewer, 406 Paragould, with the stipulation of verified signatures and inspection on an annual basis. All voted aye.

Under new business Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to accept the week of April 6, 1992 as the first day of Operation Clean Sweep. All voted eye.

Mr. Hannah offered a resolution establishing a full time position in the Police Department with responsibilities consisting of date entry operator and administration of the public service worker's program; and the transfer of funds from the part time line item in the police department to the full time salaries line item along with \$7705.00 transferred from the public service workers account. All voted eye. The resolution was given the number 1992:09.

Mr. Hannah read a letter on the Work Release Program form Sergeant Whitly stating a savings of \$11,970 in jail time alone, since the program was accepted. Mr. Hannah commended the work of Chief Morgan, Sergeant Whitly, and Don Bailey.

Mr. Shelton moved, seconded by Mr. Stricklin for the approval of one Fire Chief Vehicle to be purchased under the state bid for the amount of \$13, 584.45 to come from the Fire Department Budget; and for a fire van to be purchased under the state bid for the amount of \$13,318.00 to also come from the Fire Department Budget. All voted aye.

Dr. Strauser offered the following ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) MOTOROLA STX PORTABLE RADIOS.

Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to suspend the rules and place on second reading. All voted aye. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to further suspend the rules and place on Third and final reading. All voted aye. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton for the adoption of the ordinance with the emergency clause. All voted aye. The ordinance was given number 2385.

Dr, Strauser offered the following ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A FMC VAN -GUARD STREET SWEEPER.

Mr. Mays moved, seconded by Mr. Hannah to amend Section Two (2) to read “trade in difference of \$45,000.00”. All voted aye. Mr. Mays moved, seconded by Mr. Hannah to suspend the rules and place on second reading. All voted aye. Mr. Mays moved, seconded by Mr. Hinson to further suspend the rules and place on third and final reading. All voted aye. Mr. Mays moved, seconded by Mr. Sanderson for the adoption of the ordinance as amended with the emergency clause. All voted aye. The ordinance was given number 2386.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.