



Legislation Text

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Minutes for the City Council meeting on February 15, 1993

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:00 P.M. - A public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. regarding the street closing of Jackson Street. There was discussion regarding the procedure. The decision was made to proceed and consult City Attorney, Pam Honeycutt, later in the meeting. No opposition was voiced.

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:15 P.M. - A public hearing was held at 7:15 p.m. regarding the street closing of Pete's Lane formerly known as Mead Drive. Mr. Barry LaFarlette, Attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mead, was available to answer any questions. There was no opposition voiced in the matter.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - FEBRUARY 15, 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 February 1, 1993, were approved as mailed by motion of Councilman Hannah, seconded by Councilman Mullenix. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

Item G from the agenda

Councilman Kelton 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 (D. ZOLPER / CRAFT)

The party requesting this ordinance was absent due to illness, so the decision was made to leave the ordinance on the second reading until the next meeting.

The next order of business was the Council's response regarding a MAPC decision for Wood Springs Estates. Mr. Todd Jackson, Jimmy Cox, and Roy Milner were present as representatives for a change in the decision regarding emergency access. Councilman Wise stated the Fire committee had considered the appeal, but recommended upholding the MAPC's decision. Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Wise to uphold the MAPC decision. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The MAPC decision was upheld.

The following ordinance was on the third reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON AN ALLEY OFF JOHNSON AVENUE.

Councilman Vance moved, seconded by Councilman Kelton for the adoption of the ordinance with the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The ordinance was given the number 2456.

Councilman Bowers offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A PART OF PETE LANE, ALSO KNOWN AS MEAD DRIVE.

Councilman Evans moved, seconded by Councilman Wise 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.

Item C on the agenda was tabled till further documentation could be gathered.

Councilman Wise 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. (GIBSON)

Councilman Hannah move, seconded by Councilman Vance to suspend the rules and place on the second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

Councilman Province 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. (WHEELER BRICK)

Councilman Vance moved, seconded by Councilman Province 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 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. (C. W. POST ROAD)

Councilman Evans 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 Ingram offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO BE PLACED UPON THE AGENDA FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL IN SUCH MEETINGS.

Discussion followed regarding Section Three which provides the City Clerk with a written notice, 24 hours prior to the council meeting. Councilman Harpole recommended changing the ordinance to read "any person

seeking to delete an item from the agenda shall give notice to the city clerk prior to the council meeting." Mayor Brodell questioned Section Four reading, "It shall be the responsibility of the City Clerk to add or delete items to and from the agenda." Mayor Brodell stated as Chief Executive Officer he should have some say in what goes on the agenda, and to his knowledge there had not been a problem with procedure. City Clerk, Donna Jackson, stated she was concerned that a procedure be adopted by the Council, that met state requirements, and the procedure be followed consistently to avoid accusations of mismanagement or law suits against the City of Jonesboro.

Councilwoman Ingram offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE DUTIES AND SALARY OF THE CITY CLERK, AND ESTABLISHING THE ELECTED POSITION AS A FULL TIME POSITION.

Councilman Vance offered a resolution placing 98 Stop signs at various locations. Councilman Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Mullenix, to adopt the resolution. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The resolution was given the number 1993:06.

Councilman Vance offered a resolution placing 2 Yield signs on Floyd Drive at Blankenship Road; on Greenleaf Tr. at Sylvan Hill Drive. Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Wise to adopt the resolution. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The resolution was given the number 1993:07.

The following bids were reviewed:

93:06 - 2 Sedans - Planning & Inspection

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

93:07 Scott Air Pack - Fire Department

Councilman Wise moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers to accept the bid of Valen Safety in order to have equipment uniformity. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

93:08 and 93:09 were tabled till the next meeting.

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to set an appeal hearing for March 1, 1993 at 7:00 p.m., with regard to a rezoning denial of Mr. Kent Arnold by the MAPC. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

Councilman Evans moved, seconded by Councilman Vance to reappoint Mr. Wayne Baker to the MAPC with term to expire March 5, 1996. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

Item 9 on the agenda was pulled till further notice.

Under new business Councilman Hannah questioned the City Attorney regarding the procedure for closing Jackson Street. City Attorney, Pam Honeycutt stated the only thing filed was a letter and in order to set the public hearing, a petition, plat and resolution is needed.

Councilman Evans resubmitted Parks and Recreation bids which were tabled from the last council meeting.

93:04 - Halid Spot Lights

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

93:03 - Compact Diesel Tractor

Councilman Evans moved, seconded by Councilman Vance to accept the bid from Jonesboro Tractor Sales #1 because of the better performance of a Kubota and the three year warranty. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye, with the exception of Councilman Hannah who voted nay because he did not feel the reason for not choosing the lowest bid was adequate.

93:01 - Roof Replacement to the Earl Bell Center

Councilman Evans moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to accept the low bid which met specifications. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye, with the exception of Councilman Mullenix who voted nay because he felt the money should be going to the E. Boone Watson Community Center.

93:02 - Medium Diesel Tractor Councilman Evans moved, seconded by Councilman Vance to accept the low bid which met specifications. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

Councilman Evans read a letter from Mr. Joe Williams chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission indicating opposition to reopening the old entrance to Craighead Forest Park except on high traffic situations.

Councilman Evans gave a breakdown comparison between the Earl Bell Center and the E. Boone Watson Center relating the amount of use for each center.

Councilwoman Ingram stated the comparison between the two Centers was not accurate because the E. Boone Watson Center is not open as many hours as the Earl Bell Center.

Councilman Bowers stated the Cemetery Committee met and commended the work that was being done.

Councilman Harpole offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PERMANENT AUTHORITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE JONESBORO METROPOLITAN AREA TRAFFIC AUTHORITY, AND THE TWO COMMITTEES THAT WILL MAKE UP THE AUTHORITY.

Councilman Harpole offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE METROPOLITAN AREA TRAFFIC AUTHORITY'S STREET HIGHWAY PLAN DATED JANUARY 14, 1992

Discussion followed with Mayor Brodell announcing that upon the adoption of these two ordinances, he will request the city council to set an election by the people regarding the traffic plan. Councilman Bowers asked how much will the election cost the city, and Mayor Brodell stated somewhere between \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00. Councilman Hannah recommended letting the people vote on the traffic plan first, then have the council vote on it. Councilman Hannah stated this would prevent repeat failure like the past traffic plan. Councilman Vance commented the Traffic Committee had worked diligently to resolve problems relating to the MATA plan, and

strongly urged the Mayor to reconsider his proposal. Councilman Vance stated the city was losing money because we do not have a traffic plan and that it was important that one be adopted. Councilman Evans stated we will lose Federal funding if we don't act now. Dr. Dougan asked if voting on the two ordinances at the same time was legal or would there be two separate votes. Mayor Brodell stated he intended to vote on only the ordinance that adopts the traffic plan. Dr. Dougan stated this would create an Authority without a plan. City Attorney, Pam Honeycutt was asked to research the matter and bring it to the Council at the next meeting. Mayor Brodell said it would be strictly the decision of the Council's.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.