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Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 15, 1991
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - APRIL 15, 1991

The Jonesboro City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Present were City Clerk, City Attorney and all aldermen. Mayor Brodell was out of state on city business and Vice-Mayor Cecil Province chaired the meeting.

The Minutes of April 1, 1991, were approved as mailed on motion by Mr. Stricklin, seconded by Mr. Shelton. All voted aye.

The Vice-Mayor praised the work of Mr. Vance Scurlock on the Clean Sweep program and recognized him. Mr. Scurlock stated this year's project was the best organized to date and those involved devoted 110% effort. He lauded the work of Public Works Director, Guy Lowes and stated although new to the municipality, he acted like a veteran in the project. He added that city employees and volunteers collected and hauled 1,169 tons of trash from curbs and parkways during the first seven (7) days of the drive, well ahead of the 862 tons collected during the same period one year ago. Mr. Scurlock recognized Mr. Lows who stated city officials estimated they have another 300 tons to pick up and haul to the landfill.

Mr. Hannah offered the following ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CASEY SPRINGS RD. IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT # 3

The attorney representing the matter, Jim Lyons stated that if the ordinance was adopted, they must still come back before council for final approval certifying a majority in assessed value have signed the petition. Gene Barnett, Street Superintendent stated a total of sixty (60) ft. of right-of-way exists from center line to curb.

Mr. Bridger moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. Mr. Nix moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. Mr. Nix moved, seconded by Mr. Hinson for the adoption of the ordinance with the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. The ordinance was given the number 2337.

Mr. Hannah offered the following ordinance for first reading: (Rez/R-1 to C-3, N of Harrisburg Rd., Carter)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND #954 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE IN BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. A roll call vote was taken and 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 2338.

Mr. Mays offered the following ordinance for first reading: (Rez/R-1 to C-3, E side of Richardson - Haggemacher)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND #954 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Bridger to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Bridger to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third reading. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton for the adoption of the ordinance with the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. The ordinance was given number 2339.

The following bids were up for review:

91:27 - rubber tire excavator - The bid was tabled.

91:28 - tennis court repairs - Nettleton School and Bell Center - Parks Dept.

Mr. Stricklin moved, seconded by Mr. Hannah to accept the low bid meeting specifications. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Mr. Stricklin moved seconded by Mr. Bridger to remove the numbers on the three (3) water filters located at the Watson Building. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Concerning appointments to boards and commissions: 1) Mr. Nix moved, seconded by Mr. Hannah to table the reappointment of Gene Roebuck to the Airport Commission with term to expire 4/16/96. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. 2) Mr. Stricklin moved, seconded to Mr. Evans to appoint Mr. Harry Puddyphatt to the Forum Commission with term to expire 4/23/96. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. 3) Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Nix to appoint Dr. Jane Gates to the Civil Service Commission with term to expire 4/1/97. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Mr. Hannah offered a resolution as requested by the Traffic Safety Officer to place 30 mph speed limit signs as follows: 3 on Prospect Rd. between Airport Rd. and Paragould Dr., 2 on Pleasant View Dr. between Old Greensboro and Pleasant Grove Rd. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Nix for the adoption of the resolution. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. The resolution was given the number 1991:14.

Mr. Mays moved, seconded by Mr. Stricklin to approve an agreement of understanding with the Arkansas Highway Department concerning improvements to Floyd Street bridge structure. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Under new business by Council, Mr. Hannah offered the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF E-911 EQUIPMENT AND EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. Bridger moved, seconded by Mr. Hannah to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on second reading. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. to further suspend the rules and

place the ordinance on third reading. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton for the adoption of the ordinance with the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. The ordinance was given the number 2340.

Mr. Hannah presented a recommendation by Chief Morgan to revise the current police policy regarding transporting persons in police vehicles. The change in the personnel manual of the police is as follows in section 3. Transporting Persons in Police Vehicles, "No person shall be transported in a police vehicle except in an official capacity necessitated out of duty requirements. Prisoners, victims, witness, escorts, law enforcement personnel, city, county, or other government employees for duty related reasons are permitted. Authorized citizen observers who have signed a Waiver of Liability are permitted. Employees shall not transport family members or friends if not duty related. Under emergency circumstances, permission can be granted by a commanding officer". Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Evans for the adoption of the recommendation. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

Mr. Hannah offered a resolution relating to payment for military leave to amend Section 3.5 of the personnel manual as follows: 1) The second sentence of paragraph 3.5 Military Leave is hereby deleted and shall be replaced with the following two sentences: "Said leave shall be granted and pay shall be compensated at a rate not to exceed the average daily rate not to exceed the average daily rate of the employee's salary when coupled with the employee's military pay." 2) The following sentence shall be added at the end of the second paragraph in 3.5 Military Leave: "Reservists may elect use vacation benefits during the period of active duty, but may not be required to do so by the Employee." Mr. Hannah moved, seconded by Mr. Shelton for the adoption of the resolution. A roll call vote was taken and all voted aye. The resolution was given the number 1991:15.

Mr. Province stated that many Jonesboro residents have reported receiving letters concerning flood insurance. Before purchasing said insurance, he cautioned residents to determine if they are in fact located within the flood plain. He added that if such a letter is received, to report it to the City Inspector before making a response.

Mr. Evans stated the Mayor had spoken with Don Zimmerman, Executive Director of the Municipal League who stated the Federal guidelines regarding the Handicapped supersede and city ordinance and no city in the state has adopted any local ordinance due in part to said ordinance would have to be amended each time the Federal restrictions are changed.

Mr. Stricklin recognized Mr. Vance Scurlock and other volunteers for the outstanding work they had done with the Clean Sweep project.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.