



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Final Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

4:00 PM

Municipal Center

Special Called Meeting

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was not in attendance.

Present 3 - Ann Williams; Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

Absent 2 - John Street and Mikel Fears

2. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-13:042

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2013 ANNUAL BUDGET KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NUMBER O-EN-049-2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THREE (3) POLICE OFFICERS AND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE CONTINUITY OF SERVICES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Finance

Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske discussed this ordinance, along with ORD-13:043 and ORD-13:044. He explained the nine positions will result in a maximum of \$110,000 increase for the rest of 2013. He noted the Street Department positions were originally eliminated when Mayor Perrin took office and they are now adding those positions back. He further explained that due to the work increase after the hiring of the traffic engineer, more positions are needed in the Street Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - John Street and Mikel Fears

ORD-13:043

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2013 ANNUAL BUDGET KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NUMBER O-EN-049-2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING TWO (2) FIREFIGHTERS AND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE CONTINUITY OF SERVICES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Finance

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - John Street and Mikel Fears

ORD-13:044

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2013 ANNUAL BUDGET KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NUMBER O-EN-049-2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING FOUR (4) STREET MAINTENANCE WORKERS AND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE STREET FUND TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE CONTINUITY OF SERVICES IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Finance

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - John Street and Mikel Fears

3. Other Business

Discussion concerning new state highway tax

Chairwoman Williams questioned the recently enacted state highway tax. Mr. Barylske stated the City received the first payment and it was around \$47,000. He explained the \$1.1 million per year for Jonesboro that was projected by the State is just an average. To reach that average, Jonesboro would have to receive about \$86,000 per month, but the first payment was only \$47,000. As a result, it may be a few years before the City sees \$1.1 million per year average from the tax. He spoke to the State regarding how the money can be used. He was told the money can be used in the same way as State street turnback funds. Chairwoman Williams referred to previous comments made by Mr. Mike Cameron at a City Council meeting about concerns with the tax. She questioned whether there was anything the Council can do regarding his concerns. Mr. Barylske answered no because the tax is already in effect. Further discussion was held concerning sales tax.

Discussion concerning public safety tax

Councilman Dover asked if they had started preparing for the public safety tax vote next year. Mr. Barylske answered yes, they have had some discussions about how they will handle the vote. He explained they have discussed not tying the money just to public safety; rather, allowing the money to be used for other things such as traffic since that is a problem in the city. Councilman Dover suggested using the ward meetings as a forum to start encouraging people to vote for the tax again and to discuss any concerns citizens may have.

COM-13:058

Discussion on Federal Grants Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements December 31, 2012

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [2013 Independent Federal Grants Audit](#)
[2013 fed grant letter to council](#)

Mr. Barylske explained Freeman & Company has completed the federal grants audit. They did not have any findings. Included with the audit was a communication letter to summarize the audit report, which included three items for the City to work on. He noted the three items were not of any great significance considering they weren't included in the audit report. They have already taken care of the three items. He also added Legislative Audit should be completing their audit within the next few weeks.

This item was Read.

4. Public Comments

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Darrel Dover and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - John Street and Mikel Fears