

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
FEBRUARY 24, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Mitch Colvin

Council Members Katherine K. Jensen (District 1); Shakeyla Ingram (District 2); Tisha S. Waddell (District 3); D. J. Haire (District 4); Johnny Dawkins (District 5); Chris Davis (District 6); Larry O. Wright, Sr. (District 7); Courtney Banks-McLaughlin (District 8); Yvonne Kinston (District 9)

Others Present: Douglas Hewett, City Manager  
Karen McDonald, City Attorney  
Kristoff Bauer, Deputy City Manager  
Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager  
Angel Wright-Lanier, Assistant City Manager  
Gina Hawkins, Police Chief  
Kevin Arata, Corporate Communications Director  
Jay Toland, Chief Financial Officer  
Cynthia Blot, Economic and Community Development  
Director  
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director  
Sheila Thomas-Ambat, Public Services Director  
Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance  
Director  
Michael Hill, Fire Chief  
Mark Brown, PWC Customer Relations Director  
Pamela Megill, City Clerk  
Members of the Press

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Colvin called the meeting to order.

**2.0 INVOCATION**

The invocation was offered by Council Member Haire.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Wright moved to approve the agenda.

**SECOND:** Council Member Kinston

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**4.0 ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**4.1 Staff Update of Environmental Plan of Fields Road and Discussion**

Mr. Douglas Hewett, City Manager, stated staff have met twice in the past week on this item and the new documents that have recently come to light.

Dr. Gerald Newton, Development Services Director, presented this item with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation and stated almost all of the land east of the river has soils that do not drain well. A great resource is the North Carolina Soil and Water Preservation District document, not only does this document explain soil types it tells you the ability of the land to be developed or use it for agriculture. Dr. Newton provided maps of the area that the Corps of Engineers had labelled wet lands. Additional assessments would have to be conducted prior to development. Everything considered a wet land is under the jurisdiction of the Corp of Engineers.

Mayor Colvin stated he would like to see some type of compromise and consensus to possibly have multiple projects at multiple sites and

establish a budgetary amount. Establishing budget parameters and applying due diligence to pay for the additional land study will provide direction to staff.

Discussion ensued pertaining to Fields Road, McArthur Road and Jordan Soccer Complex at Methodist University.

Council Member Davis stated there is \$8.7 million, we should spread the projects out, and recommend the following: \$3.5 million to the Fields Road site, \$3.5 million to the McArthur Road site, and \$1.5 million to the Jordan Soccer Complex and make adjustments as opportunities and changes arise.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Jensen moved to direct staff to still continue to acquire the Engineering Report and to look at Methodist and McArthur Road sites, while we wait for the Engineering Report for Fields Road; we basically have 15 acres.

**SECOND:** Council Member Dawkins

Discussion ensued.

**AMENDED MOTION:**

Mayor Pro Tem Jensen moved to allocate \$1.5 million to the Jordan Soccer Complex if we can get that agreement to work out and split the remainder between Fields Road and McArthur Road depending on the forthcoming environmental report

**SECOND:** Council Member Dawkins

**VOTE:** PASSED by a vote of 7 in favor to 3 in opposition (Council Members Ingram, Waddell, and Kinston)

## **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.