



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and David McClain

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-17:009](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on January 17, 2017

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and David McClain

4. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

[RES-17:007](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 420 E. Gordon, Owner: Harvey and Neoma Williams

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [Title Search](#)
[county data](#)
[Inspection report](#)
[Pic 1](#)
[Pic 2](#)
[Pic 3](#)

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner explained the property was inspected in October, 2016. Mr. Williams is now deceased. They were trying to give his son time to sort out his affairs and sort out what he owned. He's been trying to give the son the benefit of the doubt, but the son has been dragging his feet and drawing things out.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The

motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and David McClain

RES-17:008

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 300 E. Allen, Owner: Harvey and Neoma Williams

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

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Mr. Tyner asked if this resolution could be walked on to the City Council agenda tonight. The house is half standing and is across the street from the city maintenance department. City staff has witnessed several instances of children going in and out of the building. Mr. Tyner stated he thinks it presents a direct safety hazard.

Councilman Moore asked if the fire marshal could look at the structure tomorrow and declare it unsafe in order to tear it down immediately. Mr. Tyner noted they do have an emergency clause in there, so he will have to get with the fire marshal to see what can be done.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and David McClain

RES-17:009

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 410 E. Gordon, Owner: Harvey and Neoma Williams

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [title search](#)
[county data](#)
[inspection report](#)
[Pic1](#)
[Pic2](#)
[Pic3](#)

Mr. Tyner explained this is next door to the property in RES-17:007. They both are in pretty rough condition.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and David McClain

RES-17:021

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Police Department, Streets and Engineering

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and David McClain

5. Pending Items

ORD-16:087

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 10-7, ENTITLED "KEEPING OF SWINE" TO ALLOW FOR THE KEEPING OF POT-BELLY PIGS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Attachments: [Pig Ordinance Proposed Changes.pdf](#)

City Attorney Carol Duncan explained she didn't make any changes to the ordinance currently in Legistar because there's not enough agreement between Council and committee members in the feedback she received since the last meeting in order for her to draft a single ordinance. So, she sent an email out listing at least eight areas where she feels there is a difference in opinion. She requested the committee vote on each area individually so she has guidance on those issues.

Councilman Moore stated since most of those are at his request, he would limit his request to just three areas – ask for permission from POAs and HOAs for approval as a condition of keeping a pig, limit it to 100 pounds and that the city use the appropriate term of "swine" since Ms. Duncan will have to defend it in court and pot-bellied pig is not a legal term for animals and swine is. He noted that as long as those three are in there, then he will agree to stipulations in Councilman Long's proposal.

Ms. Duncan further explained she sent out eight requirements, so they need to vote on how they will reference them which is the first requirement. On the second requirement, determine if they should remove the language as to how many pigs can be covered by a single license and setting the fee by resolution. But, everyone seems to be in agreement with that anyways. The second requirement concerned registration, but they seemed to be in agreement not to do that since there's not a lot of significance with national registry.

Ms. Duncan then asked about the stipulations in the ordinance concerning spaying and neutering and the ages. Councilman Moore answered the time frame is fine for him.

Ms. Duncan asked about the height and weight requirements. Councilman Moore stated he would skip the height and keep the 100 pound weight requirement.

Ms. Duncan questioned if they will require fencing and if so, is there a certain type. The ordinance currently says they will be kept indoors and cannot be outdoors. Councilman Moore answered he will waive any requirement for fencing if there's a requirement for them to be on a leash when they're outside. Ms. Duncan added if there's any debate on that, then she would request a vote so she has guidance.

Councilman McClain stated he thinks the law should be kept the way as it is now with not allowing swine in the city. He explained there was not an honest conversation. He understands this is someone's pet, however he thinks they should leave it as it stands and move forward with more pressing issues.

Attorney Jim Lyons asked for clarification. He stated his understanding is that there will be no ordinance created whatsoever. Chairman Johnson answered that is correct. The existing ordinance will remain as it exists. Ms. Duncan added the existing ordinance say there is to be no swine in the city limits of Jonesboro.

Councilman McClain motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to leave the current law as is and not allow swine in the city. All voted aye.

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson Drive, discussed property at 1706 Main Street. He explained he has had numerous people ask what can be done about cleaning up that property. He noted the property is directly across the street from the high school on Main Street. Mayor Perrin stated they will look at the property tomorrow. Councilman Moore noted he thinks it's a few houses north of the barbecue restaurant.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and David McClain