



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

5:30 PM

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SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:45 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Perrin said RES-18:102 was on the Highway Department. The motion was made if you remember at the last one to be approved subject to our City Attorney, Carol Duncan, to do that. She has proofed it and she can speak for herself. Ms. Duncan said that it is fine. What they basically were doing was giving us a right of first refusal on an easement and that is what made it so confusing. If we chose to exercise that, then that is when the money would be spent. So, no money is being spent on this. Councilmember Chris Moore asked, do we need to vote on it separate or do you want me to make the motion to adopt the consent agenda? Ms. Duncan said no, it can be a part of that. Mayor Perrin said that is part of the reason I made the comment Councilmember Moore. I think you can just leave it alone. It will just be in the whole deal.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Attachments: [CC Minutes 07052018.pdf](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-18:100](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DATA MANAGEMENT, INC FOR USE OF TIMECLOCK PLUS ONDEMAND TIME AND ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Attachments: [Timeclock Plus Quote - No Hardware.PDF](#)
 [Navitas - Jonesboro Agreement](#)
 [Navitas - Jonesboro Agreement ADDENDUM](#)
 [Data Management - Timeclock Plus Agreement \(2\).pdf](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-18:102](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT TO SELL FOR REGIONS BANK FOR CLOSING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4902 EAST NETTLETON AVENUE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Attachments: [100824 Tract 56 Appraisal 2017-06-23](#)
 [Contract to Sell](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-18:103](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ST. BERNARD'S FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE FIELD SIGN AT THE JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Attachments: [JOE MACK ST BERNARD](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-18:105](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO CERTIFY FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (JET)

Attachments: [2018 Certs & Assurances.pdf](#)
 [2018 C & A Signature.pdf](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-18:106](#)

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JONESBORO THROUGH THE CITIZENS FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD AND THE ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION TO COLLABORATE ON AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING .

Attachments: [MOU](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****ORD-18:042**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 117-34 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF REQUESTED PROPERTY USE CHANGES

Attachments: [Rezoning Sign Placement.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-18:042 by title only. All voted aye.

*Councilmember Chris Moore asked if we intended to read that three times.
Councilmember Joe Hafner said I would think so. I do have a question.*

Councilmember Moore said my only comment is that I ask that we read that on three occasions if there is no emergency. Councilmember Hafner said I have a couple of questions. I tried to watch the Public Works meeting online and it wouldn't let me for some reason, maybe because the minutes weren't approved or something. My question is if the sign has to be placed on other property will the wording be somewhat different so people know that is not the property that is being rezoned and what if we go to place it on someone's property, I know there is an easement and stuff, but what if the property owner says I don't want it on my land. City Attorney Carol Duncan said that is the reason why we didn't specify an exact location of where it would be placed because you are going to have to figure out where you can put it where nobody is going to object to it being in their front yard for example, even if it is in the easement. Councilmember Hafner said I don't want it to create a lot of confusion. Ms. Duncan said, first of all, it is going to have the phone number on there. It is going to say property is requested to be rezoned for more information, call this phone number and give the Planning Office phone number, but then it should also have an arrow, I think is what they determined, pointing toward the direction that the property is that is going to be rezoned. That is the best that we knew to do. You can't recreate a sign for each specific instance. It would become very costly.

Councilmember Hafner said yes, I just wanted to avoid confusion as much as we could and provide more notice. Ms. Duncan said right. The phone number is the key. If they had any confusion about which property it was, at least they know the phone number to call to find out. Mayor Perrin said right. There will be two signs now. One will be on the property and again, if it doesn't have the frontage that you are talking about, we are going to have to put another one some place in as close proximity as we possibly can with approval or whatever with an arrow and with the telephone number. Ms. Duncan said with that sign, if they get confused, it would encourage them to drive around a little bit more to figure out which property because there is still going to be a sign on the property in question. Mayor Perrin said that is right. Ms. Duncan said if they make the effort to drive down some of the dead-end streets, then they will see the property.

Councilmember Hafner said not to get off in the weeds here, but is there a way, maybe, like on our webpage to have a listing of properties that are currently up for rezoning. Councilmember Moore said it is on the agenda. I mean we publish the agenda with all of the current rezonings on it. Councilmember Hafner said if someone could just go to MAPC or another area. Councilmember David McClain asked are you

talking about an interactive area or interactive map. Councilmember Hafner said yes. It is just an idea. It could be addressed down the road. Mayor Perrin said we can look at it and see. Councilmember Hafner said I know we are doing some work on some websites and everything. Mayor Perrin said that is one of the things in my Mayor's Report tonight. We are working on that and that is a good suggestion. We could do that possibly. It depends on where we would put it. Obviously, where do you put it and where does the public know to go on the website. That is the key. Councilmember Hafner said right. Mayor Perrin said that is a good point.

Mayor Perrin said I understand that the Council wants to hold that for three readings.

Placed on second reading

[ORD-18:043](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE SECTION 117-164 AND 117-175 TO AMEND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CHANGES

Attachments: [Planned Development District.pdf](#)
 [Current Code as of 06182018 Sec 117-164.pdf](#)
 [Current Code as of 06182018 Sec 117-175.pdf](#)

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Charles Frierson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-18:043 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember Moore said I would ask that it be read three separate times also. There is a lot in that. Mayor Perrin said that it is pretty lengthy.

Placed on second reading

[ORD-18:047](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM RESIDENTIAL, R-1 TO COMMERCIAL, C-3, LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6614 STADIUM BLVD. AS REQUESTED BY STEVE MORGAN

Attachments: [Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)
 [Application.pdf](#)
 [ordinance.pdf](#)
 [Property Owner Notifications.pdf](#)
 [Staff Summary for City Council.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-18:047 by title only. All voted aye.

Mayor Perrin stated that the vote noted from MAPC is 6-0. Did we have any questions or comments on that? Planning Director Derrel Smith said no sir. It was a unanimous vote. Mayor Perrin said I know we will want to hold it for three readings. I just wanted to make sure if there was anything out there. Councilmember David McClain asked if there had been any opposition to it. Mr. Smith said no.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Chris Gibson, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

ORD-18:048

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM AGRICULTURAL, AG-1 TO LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, I-1 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2601 AND 2603 MOORE ROAD AS REQUESTED BY CARLOS WOOD ON BEHALF OF JAMES BEST AND WILLIAM COURTNEY.

Attachments: [Staff Summary - Council Report.pdf](#)
 [2603 Moore Road Rezoning Plat 6-26-18.pdf](#)
 [Rezoning ordinance.pdf](#)
 [Application.pdf](#)
 [Notification Map.pdf](#)
 [Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer by title only. All voted aye.

Mayor Perrin said that I know that Mr. Best and Carlos Woods are in the audience. I would like to give them an opportunity to speak on this if you so desire to do so. Councilmember Chris Moore asked what was the vote at MAPC on that. Mayor Perrin said that the vote was 7-0. Councilmember Moore said that is my understanding also. Mayor Perrin said there was no opposition at the MAPC.

James Best, 3503 Big Creek Cove, said I am trying to get a 100,000 sq. ft. facility put up on that property. I am looking at a manufacturing process to put in there that is undetermined. We are still doing some due diligence on that project at this time. But, what I am looking to do is to expedite the process as far as getting a grading permit to allow us to start moving dirt as soon as possible. Anything that you can help me in that regard would be greatly appreciated.

Councilmember David McClain asked Planning Director Derrel Smith, in meeting all of the requirements at the meeting at MAPC, you guys were ok that it met only five of the six criteria. Mr. Smith said yes sir. Councilmember McClain said on that one, do you care to explain a little bit more, just for me, maybe for my understanding. Mr. Smith said basically, it is agricultural right now. There are actually crops growing on it right now so it could continue to be an agricultural property, but the highest and best use shows to be industrial in that area. Councilmember McClain said that is fine. Thank you.

Mayor Perrin asked City Engineer Craig Light to come to the podium. Mayor Perrin said I have visited with Mr. Best on this and I know our procedures, but I want to make sure that I am correct on all of that. If you can state those, we have read it, waived the second reading, and held it. In two weeks, it could be up or down on the third reading. For him to get a permit to do the dirt work, I think that is what you are saying, is that correct. Mr. Best said yes sir. Mayor Perrin asked will he have to wait the two weeks until we do that or can he bring that in. Mr. Light said if he has submitted a plan, we can issue him a grading permit to move dirt around. Mayor Perrin said ok. Mr. Light said it would be at his risk, but we could issue a permit. Mayor Perrin said I understand, but I think, again in visiting with him, I am sure it is confidential, but he does have some people he needs to get moved in there fairly quickly and create jobs and all of that so that is the only reason I was saying that. He was very gracious to come down here tonight along with Carlos Wood who is the engineer on that. So, you can just get with him. Mr. Best said thank you very much. Those final drawings will be submitted to the Planning Commission on Monday.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by

Councilperson John Street, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

RESOLUTIONS TO INTRODUCED

[RES-18:095](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 1108 E. Washington, Owner: James Robert Tart c/o Tonya Holden.

Attachments: [1108 E. Washington title search.pdf](#)
[county data.pdf](#)
[inspection report.doc](#)
[pic1](#)
[pic2](#)
[pic3](#)
[pic4](#)

Councilmember Chris Gibson asked if anything had come up on this since the Public Safety committee meeting. Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner said no, it has not.

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-18:044](#)

ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON AN UNIMPROVED SEVEN AND ONE HALF FEET (7.5') WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT AS REQUESTED BY MATT AND LORI CHANDLER

Attachments: [Lot 4 Abandonment Petition.pdf](#)
 [Easement Release Prairie Meadows-Bono.pdf](#)
 [Lot 4 Abandonment Resolution REVISED.pdf](#)
 [Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-Att-Response.pdf](#)
 [Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-CenterPoint-Response.pdf](#)
 [Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-CWL-Response.pdf](#)
 [Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-Ritter-Response.pdf](#)
 [Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-Suddenlink-Response-Signed.pdf](#)
 [Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-UtilAband-Ritter.pdf](#)
 [Lot4Replat-AbandonDrawing.pdf](#)
 [Petitions.pdf](#)
 [Utility Abandonment - Carlos - Prairie Meadows Ph. 1.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Charles Frierson, that this matter be Adopted . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[ORD-18:046](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-2, DOWNTOWN FRINGE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO C-1, DOWNTOWN CORE DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 920 UNION STREET AS REQUESTED BY JOHN EASLEY ON BEHALF OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
 [Staff Summary - Council.pdf](#)
 [Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)
 [Warranty Deed and Transfer.pdf](#)
 [Plat FUMC.pdf](#)
 [Rezoning ordinance for FUMC.pdf](#)

Councilmember Gene Vance asked to recuse himself due to the fact that he is a member of the church and he is on the Building Committee of First United Methodist Church.

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Abstain: 1 - Gene Vance

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Perrin reported on the following items:

Mayor Perrin said that you do have the Finance report that was sent to you for last month with all of the expenses and revenues on that.

Mayor Perrin said that on Mosquito Control, Chairman Mitch Johnson made a comment on that a while ago at the Public Safety committee meeting. It seems like we have got some control now on some of the mosquitos. It is not perfect, but it is much better than it was. They are flying almost every week now and so I just wanted to give you that comment.

Mayor Perrin stated that last week, the City of Jonesboro was pleased to have the First National Cattle Show here in Jonesboro. This is the first time it has ever been in the state of Arkansas. They were very well pleased with the facility and would certainly like to come back. We would like to have them come back.

Mayor Perrin said that the Jonesboro Neighborhood Leadership class that Community Development Director Tiffny Calloway has been putting together will start on September 6, 2018. They will take three people per ward for a total of 18. We have already received over 40 applicants for that. What that tells me is that there are a lot of people in the City of Jonesboro that want to get involved in city government and in the process of which it operates. I think that is very good. They will have a selection committee pick the 18 and then the next time, they will pick another 18. This is an eight week course. I really hope and pray that this will be something that will continue on with that. I think they will be able to meet the council and it will be something I think they will really enjoy.

Mayor Perrin said on the shooting range, a quick update, the street is in progress. City engineers Craig Light and Mark Nichols were there today onsite and everything seems to be going real good on the street going in, on the road.

Mayor Perrin said on recycling, we have collected, as of the last count, 26.6 tons. We have sold 6,467 carts and 8 dumpsters already. We extended the price discount through the end of July if I am not mistaken. They are really coming in strong this week.

Mayor Perrin said Animal Control Director Larry Rogers wanted me to report that Wanda Turner has always worked with NAFA which is Northeast Arkansas for Animals. They had a shot clinic, I believe, last Saturday. Their normal hours are 8-11 a.m. and they had to turn people away at 8:45 a.m. That is how many people that were out there lined up with cars all the way back to Highway 18. So, this thing is really going good. He just wanted me to share with you all as well as the public that Wanda is doing a real good job working with Animal Control.

Mayor Perrin stated that on July 18, 2018, which is tomorrow night at 5:30 p.m., in the lobby at City Hall, will be a public hearing for the outdoor park and recreations grant. This will be a 50/50 matching grant. The city will apply up to \$250,000 for projects that you all will see tomorrow night and make comments on. We are pleased in the fact that the land that we purchased from Alec Farmer can be used for our match so there will be no money to come out of the general fund at all on this grant. Please show up tomorrow night. It is at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby here at City Hall. If you cannot attend, please make your comments if you will and email Parks Director Danny Kapales and tell him some of your wishes or desires on that.

Mayor Perrin said that Communications Director Bill Campbell is working with the firm that we bought the website from many years ago. They are working to make changes on that to make it user friendly. I know that was brought up a while ago I think by Councilmember Joe Hafner on putting the telephone numbers or the locations on that.

So, hopefully, we will have that done by January of 2019.

Mayor Perrin stated that Legislative field work has been completed and we will have our exit interview in the morning. Again, I ask, if he could, that Finance Committee Chairman Joe Hafner attend that. We have always done that and let them get a waiver. Most cities don't do that, but we have always done that here, to have the Chairman of the Finance Committee to be sitting there and hearing the same message that I hear as the Mayor, as well as, Chief Financial Officer Bill Reznicek.

Mayor Perrin said there is a draft ordinance to be prepared to updating landscaping regulations. It is expected to be ready for the Public Works Committee meeting soon. There is also a new subdivision ordinance in the works. Planning Director Derrel Smith wanted me to report that to you all.

Mayor Perrin stated that on Quality of Life, we just condemned one or two pieces of property. They are currently working on 19 others. They have already done 36 this year. So, that is a total of 55 blighted areas that Code Enforcement has worked on this year that we have either approved or torn down and got those blighted areas cleaned up. I really appreciate that in keeping our town clean and neat and not having any blighted areas.

[COM-18:050](#)

MAY 2018 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Attachments: [05-2018 State Turnback Report.pdf](#)
 [5-2018 sales tax.pdf](#)
 [2018 May Franchise tax report .pdf](#)
 [2018 May Rev. Exp and Changes in FB.pdf](#)
 [May 2018 Deposits Collateralization Report .pdf](#)
 [May 2018 Expenditure Report.pdf](#)
 [May 2018 Hotel Tax Comparison..pdf](#)
 [May 2018 REvenue Report.pdf](#)
 [Required Reserves May 2018.pdf](#)
 [2018 May Nonuniform Pension.pdf](#)
 [May 2018 401A Nonuniform Pension.pdf](#)
 [May 2018 A and P.pdf](#)

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[COM-18:051](#)

Mosquito Control Report from Vector Mosquito Control for Jonesboro for June 2018

Attachments: [Vector Mosquito Report June 2018.pdf](#)

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said he was asked to walk this onto tonight's agenda due to an error I guess. They had submitted everything they were supposed to to the city, but we didn't get it on the agenda.

[ORD-18:049](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR HORIZON BISTRO, INC.

Attachments: [Horizon Bistro Application Revised.pdf](#)
 [Horizon Bistro Application.pdf](#)
 [AN ORDINANCE FOR PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to suspend the rules and walk on ORD-18:049. All voted aye.

Councilmember David McClain asked if you don't mind reading out what that is. City Attorney Carol Duncan said I will read the whole thing if you want it.

Councilmember Chris Moore asked if we could have a short explanation as to why that is a walk on instead of under regular business for the record please. City Attorney Carol Duncan said I think what happened is when it went through the Planning Department, there was some confusion about the law. There used to be a rule through ABC that you had to be 1,000 feet in distance from a church. That does not apply to restaurants and bars. That applies to liquor sales like stores, like package stores. I think one time many years ago, it may have applied to both. But, that is where the confusion came in. So, they initially denied it believing that it was within 1,000 feet of a church and therefore, not meeting the guidelines of the ABC regulations and then they immediately figured out the mistake and they tried to correct it, but the agenda had already been submitted so it was too late to get it on the agenda. Mayor Perrin said that is correct.

Councilmember Moore asked if we have a timeline that we have to address. Ms. Duncan said I believe they have a timeline and I don't know if there is anyone here to address that. They have a timeline and they are requesting that it be walked on since it wasn't their fault that it was denied originally and it didn't make the agenda deadline. Councilmember Moore asked, in the process, does the council have a timeline that we have to address the liquor license when it comes onto the agenda. Are we locked into a timeline or is it just open ended like any other ordinance for six months to be dealt with? Ms. Duncan said she did not recall a timeline. I would have to go back and review the ordinances we passed, but I don't recall a specific timeline in it. Councilmember Moore asked, if you would, when you get a chance, look at it. I was thinking it had 90 days in there for us to address it unlike a regular ordinance, but maybe not. Ms. Duncan said I will look.

Mayor Perrin said she can look and again, the legislature took that approval from ABC and put it on municipalities and cities. Again, as our city attorney had said, prior to that, and that was the issue of confusion that it was within 1,000 feet of a church and that has been taken away. The only deal now for a restaurant, if I understand correctly, is 50 feet from residential and only 100 yards from a treatment facility. Those are the only two items that are required now by ABC. It would have been nice if ABC would have notified us on this, then we would not have had that confusion on that. But, that is exactly why in answer to your question. Planning Director Derrel Smith sent it down and said it was not approved. When we started checking into that, when Ms. Duncan called the ABC, they said, oh, by the way, we changed our rules. We voted that down. Here are the new rules. Councilmember Moore said we are only on our second one so it is a learning curve. Ms. Duncan said it is a learning curve. Councilmember Moore said the timeline is mute because we just walked it on so we are going to hear this gentleman's presentation.

James Gray, 5931 Rees Road Apt. 207, said I am the general manager of the Courtyard by Marriott that is being built in front of NEA Baptist Hospital. The Horizon Bistro will be my restaurant inside of the hotel. I guess that is all I have to say. Mayor

Perrin asked when do you expect to open that? Mr. Gray said we are looking at an opening date of September 4, 2018. Mayor Perrin asked how many rooms are there? Mr. Gray said there are 98 rooms.

Councilmember John Street asked that it be held to three readings. Councilmember David McClain asked if this was considered the first reading. So, we will have two more? Mayor Perrin said yes. There could be two more readings individually so basically, it is a month from now and I think that is going to fit their schedule. Mr. Gray said yes.

Mayor Perrin stated that something we are working on is our Robert's Rules of Order to where it will help us. I have been working with City Clerk Donna Jackson on that. I think we all need refreshers from time to time. I know I do. With more than one person speaking at a time, that can be confusing both to me and to the public. There are a lot of things in here that we all tend to forget about.

City Attorney Carol Duncan said the only timelines that are in the ordinances that we passed say that the applications must be verified within 30 days of the receipt by the Chief of Police unless there is an extenuating circumstance that requires more time. Once the completed application has been verified by the city, the applicant is notified. If they do not submit their application to the council for approval within 60 days, then it is deemed denied. So, it is really, just putting the burden onto them to get it on the agenda once they get notice. There really is not a timeframe. Councilmember Moore said then, that is where the 90 days comes in. We have 30 days with the Chief of Police. Then, they have 60 days to get it back. So, we have a 90 day threshold to have it on for the first reading. Ms. Duncan said that is correct. Mayor Perrin said the administration will take care and make sure it is all proper before it ever hits the council. Councilmember Moore said that is the point that I wanted to make we knew.

Placed on second reading

Councilmember LJ Bryant said I know that at one time Mayor, you were looking at an alternate voting system like Batesville has. Is there any update on that? Mayor Perrin stated that we have looked at some of the prices on that. I believe I will need to get back with IT to make sure that they have got that because they were looking at two or three. It either had to have a separate deal or see if it could go through this system here, but I want to make sure of that before I tell you. Yes, we have looked into it. City Clerk Donna Jackson said it was \$30,000 was it not? Mayor Perrin said yes. What Ms. Jackson is saying is that you will have the button and the public will know exactly how you vote. It will also tell you whether it passes or not. Batesville does that. A lot of city councils do that. North Little Rock does that. We will look into it.

Councilmember Joe Hafner said he had a couple of things. I think Councilmember LJ Bryant is having is having a cookout or something next Tuesday. Councilmember Bryant said on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mayor Perrin asked where this will be. Councilmember Bryant said it will be at Pop Stricklin Park. Councilmember Hafner said he will miss that due to being out of town for work. The other thing is on the closing meeting for the Legislative Audit. I am not going to be there tomorrow because I am heading out of town. We already have a date scheduled for me to meet with them when I am back in town. The only other thing is that I thought that the Chamber was going to present an update tonight. Are they on the agenda coming up anytime soon for their update that I have been asking about? Mayor Perrin

said that yes, Chief Financial Officer Bill Reznicek has contacted Mark Young with the Chamber. I think he is trying to give us a date and probably he could be here at the next council meeting to give that report. Mr. Reznicek said he would be here at the next council meeting which will be the first council meeting in August. Mayor Perrin said he had to be out of town on an industrial deal. He also has the annual report. You all remember the money we gave them on economic development. We will have the annual report, as well as, he will give you an update and I think that will be done quarterly. I think that is good. Councilmember Hafner said that is what the contract calls for. Mayor Perrin said that is correct. Councilmember Hafner said it is not a small amount of money that we are giving them and so I want to make sure we are getting updated so we can see what we are getting for our money. Mayor Perrin said exactly.

Councilmember Bobby Long said he had a call from Mr. Phillip Cook. He sends everybody his regards. He is recouping. Anyway, he called me about mosquitos and flyovers. I know that I had talked to you about possibly putting that online or putting a schedule out. I would sort of speak of how people can do the requests and how maybe we could get a way to let people know when the flyovers are happening and when they are going to take place and things like that. Mayor Perrin said we can do a release and again, when they schedule the plane to come here, it depends upon the weather. I know on one occasion, they got here and then a thunderstorm came in and it was too late to get it to fly. They have been trying to fly every week. But, we can do a release on that. I believe they are going to fly tomorrow night. Is that correct Councilmember Mitch Johnson? Councilmember Johnson said yes. Mayor Perrin said they are going to fly tomorrow night. They have been doing it almost every week that work will allow to do that. Councilmember Long said good deal. Mayor Perrin said I want to remind all of the citizens too that if you need your yard sprayed or if you are having a party or family over or whatever, they will do that. All you have to do is give them at least a couple of days notice and call and they will do that. It is something that is in the contract as well. Councilmember Long said I think that is great. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said I am glad that he is doing better.

Councilmember David McClain said the Nominating & Rules Committee met tonight for a special meeting. Councilmember David McClain motioned, seconded by Councilmember John Street, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-18:110. All voted aye.

[RES-18:110](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS
MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE WOLVERINE PROPERTY DOWNTOWN
CORRIDOR REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember David McClain motioned, seconded by Councilmember John Street, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-18:110. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Councilmember McClain said I appreciate you making that change and adding those names. Something else that we discussed tonight that will be coming up at the next council meeting is also looking at encouraging diversity in terms of on different boards

and commissions. So, I appreciate that from Councilmember LJ Bryant.

Councilmember Chris Gibson said that there are several councilmembers that are not going to be able to attend the Public Parks meeting tomorrow night so I would just ask that Parks Director Danny Kapales shoot out a quick email to all of us and just kind of give us an update of what comes up if you don't mind. Mayor Perrin said we would be glad to.

Councilmember Ann Williams said in Planning Director Derrel Smith's presentation on impact fees, he mentioned the need of hiring a consultant. Are we moving forward on that or are we preparing to do that? Mayor Perrin said we have talked about it at our Directors and Officers meeting and again, if it is the desire of the council that you all want to do that, then, obviously, we will need to get a resolution prepared for the next council meeting to do that. The way that we do our professional services like that, we will have to advertise that and put the scope of work of what they want to be done in there and send that out to several locations so we can get several companies involved in that. If you want to, just let me know or City Clerk Donna Jackson and we will work on that. Councilmember Williams said ok, very good, will do. Thanks.

Councilmember Chris Moore asked, did you say earlier and I believe I was correct in hearing, did you say that the property we purchased from Alec Farmer can be used as an in-kind for the match on that grant? Mayor Perrin said yes. Councilmember Moore said very good, that is the only question I had.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said a young lady approached me this evening about the mosquitos on the north side. I had already planned on talking. Matter of fact, I came to the meeting, I just didn't want to go up to the podium to talk too much about it, but we are having some issues a little bit more on the north side and particularly in the Magnolia area. We need a little bit more spraying. Councilmember Mitch Johnson said he got a response from Vector Mosquito Control Jim Starks that they will take care of your street tonight and he is going to check the map and see why that is not being taken care of and will also discuss this other stuff as well. Mayor Perrin said that is good because we do have AVL on those trucks and we can pull reports to see where they have been. Councilmember Mitch Johnson said to keep his number just in case you have any more issues. I will be glad to help you out.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melvin Thomason said he owns the City Barber Shop at 4910 E. Nettleton. He said this new street deal that they are doing for the bypass is going to kill my parking and kill the value of my business. The business has been there 91 years. It has been in this building for 50 years. I was wondering what we could do about that. Mayor Perrin said I think I talked to you before the meeting. What we will do is get with City Engineer Craig Light tomorrow and discuss that. In fact, I would rather go down there and look at the property. I would like to see it and then let him show us what they have got on there. You are right next to the Regions Bank building. Mr. Thomason said he is next to Old Nettleton Town Center. I have already got a letter from Barbara McKee's lawyer telling me that I can't park over there. I don't have any parking in the back. I've got one parking spot. Somebody or one of the engineers suggested that I park on the bank's parking lot, but 1/3 of my customers are in wheelchairs, on walkers, on canes. They couldn't walk that far. Mayor Perrin said right. We will look at it and see what we can do and try to make any changes. I mean I know that it has been designed already. Mr. Thomason said right. Mayor Perrin said we know that because of the retaining wall that is going down through there on the Region's Bank deal. We will do everything that we

possibly can do to help you. Mr. Thomason said there is going to be a six foot street right in front of me now. It is going to kill the value of my business. Mayor Perrin said I appreciate you coming tonight and talking with us. I think someone had talked with you earlier, but I think that was Mark Nichols and he is not here tonight. Mr. Thomason said that it was Mark Nichols and Brad Smithee. They both said I didn't have any parking there. We have been parking along the street for 91 years now. Mayor Perrin said that is what I want to look at. Remember, I told you about that off street parking there. I want to see where that is going to go to the end and then we can look and can see if we can't get you parking on that side there. Mr. Thomason said ok. Mayor Perrin said thank you.

Amy McDonald, 1382 Sullivan Circle, said I want to read something to you real quick. As you know, it has been two years since my husband, Jason, was killed while cycling on KAIT-8 road. Our family is starting to heal and trying to find some sense of peace with the loss of losing someone. Yesterday was my youngest son's 8th birthday. This was the 3rd birthday Jason has missed and I struggle to explain what happened on June 8, 2016. It is a heavy burden on my heart that I'm hoping you can help with. Basically, I'm here because I am asking for your support. I need to know that you will help back the cycling community as we strive to make the penalties for overtaking a cyclist more fitting for the incidents in which they are occurring. I am currently speaking to Senator John Cooper and also Representative Brandt Smith regarding drafting a bill to stiffen the consequences of someone striking, hitting or even killing a cyclist. The laws are currently not adequate in punishing the actions of those who disobey them. They definitely are not a deterrent. The person who killed my husband was fined the maximum for killing someone which was \$1,000. The fine along with other fees made the consequences of taking my husband's life worth less than \$2,000!

I hope you will support me and the rest of the cycling community in this cause. I would like for you to be vocal about this issue and let the town of Jonesboro, and the community you that serve, know where you stand regarding safety for cyclists. As of now, you have assisted in making the month of May a cycling awareness month and I am very grateful to you for that. You also have been an instrumental part in making the sidewalks and our roads better for the future plans regarding cycling. I am really concerned about the enforcement of the existing laws regarding cycling and motor vehicles here in Jonesboro. I have not met with Chief Elliott. I realize he is here tonight, but I do plan to meet with him very soon. I would like to ask that the city start to lead by example. Would you consider making all workers, including the JPD, take a cyclist safety class? This would be the first step the city could take in educating itself on cycling laws. Ultimately, I would love to see the City of Jonesboro, adopt a National Driving program which includes a bicycle friendly driver program. Cycling safety is a concern and Jonesboro has a growing cycling community. I want to help to bridge the gap. I know the cycling community wants to help make Jonesboro a better place to ride, where that everyone feels safe to do so no matter what path a cyclist decides to take. To do this, the 3-foot law needs to be enforced. I want to see how we can help with that, along with the cycling community. What does it take to make this law enforceable? You know, what can be done about the videos that have been taken and proves that the 3-foot law has been violated? How can we help to educate everyone in regards to cycling safety and motor vehicles? I truly believe that together as a community, we can accomplish great things, but we all must work together to do so and have the confidence and support that govern our communities. I'll leave you with a couple quotes: Albert Einstein said, "What is right is not always popular and what is popular is not always right." Martin Luther King, Jr. also said, "Law and order exists for the purpose of establishing justice and when they fail in this purpose, they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress." Mayor Perrin said

thank you very much. Have you already met with Senator Cooper? Ms. McDonald said I have. Mayor Perrin said ok. Are you all getting back on that because I got another call last night from Mr. Ewart. I know he is coming up here in just a minute. I will be glad to get with Senator Cooper. I think what you saying is the state legislature is needing a bill down there to get a force in the legislature. Ms. McDonald said yes, that is why I met with him. Mayor Perrin said right. I will certainly do everything I can. Again, by being the first vice-president of the Municipal League, I will be working some of the session. This could be something the Arkansas Municipal League may want to take on. That is all 500 cities through the Arkansas Municipal League. So, any information that you can give me, in fact I have got a meeting, a planning meeting, in August getting ready for the session that will start in January. I would be happy to do that. Ms. McDonald said thank you, that would be great. Mayor Perrin said I would be happy to. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked if Ms. McDonald could give a copy of that letter to the Mayor. Ms. McDonald said sure. City Clerk Donna Jackson said I need it for the record. Mayor Perrin said we will do that and you have got my cell number I think, but just call me ok. Thank you dear.

Steve Ewart, 212 Windover Road, said I think Ms. McDonald adequately addressed the things that you and I talked about last night. I have got another concern. I noticed a couple of months ago, all of a sudden, there appeared on Main Street, the 200 block of Main Street, some little yellow signs that said pedestrian crossing and it kind of gave us a little bit more protection as we crossed. I noticed that they disappeared. I was excited when that first happened because when I travel and I travel fairly frequently, I have been to Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey in the last six months. The signs are all over the place. We had two and can't keep them. Is there a plan to try to increase our pedestrian safety? The Mayor said the only way I know how to do that is to put concrete down there because we wiped those out. One of them lasted 24 hours. Community Development Director Tiffny Calloway and I have been working on a deal. She is going to explain a little bit of that to you, ok, on a grant.

Ms. Calloway said you can thank Ted Herget and several of the business owners that actually approached me about possibly setting some of those crosswalks out there. The first one lasted 48 hours Mayor, actually. The second one lasted about a month and I think a fire truck ran it down. But, we have two more ordered. Just from watching and hearing from residents, people are actually slowing down. First, they are trying to see what that is in the middle of the street, but they are actually slowing down. We are working. City Engineers Mark Nichols and Craig Light are figuring out how to improve pedestrian safety especially in the Main Street areas. So, we are definitely looking at that and working on that. Thank you for your comment. So, we will have them in a couple of weeks. Mr. Ewart said thank you. I noticed that everybody else seems to be able to maintain them. I don't know why we are unique in that respect.

[COM-18:055](#)

Amy McDonald letter regarding Bicycling Safety

Attachments: [Amy McDonald letter.docx](#)

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11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk