



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Nominating and Rules Committee

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

4:45 PM

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Perrin was in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

Present 5 - Chris Gibson; Ann Williams; Charles Coleman; Gene Vance and Charles Frierson

Absent 1 - Chris Moore

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-18:099](#)

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 2, 2018

Attachments: [Special Called N&R Committee Meeting Minutes 10022018.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman; Gene Vance and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

[MIN-19:010](#)

Minutes for the Special Called Nominating & Rules Committee Working Session on Thursday, January 10, 2019

Attachments: [NandR Working Meeting 01102019.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman; Gene Vance and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

[MIN-19:015](#)

Minutes for the Special Called Nominating & Rules Committee Working Session on Thursday, January 31, 2019

Attachments: [N&R Working Session 013119](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman; Gene Vance and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-19:020](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Chairman Chris Gibson said, it is my understanding that Community Development and Grants Director Tiffny Calloway has accepted another position in the private sector. Do we need to pull her off of that or off of these committees? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, the Mayor may want to answer that. I would think so. Councilmember Gene Vance asked, what committees? Councilmember Charles Frierson asked, when is it effective? City Clerk Donna Jackson said, I think Friday is her last day. Councilmember Vance said, the Mayor should be able to answer that question. Ms. Duncan asked Mayor Perrin, do you want to remove Tiffny Calloway from the committee appointments? Mayor Perrin said, if we can. If we can until we get someone hired, then that will be fine. Chairman Gibson said, ok. Mayor Perrin said, I was going to ask that question. I apologize, I was on the phone. Chairman Gibson said, she is on Building Facilities and Revenue Enhancement. Councilmember Vance said, Revenue Enhancement would be the one that I would question. Whatever the Mayor feels comfortable with. Councilmember Charles Frierson asked, do you want to leave her on there and reappoint her now? Ms. Duncan said, the Mayor said remove it. Mayor Perrin said, remove it.

Councilmember Charles Frierson motioned, and Councilmember Ann Williams seconded, to amend RES-19:020 and remove Tiffny Calloway from the appointments on the Revenue Enhancement and Building Facilities Committees. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Charles Frierson, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman; Gene Vance and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

5. Pending Items

ORDINANCES TO BE RECONSIDERED

[ORD-19:004](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED CITY COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2019

Attachments: [2019 Council Procedures3.docx](#)

Councilmember Gene Vance said, I would like for us to make a vehicle that would allow the public to ask for additional time and the Chair of the meeting, whether it be a

council or committee meeting, have the ability to grant that time if that person has pertinent information and is not repetitive. Chairman Chris Gibson said, that is in Section G, Subsection 2, second sentence I believe. Councilmember Vance asked, what section did you say Chris? Chairman Gibson said, Section G, Subsection 2. It is on page 2 of 14 it looks like Gene. Councilmember Vance asked, page 2? Chairman Gibson said, yes. Councilmember Vance said, yes, Section 2-84, paragraph (g), section (2). Proponents for or against an issue will be given a total of ten minutes per side to speak. I would like to amend that to for them to have the ability to ask the chair, whether it be a council meeting or a committee meeting or whatever for additional time. Again, it would be at the discretion of that Chair as to whether they have proper information. The reason that was put in there was to keep people from saying the same things over and over and four or five people getting up and saying things over and over. It is a good thing to be in there, but, again, I think we need the ability for those people to be granted additional time if it is beneficial to the subject on the floor. I make that in form of a motion.

Chairman Gibson asked, do we have any discussion? City Attorney Carol Duncan asked, would that be in advance or would that be during? I don't know how you are going to determine that. Councilmember Vance said, it would have to be on the fly. It would have to be when someone is talking and they didn't get all of their talking done in the ten minutes. Ms. Duncan said, so while they are talking? Ok. I just didn't know how you were going to determine whether it was going to get repetitive or not. That is your rule. Councilmember Vance said, again, that is going to be a subjective thing that the Chair will have to do. Ms. Duncan said, right. Chairman Gibson said, in the next line of that subsection, it states "Repetitive comments should be avoided; this applies to comments made previously either to the city council or to the planning commission when those planning commission minutes have been provided to the council members." So, I think, if they start getting into the weeds and start being repetitive, we certainly have got the ability to cut them off at any point in time.

Councilmember Charles Coleman asked, are you saying that section should be with the committee motion from Councilmember Vance or what are you saying Chris? Chairman Gibson said, no. I am just agreeing with Councilmember Vance. I think that we could certainly cut them off even if we make this amendment and be well within our rights. Councilmember Coleman said, ok. Councilmember Vance said, the Chair has the ability to limit debate. City Clerk Donna Jackson said, I am going to play devil's advocate here because this is what came up in the work session. If we are going to do that, we might as well leave it up to the discretion of the Chair to begin with because that is the way it is now. Councilmember Vance said, I like the ten minutes and I like the ability to extend it. I don't think it needs to be wide open. Councilmember Charles Frierson said, I agree.

Harold Carter, 902 Tony Drive, said, I dislike the idea of having to get your political ducks in order before you even get to the meeting. I know that is what will happen. And, if I want to speak or not be cut off in mid-sentence, then I will have to do it too, whether I like it or not. And, I know if I don't, how I am going to stand up in competition with, shall we say, Debbie Pelley. Yeah, or many others. So, therefore, I just object to it being put on such a discretionary basis. If the Chair of the meeting just gets started listening to it and it is a run on business, then, they have always had the power to cut us off. And, if people don't know that, well, they need to learn it. I have learned it. So, they can learn it too. And, so can Debbie Pelley, and others of that sort. So, I don't see any need of running political campaigns and creating a necessity to do so just to get up and say something. As far as run on meetings, well, that has been within your power all of the time.

Chairman Gibson asked, what is the desire of the committee? Do I have a motion to forward to full council? Councilmember Vance asked, have we done anything with the amendment? Chairman Gibson said, let's vote on the amendment first. Councilmember Vance asked, did we ever get a second? I don't think we got a second on the motion. Chairman Gibson said, ok, just as housekeeping, do we have a second on the amendment? Hearing no second, what is the desire of the committee? Councilmember Frierson asked, do we have another amendment pending Gene? Councilmember Vance said, no. That's it. That is the only one I wanted to make.

Councilmember Charles Frierson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Charles Coleman, to adopt as presented and forward to full council. All voted aye, except Councilmember Gene Vance who voted no.

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

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Charles Frierson

Nay: 1 - Gene Vance

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

6. Other Business

Mayor Harold Perrin said, on RES-19:020, I know you have already covered that appointments on boards and commissions. Chairman Chris Gibson said, yes sir. Mayor Perrin asked, if could we forward that to full council, we have got some board meetings that will come up before we meet again, like CWL. Councilmember Charles Frierson said, we have done that already. We have already adopted it. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, but you didn't forward it tonight. Mayor Perrin said, you didn't forward it to council. So, I'm just asking if you would please make a motion to. City Clerk Donna Jackson said, you can walk it on. Mayor Perrin said, I apologize for being late.

Councilmember Charles Frierson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Gene Vance, to move RES-19:020 to the council to be walked on tonight. All voted aye. Mayor Perrin said, thank you.

Chairman Chris Gibson said, I would also like to go ahead and walk on the ordinance tonight. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I don't think you can with one no vote. Councilmember Gene Vance said, you can't. Chairman Gibson said, ok. Ms. Duncan said, it has to be unanimous.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Gene Vance, seconded by Charles Frierson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; Charles Coleman; Gene Vance and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore