

City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center 300 S. Church Street Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 5:00 PM Municipal Center

ELECTION OF A CHAIR

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Outgoing Chairman of the Public Safety Committee Mitch Johnson stated that there should be an election of a new chair as the first item of business.

Councilman Chris Moore motion to nominate Councilman Mitch Johnson as Chair of the Public Safety Committee, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson. All voted aye.

1. Call To Order

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2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

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

3. Approval of minutes

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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

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Ordinances To Be Introduced

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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

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Attachments: Pig Ordinance Proposed Changes.pdf

Councilman Moore stated that he met with City Attorney Carol Duncan and Animal Control Officer Larry Rogers and they both had some concerns in the ordinance as it is presented. He said he would like to go down the line item of those concerns. The first change that he asked to be amended in the ordinance is in Section 10-7(a), he asked that in the entire ordinance, the term "pot-bellied pig" be changed to "swine" for clarity and that is with keeping with the state code. The next change that he asked to be made is in the same Section 10-7(a). City Attorney Carol Duncan recommended that we change the zoning requirements to only identify where swine may be kept, not where they can't be. She noted that Greensborough Village is not included in either one of those zoning classifications so it was neither approved or denied. City Attorney Carol Duncan stated that for safety's sake, if you say where it is allowed, then by default, it is not allowed anywhere else and that way you don't run into leaving something off the list.

Section 10-7(b) under definition, Councilman Moore recommends that we strike the first two sentences as it will be addressed in Section 10-7(g)(6) later in the ordinance. The Arkansas Code 18-48-201(3) defines "livestock." It simply says that "livestock" is any horses, mules, cattle, sheep, or hogs, and shall not be limited solely to those animals. It does not make reference to their use or anything so it doesn't stipulate. Section 10-7(c) under administration and enforcement, Councilman Moore stated that he believes Animal Control Officer Larry Rogers would want to address administration and enforcement. Councilman Moore stated he believes it places an undue burden on Animal Control. They have to maintain the records and they have to do compliance checks. They would also have to have separate facilities to house the animals than what we currently have.

Section 10-7(e)(3) under licensing procedures, there is a wording issue that the City Attorney Carol Duncan identified where the word in there is "may" and should say "shall." Section 10-7(e)(4) is a due process issue the City Attorney had of allowing neighbors to decide if and when you can have a pig as opposed to the City Council and Animal Control. Councilman Moore moved that Section 10-7(e)(4) be stricken. Section 10-7(e)(5) limits ownership to no more than two pot-bellied pigs. He looked into the Arkansas Code and our City ordinances and there is no reference to the term "residential estate." He moves that word be stricken. Section 10-7(g)(1) under registration, Councilman Moore moved that they strike "bona fide pot-bellied registry." To try to define what a bona fide pot-bellied registry is difficult. He stated he looked on the internet and found at least ten places that you could register your pot-bellied pigs by paying \$5 without a veterinary exam.

Section 10-7(g)(2) under spayed/neutered, it states pot-bellied pigs shall be spayed or neutered between 8-12 weeks of age and that needs to be changed from 8-12 weeks to 1-21 days of age. Councilman Moore stated that the foremost authority on pigs, the lowa and Illinois State University swine programs recommends 1-21 days because pigs become sexually mature in less than 12 weeks. Section 10-7(g)(3) under weight, the pot-bellied pig shall not weigh more than 175 pounds. Councilman Moore said that in consultation with Animal Control Officer Larry Rogers, he asked

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that the weight be changed to 100 pounds due to the safety of the Animal Control people who have to load the pigs and deal with them. Councilman McClain asked if he could ask a question. Councilman Moore stated he needed to finish his list and then he would yield the floor.

Section 10-7(g)(6) under Veterinarian Statement, Councilman Moore would like to add the spay and neuter statement in item 6. Section 10-7(g)(7) under Confinement on Premises, Councilman Moore said this was just a side note on a clean and odor free manor, he would like to note that a 180-pound pig produces approximately 11 pounds of feces and urine a day with approximately 40% of that being urine. He is asking for some sort of square footage requirement to the lot. Currently in Jonesboro, minimum square footage of a lot is only 1,500 square feet. He is requesting some type of size requirement to the lot because for instance, new patio homes at Sage Meadows have minimum lots with minimum yards. You have less than 200 square feet that you will be using.

Section 10-7(h)(2) under Revocation of license, Councilman Moore and City Attorney Carol Duncan are in agreement that the statement "without accompaniment of a competent person" should be stricken. Councilman Moore doesn't think it is beneficial one way or the other whether the pig is in compliance if the person having it is competent or not. He stated we need to strike the requirement of having a competent person in paragraph 2.

City Attorney Carol Duncan stated the registration fees need to be set by resolution, but you may also want to set fines by resolution and not include them in the ordinance. Otherwise, every time the fee changes, the ordinance will have to be revisited. Setting the fees by resolution is how we handle most other fees. The committee can discuss the fines and if they are comfortable with them. The court will add court costs in addition to those fines. That is not something that we control. The State even adds a court cost on our hazardous driving fine.

Section 10-7(h)(3), under Arkansas code, any pig without proper identification caught roaming and is captured is considered feral. Arkansas code requires under the Feral Pig Act, ratified under Act 11-04-2013, then reaffirmed in 2014, that feral pigs cannot be transported alive so therefore, if a pig is caught roaming, under State law, Animal Control has to euthanize the pig or put it down on the spot. So, you cannot transport a live feral pig in the State of Arkansas without a license as a State approved trapper and transporter. In that same section, even a licensed trapper and transporter is required to only take the pig to a terminal processing facility. State code defines feral the same way that this ordinance does as any swine that is free roaming, a hog that is not identified. Councilman Moore stated he doesn't want Animal Control to be in the position of having to shoot a pig in the middle of a residential neighborhood and/or euthanize it on the side of the road and they would have no other choice of that.

Section 10-7(k), under Other Swine, Councilman Moore moved to strike that since all pigs are swine and there is not a true definition of "pot-bellied" pig. Councilman Moore requested that if the City is going to license pigs, all HOA's and POA's should submit an approval for consent as part of the licensing stipulation and the square footage of lot should be added. As a side note, Councilman Moore stated that Animal Control had a run in with a pig in Barrington Park and almost had to shoot it under the owner's request in the middle of the street. With that, he submits his proposed changes to the City Clerk, Donna Jackson. He requests that those be added before any ordinance is submitted to the full council. Otherwise, we will have to review all of those individually on the council floor.

City Attorney Carol Duncan asked to add one more change that she thinks they

skipped over. She said this is under Section 10-7(g)(7), where it states that each pot-bellied pig shall be provided with a fenced yard. She thinks they need a definition of "fenced" because not all fences can contain a pig, especially a 100 pound pig. Some privacy fences can't contain them, some chain link fences can't contain them and we need to provide a definition that gives guidance to what type of fencing. She thinks we need to provide some guidance on the type of fencing that should be required. Councilman Moore stated he believes the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission who is entrusted with enacting all swine regulations in Arkansas, has a section that addresses fences. Ms. Duncan said the city would need something similar or to refer to that. Councilman Moore stated we could refer to that by ordinance.

Animal Control Director Larry Rogers came to the podium. Mr. Rogers stated that Barrington Park was an incident where an 80-pound pig got out. There was a police officer there that asked for Animal Control. Two other Animal Control Officers went out there. They were tied up for two hours on this. The owner of the pig asked us to destroy the pig. Animal Control does not use lethal force so that was out of the question. Councilman McClain asked Mr. Rogers why the owner asked to destroy the pig. Mr. Rogers stated it was running around the neighborhood and it was close to a busy road. He said they were afraid it would get out into the road and cause an accident. City Attorney Carol Duncan stated she thought it would be worse than or the same as hitting a deer.

Mr. Rogers stated he had some concerns. One of the concerns he has is staffing. He said right now they take in anywhere from 1,700-2,000 animals a year. He said they try their best to adopt out every single animal, but unfortunately they don't. They reach out to rescues anywhere and everywhere they can, but they still cannot find enough. He is concerned with a trend with people on the pigs. He has seen trends as recently as blonde labs where people go out and get a pet on a whim and then not take responsibility for that animal. When a pig is small, it is going to be cute, but then a year later, if the pig becomes too much of a burden for the people, who becomes responsible for that? Animal Control takes in surrenders right now, but he's called up several of the pig rescues within the United States and they tell him that they are full with pigs. Mr. Rogers said that he does not want to be responsible for having to take in a pig and euthanize it. He said it would be one more unnecessary death to him and he doesn't want to do that. Being a steward of the citizens' money, he said that Animal Control can't continue to keep a pig on our property for years and years. If it doesn't meet the criteria, then we cannot adopt it out. So, then what do we do with it?

Mr. Rogers said that the Animal Control facility is equipped for dogs. He said it would be wrong to put the dogs and the pigs together. We have to have a separate place. If the pigs have been raised around dogs all their lives, then they might be acceptable to them, but we have 150+ dogs out there that have not been that way. It will cause problems in Animal Control. It will be another thing they have to add to their database with registrations and everything. Animal Control will have to think about budgeting because there has to be a place to put these pigs. We will have to check on the compliance all of the time. The care is also a responsibility.

Mr. Rogers said they have dealt with quite a few pigs in Animal Control since he has been there in the last 10 years. He said he has never had one that exceeds 80 pounds and 80 pounds was a chore for two officers, two grown men. Councilman McClain asked if it was a chore if a dog was 80 pounds or 100 pounds. Mr. Rogers said no. Councilman Moore stated he doesn't think you can equate a dog and a pig's behavior together. You might lead a dog. Councilman McClain said that it is an animal. Councilman Moore said that it is, but they do not behave the same. He said an alligator is an animal too, but it is not like a dog. A pig is a pig and when they

decide they are not going; they are not going. You will have to pick them up and manually handle them. He said you might sedate a dog, but how are you going to decide to sedate a pig.

Mr. Rogers said that the Animal Control officers are trained. They go through training on how to properly tranquilize a dog. Even when we call upon a vet, we have had problems before on how much we use on a pig. It is totally different.

City Attorney Carol Duncan stated she is neither for nor against pig ownership. She stated the council needs to consider an ordinance that is easily enforceable for Animal Control and does not leave a lot of gray area where an individual officer is having to make too many decisions on the scene. It needs to be as cut and dried as we can make it so that we know exactly what is enforceable and what is not. She said her job in that respect is to be the devil's advocate. Ms. Duncan stated she thinks they need to place restrictions on what vet can do the certifications and they need to be as specific as possible in limiting it. What we are trying to do is to develop an ordinance for the City of Jonesboro not specific to any particular pig owner now currently or in the future. Ordinances should be drafted for the City as a whole and what the council determines is best for the City as a whole. Whatever you draft you live with until someone repeals it down the road. It is very important to look at all of the considerations because of that.

Ms. Duncan said her big concern on due process is the 300 ft. notification. She expects it to be struck down by council, but if it is not, that is a serious concern. It puts a lot of authority in the hands of one neighbor that may not like you. Right now, all you need is one neighbor within 300 feet that has a lot of control over your life. There is nothing in here that gives an appeal and nothing in here that gives you any recourse for that. Ms. Duncan does think that is a due process issue that the council needs to look at and decide on. However, she does believe that neighbors should have some voice in whether or not they live next door to a pig. You have to weigh it both ways and the council needs to think about that. Councilman Moore stated that was on the list to simply strike the requirement of neighbor approval in order to avoid due process.

Ms. Duncan stated that Councilman Moore mentioned HOA and POA approval. She said if we approve that, it needs to be minutes from a board meeting where the POA or HOA has voted and approved it. It needs to be a formal body acting and not just a letter from one person on the POA or HOA. If that is a requirement that the council puts in, it needs to be through a formal motion of a meeting where they voted and agreed to removing that restriction from their POA and HOA. Councilman Moore stated on the list of suggestions he made under HOA and POA, he had it in writing. Ms. Duncan stated that minutes from a meeting would be the safest way.

Chairman Johnson stated he failed to write down the weight of the pig. Councilman Moore stated 100 pounds. He said he has all of those suggestions in writing that he will submit. Chairman Johnson asked Animal Control Officer Larry Rogers how much the other pig weighed that Animal Control had issues with recently. Mr. Rogers stated the pig weighed 80 pounds.

Chairman Johnson said he is not an advocate for changing an ordinance, but he wants to know if there is a legal way to make an exception without opening up the door for everybody in the world to get a pig when we adopt an ordinance. City Attorney Carol Duncan asked if he was wanting to know if there was a way to make an exception for a current pig owner. Chairman Johnson said yes. Ms. Duncan said no and the reason is two-fold. It is not grandfathering. She has heard a lot of people throw around the term of grandfathering. For instance an example of grandfathering

would be having horses and you were annexed into the city. At the time, you were not doing anything illegal when we brought you into the city limits where our rules are different. Ms. Duncan stated that anyone who currently owns a pig within the city limits is in violation of city code that has been in effect for many, many years. Legally, could you do an amnesty type deal for 30 days for anyone who owns a pig in the city limits to come and register it pursuant to any guidelines we give you and then after that no more pigs. Legally, she thinks you could do that, but then what prevents anyone five years down the road from coming forward and saying well five years ago you did amnesty for 30 days and let everyone keep their pigs and now I want you to do that for me.

Councilman Moore wanted to remind the committee that was the case with Rudy the pig. It was the same issue five or six years ago. We had the same conversations. Ms. Duncan stated that the council voted no on Rudy and didn't change the ordinance and didn't allow Rudy to stay. Councilman Gibson said it was about 8 years ago. Ms. Duncan stated that it is not illegal to create an amnesty situation. From a practical standpoint, she is concerned that if you say you have 30 days to register your pig, that will create exactly what Mr. Rogers is worried about with a bunch of people making a snap decision to suddenly get a pig. While amnesty could help those who currently have a pig, it could also create a problem with people who make a snap decision because they think they only have 30 days to go get a pig and get it registered. Ms. Duncan said her concern is a little different than Mr. Rogers as far as the size of the pig. She stated that there isn't any way to know how much your pig is going to end up weighing when you get it. What we are creating with any weight limit is the situation of what do you do when they surpass that weight limit. They can't legally keep it and the city can't legally adopt it out. It causes her pause because there aren't any quarantees when you get the baby pig, it doesn't look like it will get that big. From a practical standpoint, that causes concern. Councilman McClain asked if there were miniature breeds. Ms. Duncan said no, there is not. Councilman McClain asked if there were specific miniature breeds. Councilman Moore said no. Ms. Duncan stated that even people who have spoken for the pigs have admitted that there is no such thing as an actual miniature pig. They are all cross bred at this point.

Councilman Moore stated that he will submit his recommendations in writing if you will pass them to the City Clerk Donna Jackson. He said he would like them addressed before the committee makes any recommendation to the full council. City Clerk Donna Jackson stated there were comments made about the restrictions on vets and there is no appeal process. She said she thinks someone needs to meet with City Attorney Carol Duncan and get everything in there that is recommended. Otherwise, we are spinning our wheels.

Chairman Johnson said his concern is that if we pass anything on right now, obviously we have got some other issues. Should we address all of these here at this committee before we forward something on? Ms. Duncan stated it was her hope that the last time we would have had this type of discussion and that we would discuss the ordinance and what the council wants to see and have recommendations. She feels that's how a committee should work. Chairman Johnson stated that he agreed with that. He stated his complaint is that he does not have enough time to chair a meeting. The Public Safety meeting is already 15 minutes over for something else. Weather we put this on hold and come back for some more discussion in a committee or whatever we need to do, he just feels like at this point, we still have nothing concrete and we are just shooting from the hip again because there are going to be more things to come up before it goes to full council.

Councilman Moore stated that is why he thought it was important that he submit changes in writing so that they can be addressed and it will limit unproductive talk.

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Chairman Johnson asked if the committee wanted to forward what changes Councilman Moore has introduced and let the full council go over these or do we want to postpone this until our next meeting. Councilman Moore asked that the changes be made and they will address them at the next meeting for review before forwarding them to the full council. Councilman Gibson stated that he would agree with that and if anything comes up from this committee or any of its members that we go ahead and shoot it over to the City Clerk Donna Jackson between now and then.

Councilman Moore said that if the City Attorney Carol Duncan or Animal Control Officer Larry Rogers wants to add to the list that he submitted or make some change, waiting to the next Public Safety Committee meeting gives them 30 days to do so. Councilman Vance asked if the committee or the Mayor could appoint a working committee of 4 or 5 that would take what we've got, what's been recommended, and sit down and spend a couple of hours on it before we come back for our next committee meeting. Chairman Johnson stated he did not have an issue with that. We did a special called meeting at one other point last year so that we would have plenty of time to discuss something. We may want to do that as a committee as a whole.

Councilman Moore stated that he feels perfectly confident on whatever recommendation that the City Attorney and Animal Control make. He feels confident in their judgement. He believes they can make the changes and most of them are of a technical nature, change in definitions, dates and stuff like that. Those are all changes that can be easily made to the ordinance before the next Public Safety meeting.

City Attorney Carol Duncan stated that neither she or Animal Control Officer Larry Rogers have a vote nor do they get to determine the requirements. She said they can make the changes that have been requested by Councilman Moore, but if anyone else wants to weigh in on a different topic, they need to hear from the aldermen because they don't ultimately make those decisions, the aldermen do. Chairman Johnson stated he understood that, but the thing he wants from Ms. Duncan is that they are doing everything legally. His number one concern that has already been clarified was the grandfathered in clause and it was not an option because the pig owners were already in violation of the code.

Ms. Duncan asked for some guidance to move forward on the veterinarian question. Do you want that drafted to say any particular veterinarian or do you want it left open? Chairman Johnson stated he thought it should say any local veterinarian. Councilman Gibson said local veterinarian as well. Ms. Duncan asked if they wanted local to mean within the city limits of Jonesboro or local as in the State of Arkansas. Chairman Johnson said local to mean within the City of Jonesboro. Councilman Vance and Councilwoman Williams stated Craighead County. Councilman Moore stated it should be a licensed veterinarian within Craighead County.

Councilman McClain asked if this was for a dog, are they licensed within the State of Arkansas? Ms. Duncan said that the City doesn't have any requirements for dogs. She said that the State of Arkansas requires dogs to have rabies vaccinations for example from any licensed veterinarian within the State of Arkansas. Councilman McClain stated then it should be any veterinarian licensed within the State. Ms. Duncan stated this is why she wants feedback. Councilman McClain said you are limiting yourself when you say just Craighead County. Councilman Vance stated that it should be just Craighead County. Councilman Moore stated that Craighead County is fine. Councilman Vance said he doesn't think it should be limited to Jonesboro, but he does think it should be Craighead County. Ms. Duncan stated that she will try to draft it in such a way so they can amend it if they so choose to on the Council floor.

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Ms. Duncan said that she understands they are talking about eliminating the neighbor input. She needs guidance on whether they want that eliminated completely because of the due process issue or do they want to see if they can come up with some kind of appeal process which will probably ultimately be appealed to council. Councilman McClain said he wanted to keep the neighbor component in there because as a neighbor of someone who has one, he would want to have that option. Ms. Duncan stated she thinks that you can ask for feedback, but the question is whether or not they have veto power which is the way that it is written right now. Councilman Vance said no veto power, but they should have the option for feedback. It should be required that they are notified within 300 ft. if a new pig or swine is coming to a neighborhood. Councilman Moore said that was his thought too. They should have notification, but under due process they don't have the veto power to decide.

Ms. Duncan asked about property ownership and if it falls under a rental. Who has the feedback right? Would it be the tenant or the owner of the property or both? It is a whole can of worms.

Chairman Johnson asked about the weight restriction. He wanted to know if that was an average of the pigs that are around. Ms. Duncan said she did not have an answer to that. Chairman Johnson wanted to know what the average weight is of a supposed pot-bellied pig, not the average of Jonesboro, but the average of all. Ms. Duncan said there is nothing specific. Chairman Johnson wanted to know if this is going to be something that is manageable for Animal Control. Ms. Duncan said that would be a question for Mr. Rogers because legally you could set the weight limit at 500 pounds or you could set it at a pound. She said there is no legal guidelines on that. Councilman Moore said he thought the 100-pound limit would be about the largest one that a person could pick up and put into the back of a truck.

Chairman Johnson asked what was the desire of the committee. Councilman Moore asked that they have something drafted and brought back to the Public Safety Committee for further review. Councilman Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore to table this ordinance until their next meeting asking the City Attorney and Animal Control Officer to incorporate the changes they have talked about today. All voted aye.

Ms. Dana Barkley, 4404 Lockmoor, came to the podium to speak about her pigs. Her concern is about the weight limit. One of her pigs weighs about 150 pounds and he is a mini-pig. There are mini-pigs and their weights range anywhere from 50 pounds to 150 pounds. They go based on height. You can look up the American Mini-Pig Association. There are dogs that weigh that. Mini-Pig owners do have a tendency to starve them to keep them little so that is her concern if the City sets such a strict weight limit of 100 pounds. Owners may starve their pigs to keep them at smaller weight limits. She thinks they have to be careful with such a strict weight limit because pigs are condensed. In the packet that she provided back last summer, there are pictures of the pigs and their weight versus dogs. Pigs are more compact. She can provide the packet to the new council members. A 150-pound pig compared to a lab or a mastiff is different because the pig is more compact. They are not huge hogs like people think. She thinks the original weight limit of 175 pounds is feasible. Even 150 pounds would be more doable. Her male pig is right around 150 pounds.

Chairman Mitch Johnson stated they were going to come back with changes and discuss it more in depth at the next Public Safety meeting.

City Attorney Carol Duncan asked Ms. Barkley a question. She said that Ms. Barkley referenced the American Mini-Pig Association, but didn't she reference that there was no such thing as a pot-bellied pig and they are all cross bred at this point and there is

no way to determine a breed. Ms. Barkley said there is a pot-bellied pig because they have that big ole fat belly. She said there is no Vietnamese Pot-Bellied Pig. There are just mini-pigs. They are like a Heinz 57 animal. Ms. Duncan stated she thought there would be no way that an Animal Control Officer could determine that pig from another pig if it is the same height. Ms. Barkley asked for clarification. Ms. Duncan asked for distinguishing characteristics. Ms. Barkley said they should be able to tell a mini-pig just like a pot-bellied pig.

Ms. Duncan asked what the requirements are to register a pig with the American Mini-Pig Association. Ms. Barkley said you pay a registration fee and you submit the pig's weight and height. Ms. Duncan asked if other than that, it could be any pig? They don't have any restrictions on it. Ms. Barkley said it wouldn't meet it if they didn't meet the weight and the height and they go more by the height of the pig for the miniature. Ms. Duncan said your new farm pig would be under 22 inches and eventually it will grow.

Ms. Barkley said if you look at Ester. She is a farm pig that is huge. You can look at her on Facebook as a comparison to objects in the house. Ms. Duncan stated that she is concerned with enforcement and she doesn't want an Animal Control Officer to make a judgement call. Ms. Barkley said that would be through an education component. Ms. Duncan said that Animal Control would need a training budget for that.

Chairman Johnson said he wanted to get this information out there so they would have something to ponder and go over before our next meeting.

Mayor Harold Perrin stated that if any aldermen had any questions to submit their questions or concerns to the City Attorney Carol Duncan. You will have to get it down to a law or ordinance that you are going to pass or reject. Councilman Charles Frierson said you have to present it in writing before the council before they can make a decision on it and the assumption cannot be that you agree because you have no response. Mayor Perrin stated if you have anything to put in to submit it.

Chairman Johnson said we have these changes noted and we need to get it in writing where everyone will have an opportunity to look at it. When it comes back to this committee, we will either make changes to it or forward it on to the full council.

Ms. Duncan said if they are going to submit anything else then she needs a deadline set for them to submit it.

A member of the audience stated that he has a mastiff that weighs 200 pounds and he had one in the past that weighed 250 pounds. He stated that mastiff's get very large.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Resolutions To Be Introduced

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RES-16:160

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 313 W. Huntington, Owner William

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County Data
Feild Title Report
Inspection report

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner stated this is the old glass shop on Huntington. He said the front window is broken out. The building is in serious disrepair. We have had it inspected. He has notified Mr. Feild to either do the repairs or get the necessary permits to get the building removed. The only solution he has received back from Mr. Feild is that he put it up for sale on Craigslist.

Councilman Gene Vance asked if this was both of the buildings or the one on the east or the one on the west. Mr. Tyner said that it would be both of the buildings. Councilman Vance abstained from the voting because he owns the property that adjoins this property.

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

Aye: 3 - Chris Gibson; Chris Moore and David McClain

Abstain: 1 - Gene Vance

RES-16:161

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 916 Old Paragould Hwy, Owner: Dennis Gregory.

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916 Paragould County Data

Gregory Title Report inspection report

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner said the house was a burnout and total loss. He sent the notice, but hasn't received any information or notification back from the owner.

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

RES-16:162

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 119 Coleman, Owner: Steve Penebaker.

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119 Coleman County Data

inspection report

Penebaker Title Report

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner said this property is in severe disrepair. There are holes in the roof and rotten fascia around it. The owner of record is listed as living in Lancaster, Ohio and he has still yet to make contact with him. He said he may end up having to do an attorney-at-litem on this.

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

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6. Other Business

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7. Public Comments

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8. Adjournment

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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