



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

City Council

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:30 P.M.

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Councilperson Province gave the invocation.

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

4. Special Presentations

COM-07:004 PROCLAMATION TO THE ROTARY CLUBS OF JONESBORO FOR ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARK

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Formon presented a proclamation to Mr. Sam Hummelstein, Jr. on behalf of the Jonesboro Rotary Clubs for their contribution to the Rotary Centennial Park.

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote.

MIN-07:010 Minutes for City Council meeting on April 17, 2007.

Attachments: [041707](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

RES-07:37 A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUZANNE HACKNEY TO AID IN THE TRANSITION TO A NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: [Suzanne Contract 2007](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

RES-07:38 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF JONESBORO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING THE CATASTROPHIC LEAVE BANK.

Sponsors: Human Resources

Attachments: [CatastrophicLeave](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

RES-07:40 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SSR ELLERS, INC. TO PERFORM VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [SSREllersProfServCont](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

RES-07:43 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Human Resources

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

RES-07:48 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF THE AMENITIES OF ROTARY CENTENNIAL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Public Services Council Committee

Attachments: [Rotary Park Quick Claim Deed](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Jim Hargis, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

6. New Business

RES-07:33 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO CONTRACT WITH B.B. VANCE-A DIVISION OF NABHOLZ CONSTRUCTION-- FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT STATIONS No. 3, No. 7.

Sponsors: Mayor Formon and Fire Department

Attachments: [BB Vance Fire CM](#)

Councilperson Charles Fierson moved, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson for the adoption of the resolution. The motion carried with all members present voting aye with the exception of Councilperson Jim Hargis who voted nay.

Councilperson Charles Frierson moved, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin for

reconsideration of this resolution, resulting in this particular resolution being denied. The motion carried.

ORD-07:09

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2.20.04 ENTITLED PROCEDURES AND PARLIAMENTARY RULES

Sponsors: Nominating and Rules Committee

Councilperson Dover introduced this ordinance.

Councilperson Street moved, seconded by Councilperson Johnson to suspend the rules for the second and third reading by Title Only. The motion carried.

Councilperson Dover moved, seconded by Councilperson Williams for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

ORD-07:10

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELETING THE POSITION OF ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR AND CONVERTING ONE TEMPORARY FULL-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER TO A REGULAR FULL-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WITH THE CUSTOMARY COMPENSATIONS AND BENEFITS FOR THE POSITION

Sponsors: Police Department

Councilperson Harold Perrin introduced this ordinance.

Councilperson Chris Moore moved, seconded by Councilperson Darrel Dover to suspend with the second and third readings by title only. The motion carried.

Councilperson Chris Moore moved, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

Councilperson Chris Moore moved, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin for the adoption of the ordinance. The motion carried.

ORD-07:11

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING BY OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PAWN SHOPS AND PAWNBROKERS DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsors: Police Department

Councilperson Harold Perrin introduced this ordinance for first reading.

Councilperson Harold Perrin moved, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore to suspend with the second and third readings by title only. The motion carried.

Councilperson Johnson moved, seconded by Councilperson Furr for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

ORD-07:13

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AMENDING TITLE 14 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND CREATING AND ADOPTING THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) DISTRICT REGULATIONS

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Planned Districts Code](#)

Councilperson Mitch Johnson introduced this ordinance.

Councilperson Darrel Dover moved, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore to suspend with the second and third readings by title only. The motion carried.

Councilperson Harold Perrin moved, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances on Third Reading

ORD-07:03 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AS REQUESTED BY DENNIS JOHN BURKS

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPCReport](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

ORD-07:04 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AS REQUESTED BY FLOYD WALKER

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPCReport](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson John Street, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

8. Mayor's Reports

RES-07:114 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO CONTRACT WITH B.B. VANCE, A DIVISION OF NABHOLZ CONSTRUCTION FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FIRE STATIONS 3 AND 7 AND FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER

Councilperson Frierson moved, seconded by Councilperson Perrin to suspend the rules placing this resolution on the agenda. The motion carried.

No contract was provided at the time this resolution was adopted. It was requested a contact be provided.

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Perrin questioned the status of the Mater Drainage Study. It was explained

that City Engineer Kelly Panneck would provide an update for May 15th, 2007 City Council meeting.

Councilperson Williams asked about the Capital Improvements priority list with regard to the widening of North Patrick. Mayor Formon stated they were looking at it with the consideration of expanding the work.

Councilperson Moore commended Councilperson Perrin for saving the City of Jonesboro approximately \$29,000 in the negotiations of the Animal Shelter and Fire Stations 3 and 7.

Councilman Hargis questioned the status of drainage improvements for north French, Windover, Bradley Street and behind Kohl's. The matter was referred to Mr. Eric Woodruff, Public Works Director who explained these matters had been entered into a software system and would be followed up on in writing. He further explained many of the drainage issues were due to neglect by citizens who were throwing grass clippings into the ditches. He requested Councilman Hargis send him a detailed email with names, addresses, and phone numbers so he could respond properly. Councilman Hargis also requested a comparison to other cities with regard to the Street Department budgets and Turn Back funds. This matter was referred to the Finance Department.

Referring to a letter to the editor, Councilperson Tim McCall explained even though the City Council may differ in their opinions and may not always vote the way different people think they should, the City Council does have the best interest of the City at heart. He stated he was proud to serve with everyone on the Council.

Councilperson Judy Furr concurred with Councilman McCall stating she and other city council members receive numerous calls from citizens with various problems, and have a responsibility to respond to those calls. She commended the efforts of Councilperson Jim Hargis and Mr. Gene Vance regarding the new animal shelter. Mayor Formon stated even though they have had some problems with a new customer service software they were working on those problems and encouraged council members to forward the phone number of those complaints to his staff so they may be entered into the system and responded to.

Referring to a recent KAIT news story, Mayor Formon stated it was implied that the Mayor's Office and the City Council could not get along. He stated it was important that everyone on the Council question what is being done and not be a "rubber stamp".

Councilman Street asked that the city right of ways be maintained, stating we need to do a better job. Mayor Formon stated that was a shared responsibility of the Street and Parks Departments. Councilman Street reminded Mayor Formon of two vacancies on the Airport Commission as of April 1, 2007. Mayor Formon stated due to other responsibilities he has not made those recommendations, but they were in good standing until reappointed.

10. Public Comment

Mr. Don Ray, Finance Director addressing Councilman Hargis stated audit reports of other cities may be accessed through the Legislative website. He also announced a meeting for May 9, 2007 at 5:10 p.m. for non-uniform employees regarding APERS.

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Councilperson Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilperson Tim McCall, that this matter be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED