



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, May 7, 2019

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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### PUBLIC WORKS 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** 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

*Councilmember Gene Vance said I would like to request that RES-19:037 be pulled from the consent agenda. Councilmember John Street motioned to adopt the rest of the consent agenda if there were no changes or other comments, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson. All voted aye.*

#### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

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

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

[MIN-19:037](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 16, 2019

**Attachments:** [CC Minutes 04162019.pdf](#)

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

[RES-19:034](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS

AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

**Sponsors:** Grants

**Attachments:** [Aggie Rd Proposed Trail](#)  
[Public Comments-032719](#)  
[Estimated 2019 TAP ASU Link University Heights Phase](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-046-2019

[RES-19:035](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO CERTIFY FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (JET)

**Sponsors:** JETS

**Attachments:** [2019 C A Signature](#)  
[2019 Certs Assurances](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-047-2019

[RES-19:047](#)

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FORREST OFFICE MACHINES TO SERVICE AND PROVIDE TONER FOR THE CITY'S COPIERS AND PRINTERS

**Sponsors:** Information Systems

**Attachments:** [Forrest Scan\\_20190417\\_144642.pdf](#)  
[City of Jonesboro Maintenance.pdf](#)  
[CITY OF JONESBORO LETTER.doc](#)  
[Jonesboro.docx](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-048-2019

[RES-19:048](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH JONESBORO JETS, INC.

**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

**Attachments:** [2019 JETS SWIM](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-049-2019

[RES-19:050](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CRAIGHEAD COUNTY JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

**Attachments:** [Public Service Contract COJ and Public Library.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-050-2019

[RES-19:054](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE STATE AID STREET MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY PROJECT: JONESBORO C.W. POST ROAD OVERLAY

**Sponsors:** Engineering and Mayor's Office

**Attachments:** [ArDOT Job C16008 - CW Post Road Overlay.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-051-2019

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

*City Attorney Carol Duncan said we have two resolutions that have been pulled from the consent agenda. I'm just questioning why it says resolutions pulled from the consent agenda and then has two resolutions listed. City Clerk Donna Jackson said they probably put that up there and that was something that was pulled at a later date. Ms. Duncan said I was just double-checking to make sure that wasn't something that we needed to deal with separately.*

*Councilmember David McClain said for clarification, are we going over these or not? I don't think they were in the consent agenda. Councilmember Joe Hafner said we voted on that. Councilmember Bobby Long said RES-19:033 and RES-19:049 were not on the consent agenda. Mayor Harold Perrin said let me clarify this, on resolutions pulled from the consent agenda, we only pulled one. City Clerk Donna Jackson said all of these were approved except for the exception, which was RES-19:037. Councilmember Long said but that's not how the agenda reads. Councilmember McClain said that's why I'm confused, too. Councilmember Long said you have the consent agenda and we pulled the first one, which was RES-19:037, but then you have resolutions pulled from the consent agenda and there are two listed so those were not a part of the original consent agenda. Mayor Perrin said under where it says resolutions pulled from the consent agenda there are two resolutions and I'm not for sure if one of those was not on the consent agenda and it was pulled. Was it pulled? Engineering Director Craig Light said RES-19:033 and RES-19:049 cover the same thing and RES-19:033 needs to be tabled indefinitely. Ms. Duncan said right. That's why I think they were pulled and not on the agenda. Mayor Perrin said we'll have to vote on each one of those individually.*

### **RESOLUTIONS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

[RES-19:033](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT) FOR THE FY 2018 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)-

CRAIGHEAD FOREST GREENWAY TRAIL PHASE 4.

**Sponsors:** Grants

**Attachments:** [ARDot agreement only-CFP trail phase 4](#)

*Ms. Duncan said my understanding is that this resolution is combined into the next resolution. Is that correct? Councilmember Long said yes, but this one needs to be tabled.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

[RES-19:037](#)

A RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF PRIVILEGE LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE FOR SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

**Sponsors:** Finance

*Councilmember Joe Hafner said I would like to make some comments. I believe City Attorney Carol Duncan needs to read it first. This was on the agenda at last week's Finance and Administration Committee meeting and I just wanted to clarify a few comments made at that meeting and provide the City Council with some additional information. Obviously, this short-term privilege license is something new and I probably didn't do my homework as good as I normally do before the meeting last week. One of the things that came out of that meeting is that I made a comment about apartment complexes for long-term rentals and how good of a deal they had because they don't pay sanitation fees. That wasn't meant as a scare tactic or anything like that, because as everybody knows, residences in Jonesboro don't pay sanitation fees. That's the way it was voted on in 2000 and it was just merely me making observation that that's something that they enjoy here. All of the residences enjoy it. In just about all other cities, except North Little Rock, this would be an expense that the business or complex has to pay. I had no intention of meaning that I was going to propose a sanitation fee or anything like that because that's out of the realm of what we can do up here and if that ever came up, that's something that would have to go back to the people. I just wanted to clarify that I wasn't trying to say that residences needed to start paying fees or anything like that. It was just an observation.*

*The second thing I mentioned was if long-term rentals should pay a privilege tax or not. What I found since then is that in several instances people who have LLCs, property management LLCs, etc. are probably already paying in some form or another for a privilege license. This probably drives some people crazy, but I went and looked at six different cities across Arkansas just to see how they handled short-term rentals or residential rentals. The cities I looked at included North Little Rock, Conway, Little Rock, Springdale, Fayetteville, and Fort Smith. I had no rhyme or reason why I picked these cities, but they were just larger cities. I found that Conway and Springdale do not charge for business license for residential rentals. Conway may not even charge for a business license for anybody. Fayetteville and Fort Smith have small flat fees. Fayetteville's fee is \$50 per year and Fort Smith is \$100 per year, regardless of the number of units the entity has. North Little Rock and Little Rock charge in the neighborhood of \$6 to \$7 for the first 100 units and in the neighborhood of \$3 for each*

*additional unit over that. North Little Rock was the only one that kind of broke out Airbnb separately and it's a \$35 base fee. So, I'm not proposing that we do anything with long-term rentals right now. I think if that is something that ever came up it would take a lot more research to see how it's actually being done right now and who's paying what for their entities. Sometimes I feel like as the Finance Chair that it's kind of my duty to research some of this stuff and ask the questions, especially if we keep doing things we've always done then we'll never change anything. I like to ask the questions and do the research so I know kind of how things are looking. When I came back to RES-19:037, obviously this is something that we need to set a privilege license for because of how ORD-18:081 is set up. When I look at these fees per unit, in light of the information I found, I find that these fees per unit are pretty high and I feel like we're making this a little more complicated than it needs to be. I make a motion to amend RES-19-037 where it says "now therefore be it resolved by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, that the following fee schedule is hereby adopted," that the structure type and per unit cost be removed and we just change it to \$50 per entity regardless of the number of units. Councilmember Street seconded the motion.*

*Councilmember Bobby Long said I have a question. From my understanding, if you have a company and an LLC that has a business over here doing one thing, they own a few Airbnbs, and they have a privilege license already because they are doing business in Arkansas, then that privilege license they currently hold would also move over and cover their Airbnb, as well? Councilmember Hafner said I think it depends on how the entity is set up, such as if it's set up where it's operating different kinds of businesses under one LLC. A lot of times when it comes to these entities, their business specific. That's why when you do a tax return you have to put your business code in there if you're a sanitation company, residential rental, or an attorney. I don't think you can just have one entity that covers everything you do. Ms. Duncan might be able to provide a little more expertise on that because I'm just an accountant. I'm not an attorney. Councilmember Long said well, if I have an LLC, own an apartment complex, and I want to get into the Airbnbs and I go ahead and do it then it would cover them both. Ms. Duncan said right.*

*Councilmember Vance said I think we're making a very big change in this and I'd like to make a motion to postpone temporarily ORD-19:037 and send it back to the Finance Committee to bring forward a clean resolution, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Gene Vance, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be referred back to the Finance & Administration Council Committee . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

[RES-19:049](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A new AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION(ARDOT) for THE FY 2017 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) grant to modify the original agreement to increase funds FOR the ASTATE Link trail.

**Sponsors:** Grants

**Attachments:** [Letter to Harold Perrin Jonesboro Job 100971 Combined with TAP funds for](#)

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

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-052-2019

### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-19:019](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62-40 AND 62-41 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE DEFINITIONS TO INCLUDE AND SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS RENTALS AND LEVYING A TAX UPON SAID RENTALS

**Sponsors:** Finance

*Councilmember John Street motioned to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:019 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner. All voted aye.*

*Mayor Harold Perrin said the City Collector's office will be responsible for this and we do have a list of a lot of those now and they have already advertised, I think, on the website. We'll start working on this once it's approved at the third reading.*

**Held at one reading**

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-19:018](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR 1812 PIZZA COMPANY.

**Attachments:** [Application 1812 Pizza.pdf](#)

**Held at second reading**

[ORD-19:020](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4801 EAST PARKER ROAD FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO IC-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AS REQUESTED BY RIDGE SURVEYING ON BEHALF OF RUTH CAUBBLE

**Attachments:** [19151 plat.pdf](#)  
[Application.pdf](#)  
[Staff Summary - Council.pdf](#)  
[Zoning Plat.pdf](#)

**Held at second reading**

*ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING*

[ORD-19:015](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR 1108 INVESTMENTS, DBA EMBASSY SUITES OF JONESBORO

**Attachments:**     [Application.pdf](#)  
                                  [Members.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-028-2019

[ORD-19:016](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR JLH HOLDINGS, DBA HOULIHAN'S OF JONESBORO

**Attachments:**     [Application.pdf](#)  
                                  [Members.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-029-2019

[ORD-19:017](#)

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 I-1, LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO C-1, DOWNTOWN CORE DISTRICT LIMITED USE OVERLAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 304,310,312,316,318 CATE AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY INDIA OLSON OF EDG ON BEHALF OF TED HERGET OF MATH INVESTMENTS

**Attachments:** [Staff Summary - Council -.pdf](#)  
[18263 REZONING PLAT - ALL LAYERS.pdf](#)  
[Application.pdf](#)  
[Boundary Survey Plat.pdf](#)  
[Boundary Survey.pdf](#)  
[Rezoning Replat.pdf](#)  
[Site Plan.pdf](#)  
[Cate Street - Opposition 04022019.pdf](#)  
[Cate Opposition Letter signed](#)

*Mr. Patro Stevenson, 521 Cate Street, said I'm with Stevenson Furniture and I'm speaking on behalf of Mr. Kenneth Miles, who is a resident in the Cate Street area, and myself. The problem that we have is according to the site plan it shows that this is only about 50 feet from Mr. Miles' home, and we also heard that there was an intention of a restaurant and alcohol use in the restaurant. That was our basic concern and we wanted to see if we could get any clear information on whether that is the case or not. We appeared at the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, MAPC, meeting and Mr. Ted Herget made the remark that that was not his intention at this time. So, we're concerned about if that is truly his intention or not his intention, at this time. We weren't going to bypass the opportunity to make our concerns known.*

*Mayor Harold Perrin said I think the clarity you want is about the 50 feet. City Attorney Carol Duncan said he can ask about the 50 feet, but as a legal question you're not really allowed to ask about what business they intend to put on a commercial property. He can voluntarily tell you, but the City Council can't ask. Mr. Ted Herget said I'm just building apartments right there and under the current zoning, I can put a restaurant or whatever I want to there. The difference between C-1 LUO or I-2 doesn't make a difference. The C-1 LUO gives me the ability to put the apartments on the first floor so we can do the handicap parking, but it has nothing to do with the restaurant. Mr. Stevenson said our concern is the alcohol. You said that was not your intention right now, but maybe down the road. Mr. Herget said I'm just trying to get these apartments built. I don't have any plans at the moment for the restaurant or alcohol. It looks like we'll have another hearing for that, if that's the case. I think that's a different discussion. Mayor Perrin said Mr. Herget would have to submit a site plan and everything so you would still have another chance to speak in opposition.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Joe Hafner, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-030-2019

## **8. MAYOR'S REPORTS**

*Mayor Harold Perrin said I have just a few things to cover with you. First, last month's sales tax was up in April about 7.50% as compared to 2018, and that is on the cash flow. The budget was 5.89% above 2018.*

*I received a letter from Apex Tool Group. This is the Delta Toolbox Company and they*



are going to exercise their right to purchase that building. This was on an industrial revenue bond, so the closing date is set for June 11, 2019. We'll be working with Jacob Fair, who is with Wright, Lindsey and Jennings law firm in Little Rock, Arkansas. I just wanted to give you an update on that.

Last month, in my opinion, our building permits were good for the season we had. Residential was \$33.8 million and commercial was \$12 million for a total of right at \$15.5 million for just one month. Residential represented 32% and commercial was about 78%.

The Arkansas Municipal League conference will be June 12 through 14 in Little Rock, Arkansas. I would certainly like to invite you to be there if you can. I know sometimes with your business you can't get away, but it will be my pleasure this year to be inducted as President of the state league. If you have a chance to come, I'd appreciate it.

In the sanitation department budget, there was one vehicle in there and we pulled that out, but obviously we're going to have to put it back in because we've had so much downtime that we are getting totally behind on some of the trimmings, grass and those bags around town. Interim Chief of Staff Roy Ockert has been talking with Sanitation Department Supervisor Cindy Schweitzer and Sanitation Director Donnie Gibson and I'll be taking that to the Finance and Administration Committee at the next meeting. It will be around \$168,000 for the truck, which will take care of the yard waste and things that we're behind on. So, just be looking for that.

Communications Director Bill Campbell looked at the number of Facebook followers for the City of Jonesboro and it's now at an all-time high of 16,011, and more importantly, since we started putting Facebook live recordings out there, we've had over 10,113 viewers. That's unbelievable. People are interested in what we do. Those numbers do not include any of the shows on Channel 24. So, I just wanted to share that with you.

## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Bobby Long said over the past several weeks or couple months, I have had several people throughout the city, from all over the city, call me concerning what they need to do, how they would go about, or who they need to contact concerning huge potholes that they have in their streets. I have seen a lot of people taking pictures of the potholes and sharing them on Facebook. There was one down by my house that I actually went and took a picture of and someone's truck had bottomed-out on it. The Street Department has been really good. I would go out there, take pictures of it, and send it off then within a couple of days, they have it fixed. So, I appreciate that tremendously. I think it would be good for us to go over the process for what people can do if they have something like that in their street. When it starts raining, those fill up with water where you can't see them then it will bottom you out and tear your car up. Mayor Harold Perrin said first, I think it's still on our website and I might have to be corrected by Mr. Bill Campbell, but, again, they can do what you said such as take a picture and send that to the website, and we will pick that up each day and do that. We also talked about that in our department head meeting on Monday, and I've asked sanitation and those who actually cover the entire city to look at that and anything they see to send that to my office and we'll get it over to the Street Department, immediately. Councilmember Long said I think that's a great idea.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said this weekend, May 11, we're going to have

*the cleanup in north Jonesboro and hopefully, everybody can come out. We had also planned to do a bicycle training on June 1, but we've had to change that date so there will be another day that I'll probably come back to the City Council and the community. If anyone can come out this weekend, we'll be meeting at the Fisher United Methodist Church to, hopefully, clean up the neighborhood.*

[RES-19:051](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GILLIS, INC. FOR THE BOWLING LANE AND HILL DRIVE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (2019:21)

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**Attachments:** [Bid Tab](#)  
[Contract Documents 2019 21](#)

*Councilmember John Street said at the Public Works Committee meeting earlier this evening, we voted to send RES-19:051 to full council. The weather has put this project behind, so I would motion that we suspend the rules and place RES-19:051 on tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilmember Gene Vance. All voted aye.*

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

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-053-2019

[RES-19:056](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

*Councilmember Chris Gibson said the Nominating and Rules Committee met this evening and I'd like to suspend the rules and walk RES-19:056 onto tonight's agenda, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams. All voted aye.*

*Councilmember Gibson said the only other thing I have is that the Nominating and Rules Committee also needs to meet again next Tuesday, May 14. I will defer to the City Clerk for a time. I have already sent an e-mail notifying her, but this meeting is being held to address appointments to the Board of Zoning and Adjustments.*

**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:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-054-2019

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Mr. Andy Davis, 1700 Dupwe Drive, said I had e-mailed each of you on Monday and I also e-mailed the City Clerk. I'm not going to read the e-mail word for word, but I had wanted to talk to you about Dupwe Drive and my concerns with motorists speeding down the street. I have heard from quite a few of you and I do appreciate you reaching back out to me. Talking with my neighbors while walking through my neighborhood or on a site called Nextdoor.com, which is a social site for neighborhoods, several of us have concerns about the speeds. The other day, I was out in my driveway, it had been raining and water had pooled up in front of the driveway on the duplexes across the street from me. I would watch vehicle after vehicle go by, hit that water, that water would go higher than the vehicle, and almost hit the front door of the duplexes across the street. That's not people going 20 miles per hour. This has been a real concern of mine. Every once in a while, I see police officers patrolling that area, but I don't feel like it's been done enough. The last time I have seen the police out patrolling has been a least a couple of months ago, and I have nothing but the utmost respect for the police department. Whenever I see them, I tell them that I appreciate them being out there, but we have to do something about this neighborhood. I have three intersections. One has a four-way stop and the other two have a two-way stop. I don't know how feasible it is to make those four-way stops, but having something like that would slow the traffic down somewhat going down that street, or having a police presence there about twice a week and writing meaningful citations for speeding. We have a lot of small children in that neighborhood and there is potential for them to get hurt. While I was talking to one of my neighbors this past Sunday, we watched four children walking dogs on that road and we watched vehicles go by doing way more than 20 miles per hour. I don't have a speed gun, but I know when a vehicle is speeding. I wanted to take the time and talk to you all today. I don't know what the solution is, but I wanted you to be aware of this. I have spoken to you all before about this situation. I have neighbors on Smoot and Overhill, and they experience the same things. Probably not to the extent that I do because Dupwe connects to the I-555 bypass, but it's a serious situation and my neighbors and I really need something to be done and we want to be heard about this. I want to thank you all for your time tonight.*

*Mayor Perrin said I got your e-mail and I apologize. Mine has been down on the phone yesterday, and I responded. We have Public Safety within the administration that can take a look at what you're talking about. You mentioned, basically, three things in that e-mail. One is a four-way stop and the other is a two-way stop. The first question is should we go to all three four-way stops. The second thing is the speeding and, obviously, if you did the first then that might curtail the speeding. The other thing you mentioned, which I was going to send the engineering department out to look at, is the sidewalks. I was going to go by there tomorrow and take a look at those. If they're in that type of condition with as much traffic and children that you have in that community, then we'll need to put that on our list and move that up this year because we make a list of all overlays and all sidewalks. I was going to send that to engineering tomorrow then go over there and take a look at it. Mr. Davis said the one thing about those sidewalks is that some are disjointed and they stop just all of a sudden, and I admit that even at my house, there is no sidewalk, but I'm more than willing to have a sidewalk in front of my house. Then, parts of the sidewalks are in such terrible condition. Mayor Perrin said we'll look at them on both sides on Dupwe. Mr. Davis said like I said, I appreciate each and every one of you and I appreciate you all reading the e-mail and taking time today.*

*Councilmember Bobby Long said I've had several calls, also, about people speeding*

down residential neighborhoods and things like that. Sometimes they ask if there is a way to put in a speed bump, and then I ask about rumble strips. I'm really not for sure how much of a deterrent those are, but if they are, I think that would be better than nothing. It would slow them down because people even speed down my street. I don't know if rumble strips are the answer or speed bumps, or what we can or can't do, but I think that's a concern, not only on Dupwe, but I think it's a concern with many other neighborhoods in the area, as well.

Mayor Perrin said we have looked at two or three things. I'm not an engineer, but one is the speed bump, which is curved, and the other comes up flat then goes back down. We did do one of those, I think, in the Melton Addition and I think those people kicked in and paid for some of the price of that. We also looked at buying new ones that would go across there that could be put down and then moved from time to time, but when you do, you're going to have to redo that overlay because you really have to put them down hard and heavy. Those are around \$6,000 to \$8,000 each. That's something we can look at and we have looked at it. The Jonesboro Police Department has a trailer. I know Police Chief Rick Elliott has one we can put the radar there that does help to move it around from time to time. We've done that particularly around school districts. Before school starts, he tries to hit every one of the schools. If you have a certain area of town or whatever, let Chief Elliott or me know and we'd gladly put the trailer up there. It is a deterrent. I know we've done it at Central Baptist Church on that road.

Councilmember Gene Vance said I think the trailer set out there not long after we got the trailer and I don't think it slowed them down to be honest with you. What he's saying is exactly right. I travel that street and it's difficult to get below 25 miles per hour. I was going there just a couple of days ago at 23 or 24 miles per hour and I had three cars come running up on my back, and that was right after I got through the stop sign. They just accelerate after they go through that stop sign. Mayor Perrin asked Councilmember Vance if he was talking about Dupwe. Councilmember Vance said yes, Dupwe. Mayor Perrin said it's a connector all the way from Nettleton to I-555. Councilmember Vance said it definitely is a connector street. Councilmember Long said there's several others throughout Jonesboro just like that. What about the rumble strips? I know that if you're driving 35 to 40 miles per hour and you hit that patch of rumble, it'll slow you down. Mayor Perrin said we can look at it. I am going to send that to the committee because, again, what you have there is professional people. You have the police department, traffic engineer and all those people to take a look at that.

Councilmember Johnson said the one you discussed on Melton seems to be effective and I've seen that in other cities. Could we find out what the average cost of that would be? That could be something that we might want to incorporate. Mayor Perrin said sure. It's probably about \$6,000 by the time you get it done, but I will check on it and I'll have City Engineer Craig Light to check with Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols and we'll go back and pull that one that was done in the Melton Addition. That one is working. You will slow down on that one.

Councilmember Vance asked what the cost was for the type where they dig into the existing asphalt. There is one at Jefferson and Flint, coming east. I believe there is one there that a previous street superintendent put in. Is that cost effective? Mayor Perrin said I'd have to look at that and see. I don't know which one you're talking about. You said Jefferson? Councilmember Vance said it's a warning for the stop sign at Flint Street. It's a rumble strip, but it's a reverse rumble strip. Mr. Light said it was building overlaid a couple of years ago so I don't believe those exist anymore. Councilmember Vance said they do, but they're about half as high as they used to be.

*Mayor Perrin said we'll check on that. I'll send you all a report in a week and we'll get with Mr. Nichols and I'll send you a picture and a cost of what I just talked about, including buying those that you have to install, the ones that are cut out, and then the one built in the Melton Addition.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Harold Perrin, Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donna Jackson, City Clerk**