



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Services Council Committee

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

4:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 6 - Chris Gibson;LJ Bryant;Joe Hafner;Ann Williams;Brian Emison and Janice Porter

Absent 1 - Anthony Coleman

3. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-26:013](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPORTS TOURISM COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, AND DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [ORD-95-645 originally numbered 2607.pdf](#)

Chairman Chris Gibson said, before we move forward, I want to entertain the opportunity to hear from anyone that has questions, but first and foremost I want to make one point very clear, that this is not... I've heard several times that this is an attempt for a takeover. I've met with the other committee that is a Parks advisory Committee. I've made it very clear to them this is not a hostile takeover. This is just to enhance what we provide to the city of Jonesboro.

Chairman Chris Gibson said, Jim I saw that you might have a question about something early in the reading. Parks Director Jim Stearns approached the podium and said, I just thought originally it was going to be a Sports Tourism Committee. I just was looking at the wording, and it just caught me off guard. Chairman Chris Gibson said, ok. Thank you.

Chairman Chris Gibson said, I would like to entertain a motion to go ahead and walk that on tonight.

Councilmember Ann Williams motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to walk onto tonight's City Council agenda, ORD-26:013. All voted aye.

Chairman Chris Gibson said, so we will walk that on to the agenda tonight. City

Attorney Carol Duncan said, so it'll be on it's first reading? Chairman Chris Gibson said, that's correct.

Councilmember Ann Williams said, I did want to bring up something if that's alright. There was some questions raised at the Finance Committee about the Shooting Complex, and in response to some questions that David McClain had and then to FOIA request there will be some information presented to the Finance Committee, I understand after talking to Steve Purtee. The information will be presented at the next Finance Committee meeting, and I think Steve will be there as will Jim Stearns. And I have received that information as well and have just begun looking over it today. I just wanted to let everyone be aware of that fact. Chairman Chris Gibson said, thank you.

A motion was made by Joe Hafner, seconded by LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - LJ Bryant;Joe Hafner;Ann Williams;Brian Emison and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman

4. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by Joe Hafner, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - LJ Bryant;Joe Hafner;Ann Williams;Brian Emison and Janice Porter

Absent: 1 - Anthony Coleman