



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, August 18, 2015

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

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### PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:20 P.M.

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*Regarding the abandonment of a portion of an existing drainage easement east of the property line of Lot 1 of the Village at Sage Meadows Phase II Minor Plat as requested by David Onstead*

*No one spoke in opposition to the abandonment.*

### 1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

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### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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### 3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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**Present** 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent** 1 - Charles Coleman

### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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*Mayor Perrin announced Officer Eric Johnson was named Officer of the Year by the Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police. He commended Officer Johnson for assisting a female assault victim while he was off duty.*

**COM-15:049**

Presentation by Jason Franken of Foster & Foster Actuaries and Consultants to discuss the January 1, 2015, non-uniform pension plan actuarial valuation

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**Sponsors:** Finance

**Attachments:** [Actuarial Valuation](#)

*Mr. Franken noted the plan is frozen, so no new benefits are being accrued. All benefits that will be paid out have already been earned. The plan has more assets than liabilities, but the investment return did not meet up to the expected 7.5%. The plan only earned a 4.6% return, which will take away from the cushion the plan currently has. Mr. Franken added no additional contributions are required at this point and they do not anticipate any contributions in the near future.*

*Councilman Dover noted the plan investments are 53% in stocks and 47% in fixed. He asked who made that decision. Mr. Franken stated the actuary makes that decision. It's a conjunctive decision between the financial consultants and the city.*

**This item was Read.**

**COM-15:054** Proclamation by Mayor Perrin for Pedestrian Awareness Day

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**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

*Councilman Street asked for RES-15:128 be removed from the consent agenda.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of RES-15:128. The motioned PASSED**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

**MIN-15:076** Minutes for the City Council meeting on August 4, 2015

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**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

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

**RES-15:110** A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NETTLETON LODGE NO 657

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**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

**Attachments:**     [Lease agreement](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-105-2015

**RES-15:113**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH CITY YOUTH MINISTRIES

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**Sponsors:**     Grants

**Attachments:**     [City of Ministries Contract.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-106-2015

**RES-15:115**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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**Sponsors:**     Grants

**Attachments:**     [Habitat Contract.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-107-2015

**RES-15:116**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH HISPANIC COMMUNITY SERVICES INC

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**Sponsors:**     Grants

**Attachments:**     [HCSI Contract.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-108-2015

**RES-15:117**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH LIFE SKILLS CENTER INC

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**Sponsors:**     Grants

**Attachments:** [LSC Contract.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-109-2015

**RES-15:118**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH NEW LIFE EMPOWERMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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**Sponsors:** Grants

**Attachments:** [NLEDC Contract.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-110-2015

**RES-15:119**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE FOUNDATION OF ARTS

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**Sponsors:** Grants

**Attachments:** [FOA contract.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-111-2015

**RES-15:120**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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**Sponsors:** Grants

**Attachments:** [West End Contract.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-112-2015

**RES-15:121**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH JONESBORO NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

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**Sponsors:** Grants

**Attachments:** [NJNI Contract.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-113-2015

**RES-15:122**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH 1ST SECURITY BANK, INTRUST, N.A. AND NESTEGG CONSULTING INC, TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO NON UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES 401 (a) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND 457 (b) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

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**Sponsors:** Finance and Human Resources

**Attachments:** [City of Jonesboro 401\(a\) DCP - Cycle E 2 Restatement \(2\)](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-114-2015

**RES-15:123**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH 1ST SECURITY BANK, INTRUST, N.A. AND NESTEGG CONSULTING INC, TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO NON UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES 401 (a) DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND 457 (b) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST

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**Sponsors:** Finance and Human Resources

**Attachments:** [Amendment One to COJ 457\(b\) Plan](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-115-2015

**RES-15:126**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE FY 2015 CDBG ACTION PLAN

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**Sponsors:** Grants

**Attachments:** [FINAL submitted action plan 2015.pdf](#)  
[CDBG Agreement 2015.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-116-2015

**RES-15:127**

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY FOR EXCLUSIVE POURING RIGHTS AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

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**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

**Attachments:** [Southside Softball Complex Pepsi Contract.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-117-2015

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

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**RES-15:128**

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PEPSI BEVERAGES COMPANY FOR EXCLUSIVE POURING RIGHTS AT JONESBORO MIRACLE LEAGUE PARK

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**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

**Attachments:** [Jonesboro Miracle League Park Pepsi Contract.pdf](#)

*Councilman Street asked that the resolution be held temporarily to allow for further negotiation of the contract.*

**A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily . The motion PASSED with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

*ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING*

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**ORD-15:035**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 117-139, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS OF CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, WITHIN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, MODIFYING THE PERMITTED USE TABLE AS IT RELATES TO HOTEL USES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING INCONSISTENCIES IN THE ORDINANCES, ELIMINATING NON-CONFORMANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR CLARITY OF THE PERMITTED USES WITHIN THE C-2 DISTRICT

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**Sponsors:** Planning

**Attachments:** [MAPC Memo](#)  
[Sec. 117 139 Code Language](#)  
[Zoning MAP/Hotel Corridor Defined](#)

*Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

*City Planner Otis Spriggs discussed the ordinance. They are requesting a change to the Code of Ordinances where it applies to hotels. In the hotel district near Highway 63, they found some of the hotels are in C-2 designated areas. But, in the current zoning code hotels are not allowed in the C-2 district. Mr. Spriggs explained this ordinance would allow hotels to be in C-2 districts, but only by conditional use designation. This means the conditional use would have to be approved by the MAPC with everyone within 200 feet being notified and a public hearing be held with notifications to the public as well.*

*Mr. Spriggs further explained there were questions at the MAPC level as to whether or not this was the best way to take care of the problem. But, staff feels this is the best way to clean up the ordinances.*

*Councilman Dover asked if there are a lot of other properties with the C-2 zoning. Mr. Spriggs stated there are some downtown and a few in the Nettleton area, with a few more around Fowler Drive. He added there is no urgency with the ordinance, so it can be done in three separate readings if the Council would like.*

*Councilman Street asked that the ordinance be read at three separate times.*

**This ordinance was Held at one reading.**

**ORD-15:041**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.875%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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**Sponsors:** Finance

*Mayor Perrin presented information regarding the proposed sales tax (see presentation attached to ordinance file). He noted there will be several public meetings regarding the sales tax. He also asked that the Council read the ordinances at three separate readings.*

*Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

**A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Held at one reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

**ORD-15:042**

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A CITY-WIDE SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.875%) SALES AND USE TAX; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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**Sponsors:** Finance

*Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Held at one reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

**ORD-15:043**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.125%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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**Sponsors:** Finance

*Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

**A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Held at one reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

**ORD-15:044**

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A CITY-WIDE ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.125%) SALES AND USE TAX; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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**Sponsors:** Finance

*Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

**A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Held at one reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

**ORD-15:045**

ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON AN UNIMPROVED TWENTY (20') FEET TO TWENTY FIVE (25') FEET WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF HIGHWAY 351, SOUTH OF MACEDONIA ROAD AS REQUESTED BY DAVID ONSTEAD

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**Attachments:** [Plat](#)  
[Utility Letters](#)  
[Petition](#)  
[Engineering & Planning Dept. Letter](#)

*Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

*Councilman Street asked if there have been any objections to the abandonment. City Planner Otis Spriggs answered no, not to his knowledge.*

**A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

**ORD-15:046**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 TO CR-1 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 908 OAKDALE STREET AS REQUESTED BY TOM BROWN

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**Attachments:** [Plat](#)  
[MAPC Report](#)

*Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

*Councilman Street questioned whether there were any objections to the rezoning. Mr. Spriggs answered no.*

**A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

**ORD-15:047**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 AND C-3 LUO TO PD-C FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON HILL PARK DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY HAAG BROWN

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**Attachments:** [Plat](#)  
[MAPC Report](#)

*Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

**A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

### RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

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#### **RES-15:103**

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at: 728 W Huntington, Owner: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage / 1 Home Campus, Des Moines, IA 50328

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**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [728 Huntington](#)  
[County Data 728](#)  
[Inspection Report 728](#)

*City Attorney Carol Duncan noted the title of the resolution should read West Huntington, not East Huntington.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-118-2015

#### **RES-15:104**

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at: 1110 Belt St, Owner Judy Shelton

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**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [1110 Belt](#)  
[County Data 1110](#)  
[Inspection Report](#)

*Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner noted the property owners have already removed what they wanted from the property, so condemnation can proceed.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-119-2015

**RES-15:105**

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 924 Haltom St, Owners Wayne & Mary McMorris (Deceased) Hiers Donna Malone & Ricky McMorris

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**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [924 Haltom](#)  
[County Data](#)  
[Inspection Report](#)

**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:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-120-2015

**RES-15:125**

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A 15 FOOT DRAINAGE EASEMENT LYING IN THE REAR PORTION OF LOT 36R OF POOL'S REPLAT OF LOTS 35R THROUGH 39R OF COPELAND'S REPLAT OF LOTS 2-10 THROUGH LOTS 27-50 SAGE MEADOWS PHASE 2-C AS REQUESTED BY JAMES MEAD

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**Attachments:** [Plat](#)  
[Utility Letters](#)  
[Engineering & Planning Dept. Letter](#)  
[Petition](#)

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

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-121-2015

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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*ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING*

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**ORD-15:037**

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING A PORTION OF MADISON STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN:

Commencing at the recognized and accepted Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 4 East, City of Jonesboro, Craighead County, Arkansas; thence West a distance of 604.33 feet to a point; thence South 39.16 feet to a point in the proposed south line of West Highland Avenue (40 feet from centerline) said point being in the east line of Madison Street and being the true point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 55 minutes 23 seconds West with the east line of Madison Street and the west line of the Porter property as described in Book 278 Page 164 and Book 227 Page 86 a distance of 246.92 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 04 minutes 37 seconds West a distance of 60.00 feet to a point in the east line of the Harp's Food Stores, Inc. property as described in Instrument JB2011R 018805 and being the west line of Madison Street; thence North 00 degrees 55 minutes 23 seconds East with the east line of Harp's Food Stores, Inc. property a distance of 246.36 feet to a point in the proposed south line of West Highland Avenue; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 45 seconds east with the south line of proposed West Highland Avenue a distance of 60.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 14,798 square feet

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**Attachments:**      [Plat](#)  
                                 [Petitions](#)  
                                 [Utility Letters](#)  
                                 [Engineering & Planning Letter](#)  
                                 [Overlay Map Showing Traffic Patterns](#)  
                                 [Access Change Map](#)  
                                 [Proposed ordinance amendment](#)  
                                 [Madison St Traffic Counts](#)

*Councilman Street asked that the ordinance be held at second reading. City Engineer Craig Light explained they performed a traffic count last week and averaged about 700 cars per day, but they are going to perform further traffic counts to measure the traffic in the area while school is in session. They should have the data available at the end of next week.*

*Robin Yates, 608 Melton Circle, stated they knew nothing about the abandonment and were not contacted. They believe it will cause a hardship on the people who frequent the Revenue Office. She has also had people tell her in the past week about how they use Madison Street from the high school to avoid the Southwest Drive intersection and to go to businesses along Southwest Drive.*

*Greg Arnold, 128 Southwest Drive, explained he met with the people after the first meeting to see the drawings for the proposed development. He added at this time he has no objections to the proposal, as he sees it as an improvement. But, he noted the traffic flow would change. He thinks the traffic flow would slow down, not really impede it. Mr. Arnold stated there is a lot of speeding that goes on through that area with some cars going 60 miles per hour. He explained part of him sees the development as a good thing to slow traffic down, but he also sees where it would keep people from traveling down the area.*

*Mayor Perrin stated he has not looked at the design of the development. He asked that it be provided to all of the Council members. He also asked that the name and phone number of the developers in order to analyze the abandonment.*

Sheila Hellman, 260 Southwest Drive, explained the driveway to her office sometimes causes traffic problems due to its proximity to Madison Street. She asked if there would be any way to fix those issues.

Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson Drive, asked why the street is being abandoned when it is useful to the city. He questioned why the city gives the property away for nothing.

Tony Davis, 4612 Jettyl, stated he owns a barber shop on Union Street. There has been some work done in front of the barber shop. He questioned the curb that has been built and noted it has not been covered. He asked that the curb and drain be covered so people don't get hurt. Mayor Perrin stated he would have them take care of it tomorrow.

**This item was Held at second reading.**

### ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

#### ORD-15:036

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONWIDE DEFERRED COMPENSATION VOLUNTARY PLAN

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**Sponsors:** Finance and Human Resources

**Attachments:** [Nationwide 457 \(b\) contract](#)

Mayor Perrin explained this will allow the employees to hire investment managers at their own expense.

**A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-031-2015

### ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN COUNCIL

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#### RES-15:057

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 700 Cate, owner Samuel A. Rosse III.

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**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [County Data Rosse](#)  
[Home Ice inspection report](#)  
[Home Ice case file](#)  
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[021](#)  
[030](#)  
[022](#)  
[023](#)

Mayor Perrin asked if an architect or engineer is present to speak about the property. Karen Siegel, 623 Cate, stated she contacted several architects and spoke to one a few weeks ago. Terry Henson has been assisting her. He explained he is not an architect or an engineer; rather, he is a consultant that helps people get architects and engineers to get plans to the city. Ms. Siegel. He is in the process of getting an architect to draw up the plans to make improvements to the building to get the required building permit.

Mayor Perrin noted even if the building is condemned they still have 45 days to get the required permits.

Councilman McCall asked what the holdup is. Ms. Siegel stated she is meeting with Matt Silas tomorrow. She met with another architect, but he didn't have time to take on the project. She stated she didn't realize it would take so long to get an architect. She noted she has applied for a building permit, so all she's waiting on is the architect to draw up the plans.

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-122-2015

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

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### **COM-15:056**

Items discussed by Mayor Perrin under Mayor's Reports at the City Council meeting on August 18, 2015

**Attachments:** [Sagely Grants Consulting Update](#)  
[Kimberly Marshall Resume](#)  
[Unbudgeted Capital Improvement Expenditures](#)

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He provided all of the Council members with an update concerning Matt Sagely's grant consulting efforts. They instructed him to concentrate on grants to pay for the Miracle League Field. He will be giving further updates on a quarterly basis.

He announced the hiring of Kimberly Marshall as the new grants administrator. Former Grants Administrator Heather Clark will be working with Ms. Marshall to

introduce her to the city processes.

He also provided the Council with information regarding capital improvement projects that were done that were not budgeted for. The projects totaled \$516,382 and will be taken care of in a clean-up ordinance in March.

The Salary/Longevity Committee will be meeting Thursday, August 27, at 4:00 p.m. Some of the salary surveys are in and have been put into a spreadsheet.

**This item was Read.**

**COM-15:053**

Jonesboro Airport Commission financial statement for July 31, 2015

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**Sponsors:** Municipal Airport Commission

**Attachments:** [Financial Statement](#)

**This item was Filed.**

## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

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*Councilman Street congratulated the Jonesboro baseball team for coming in second at the recent World Series tournament. Mayor Perrin stated this is only the second time the host city has made it to the finals in that tournament.*

*Councilman Johnson noted Jim Stark from Vector Mosquito Control has provided the Council with an update. Mr. Stark discussed the mosquito control program. He explained the contract states five flights per year, but they can do more if needed. They are going to do another flight this week and then another in the near future. That will take the city into September and things should die down by then. In July they had over 160 service requests and each one was looked into and no one was left out.*

*Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place RES-15:129 on the agenda. All voted aye.*

**RES-15:129**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF JONESBORO TO SUBMIT THE FY 2016 OUTDOOR RECREATION MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION

**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation and Grants

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

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*Councilman Dover congratulated the Parks Department for their work during the recent baseball tournament.*

*Councilman McCall also thanked the Parks Department for their efforts during the tournament. He also thanked Randy Bearce, Mike Hall and Gary Hoyt for their work.*

*Councilman Gibson announced a policy audit meeting on September 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room for the City Council rules and procedures.*

*Councilman Moore asked for an update concerning the sidewalks on Union Street. Chief Building Officer Tim Renshaw stated there have been two firms look at the building that was damaged in the recent fire. They do not feel it is safe to open the sidewalks for pedestrian traffic at this time. Both lanes on Union Street are open. Councilman Moore then questioned whether it's safe for United Way to be in the building next to the one that burned. Mr. Renshaw answered yes, he thinks it's safe at least until demolition begins on the damaged building.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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*Harold Carter, 902 Tony Drive, stated he's not opposed to the sales tax moving forward so the citizens can have their say. But, he questioned the proposed eastern bypass. He stated he doesn't know how that project would change anything. Traffic is slowed down by businesses along the roadway, so businesses being built along the proposed roadway won't move traffic any better. He explained \$34 million dollars is a lot of money to spend on something that will turn into another Red Wolf Blvd.*

*Tabitha Couch, 211 Union, discussed the flooding problem on Union Street. She stated she has not been contacted and would like to know who to speak with. Mayor Perrin answered LM Duncan will contact her.*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman



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

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

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

Donna Jackson, City Clerk