



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, June 16, 2020

5:30 PM

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

*Mayor Harold Perrin asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the public hearing regarding abandoning and vacating utility easements as requested by George Hammon of Civilogic on behalf of the Herbert H. and Sharon F. Stallings Living Trust. No one spoke in opposition.*

### 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** 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-20:027](#)

PRESENTATION BY MAYOR PERRIN FOR YEARS OF SERVICE PINS TO LYNN WATERWORTH FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LARRY JACKSON FROM THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

*Mayor Perrin said, again, it is an honor for me to hand out service pins, particularly on the years of service. We have one tonight, Lynn Waterworth, her records were a little bit off, not correct on the payroll so she hasn't made it to that year. But, we do have one tonight. Can I get Larry Jackson to come forward. Ladies and gentlemen, Larry Jackson has been with the city for 40 years. It is my honor as Mayor to give you this pin. We appreciate every day that you have served. Thank you.*

**Read**

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

#### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

*Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of RES-20:075. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED**

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

[MIN-20:051](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 2, 2020

**Attachments:** [City Council Minutes 06022020](#)

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

[MIN-20:054](#)

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 9, 2020

**Attachments:** [Special City Council Meeting Minutes 06092020](#)

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

[RES-20:067](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE CROWLEY'S RIDGE PARKWAY: CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK TRAIL - PHASE III (ARDOT NO. 100919) (2018:31)

**Attachments:** [Change Order 3, Craighead Forest Trail](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-063-2020

[RES-20:068](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FISHER ARNOLD TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS LINK TRAIL PROJECT (JOB NO. 101060)

**Attachments:** [Supplemental Agreement - University Heights Link Trail](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-064-2020

[RES-20:072](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

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

Enactment No: R-EN-065-2020

[RES-20:073](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH POWERHOUSE ELECTRIC FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A GENERATOR FOR THE E-911 DEPARTMENT AND TO AMEND THE CITY 2020 BUDGET

**Attachments:** [E911 Generator Bid Tabulation](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-066-2020

[RES-20:074](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO SUBMIT A 2021 OUTDOOR RECREATION MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE AND TOURISM

**Attachments:** [Union St Park, Project Budget 2020](#)  
[Union Street Park](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-067-2020

[RES-20:076](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH EAST ARKANSAS BROADCASTERS FOR RENTAL OF JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX

**Attachments:** [Rental Agreement, East AR Broadcasters, Joe Mack Park](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-068-2020

[RES-20:077](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE DELTA DENTAL ARKANSAS FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDING

**Attachments:** [Delta Dental Award Agreement](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-069-2020

[RES-20:078](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO CERTIFY FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (JET)

**Attachments:** [JETS, 2020 Certifications and Assurances](#)  
[JETS, 2020 Certifications & Assurances signature page](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-070-2020

*ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION*

[RES-20:075](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ARKANSAS LLC D/B/A JONESBORO RADIO GROUP FOR RENTAL OF SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A: SAGA Rental Agreement Amended 06162020](#)

*Mayor Harold Perrin said, the reason I had that pulled is on the rental agreement, the radio group added in section one, under term, which I have no problem with, it says: "In the event COVID related directives change prohibiting this event, this contract is cancelled." I understand that because we don't know if the governor wanted to go back*

to another phase or whatever and I have no problem with that. So, if I could get that motion to amend to add that, I will give that to the clerk. Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to amend the contract terms of RES-20:075. All voted aye.

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-071-2020

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

#### **ORD-20:021**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 117.35 REGARDING THE REFUND OF REZONING SIGN DEPOSITS

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-20:021 by title only. All voted aye.*

*The ordinance was read by title only by the City Attorney Carol Duncan. Mayor Perrin said, do you all want to hold it at one reading? Alright.*

**Held at one reading**

#### **ORD-20:022**

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

*Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember David McClain, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-20:022 by title only. Councilmember Mitch Johnson said, should we not read these locations at least in case there are any comments? Mayor Perrin said, we can if we can get our motion and second withdrawn. Councilmember Gibson said, I will withdraw my motion. Councilmember McClain said, I will withdraw my second. Mayor Perrin said, okay, now we are at ORD-20:022. The ordinance was read by the City Attorney Carol Duncan. Mayor Perrin said, we will want to hold that at one reading on those to get the word out. So, that would be good on that. I appreciate Councilmember Johnson doing that so that everybody will know.*

**Held at one reading**

#### **ORD-20:023**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WEIGHT LIMITATIONS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-20:023 by title only. Councilmember Street said, you may want to read locations on that too Mayor. Mayor Perrin said, that is also the same thing. Can I get a withdrawal on the motion and second? Councilmember Street said, I will move to withdraw my motion. Councilmember Gibson said, and the second. Mayor Perrin said, alright, so now we are at ORD-20:023. The ordinance was read by City Attorney Carol Duncan. Councilmember Chris Moore said, Mr. Mayor, City Engineer Craig Light asked me just to hold that at one reading. They may still have a change*

coming forward on that. Mayor Perrin said, we will just hold that at one reading.

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-20:024](#)

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING UTILITY EASEMENTS AS REQUESTED BY GEORGE HAMMAN OF CIVILOGIC ON BEHALF OF THE HERBERT H. AND SHARON F. STALLINGS LIVING TRUST

**Attachments:**    [signed petition](#)  
[abandonment plat](#)  
[Stallings Abandonment - Hamman](#)  
[Abandonment Concurrence ATT](#)  
[Abandonment Concurrence CenterPoint](#)  
[Abandonment Concurrence CWL](#)  
[Abandonment Concurrence Ritter](#)  
[Abandonment Concurrence Suddenlink Altice](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Charles Frierson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-20:024 by title only. All voted aye.*

*The ordinance was read by title only by the City Attorney Carol Duncan. Mayor Perrin said, I know we will want to hold that there too as well.*

**Held at one reading**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

[ORD-20:015](#)

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN UNDEVELOPED STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN: THAT PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR MADISON STREET WHICH LIES SOUTH OF THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COLLEGE AVE. (60.0 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY), LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BY TRALAN ENGINEERING ON BEHALF OF JONESBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Attachments:**    [Petition signed](#)  
[Plat](#)  
[ROW Abandonment - Tralan - Madison Street -](#)  
[Altice Signed Abandonment Letter](#)  
[AT&T Signed Abandonment Letter](#)  
[Centerpoint Signed Abandonment Letter](#)  
[CWL Abandonment for S. Madison ROW](#)  
[CWL Signed Abandonment Letter](#)  
[Ritter Signed Abandonment Letter](#)

*Mayor Perrin said, I am going to assume we want to hold that at the second reading as we always do. Councilmember Mitch Johnson said, yes. Mayor Perrin said, just a moment, I think we have a phone call. I don't know what that is in regards to. Chief of Staff Mike Downing answered the phone regarding ORD-20:015. Mayor Perrin said, we have read it for a second time. It is going to be held at the second reading. Mr. Downing told the caller, they have not passed it. They have held it for a third reading.*

Mayor Perrin said, right. Mr. Downing said, Patti Lack said that the public hearing was not on Channel 24. Mayor Perrin said, the public hearing that they had. Okay, we will check into it. We can go back into the library and see. Okay, will you make a note of that please, okay. Councilmember Chris Moore said, we are holding that one to three readings anyway. Mayor Perrin said, yes, right, she knows that, but she just said the public hearing that they had for that prior to. (The Public Hearing was held for ORD-20:015 on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 5:20 p.m. and the Public Hearing for ORD-20:024 was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:20 p.m.)

**Held at second reading**

**ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING**

[ORD-20:017](#)

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 R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT LIMITED USE OVERLAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3006 ROOK ROAD AS REQUESTED BY MICHAEL DANIELS ON BEHALF OF DONALD COLEMAN AND TED ROOK

**Attachments:**     [Application](#)  
                              [Plat](#)  
                              [Rezoning Plat](#)  
                              [USPS Receipts](#)  
                              [Pictures of Area](#)  
                              [Staff Summary - City Council](#)

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-023-2020

[ORD-20:018](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, LUO TO PD-M, MIXED USE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3412 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY JEREMY BEVILL ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN HILLS REAL ESTATE, LLC

**Attachments:** [Application](#)  
[Rezoning Plat](#)  
[Staff Summary - City Council](#)  
[Signed](#)  
[Outline Plan](#)  
[Pattern Book](#)  
[Pedestrian Circulation Plan](#)  
[School District Letter](#)  
[First Baptist Church Notif. Signed](#)  
[Certified Mail Receipts](#)  
[Email From David Handwork](#)  
[Email Southern Hills PD](#)  
[Traffic Study](#)  
[email about 3412 SW Drive 05172020](#)  
[Casteel email 05192020](#)  
[Rook email 05192020](#)  
[Harrison email 06022020](#)  
[Wysocki email 06142020](#)  
[Harrison email 06162020](#)

*Mayor Perrin said, I have a motion and a second for adoption. Are there any comments or any questions? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, Mayor, I have three emails that we received. Mayor Perrin said, okay. Councilmember Chris Moore said, we have a man in person too. Mayor Perrin said, okay. Sir, if you want to come to the mic first and state your name and address for the record please. And, then we have two or three letters to read. Ms. Duncan said, three.*

*Nick Wysocki, 107 Harvester Drive, said, there is an attachment to this summary that has my name on it. I sent it when it first came out back on May 17, 2020 for the first reading and I am not sure how that was read into the record or the comments were there. Ms. Duncan said, I read it. Mr. Wysocki said, If I could just take a minute, I would just like to read this back. Mayor Perrin said, sure. Mr. Wysocki said, that is fine. I would like to read it exactly as it is written here that was written back on May 17, 2020. I am not against the project on Southwest Drive, but this project is looking a lot like the Johnson avenue development which as I recall was supposed to be single family homes, townhomes and retail space. What we have so far is a huge apartment complex and a movie theater. I do not personally want to see more apartment complexes in Jonesboro as they over time become poorly maintained because of out of state ownership (just my opinion). If this goes through I would like see the following modification: 1) Only single family residences plus townhomes or condominiums with no more than four units attached with equal greenspace between units. 2) Restriction on the priority of build, retail spaces followed by single family, followed by townhouses and condominiums and of course sidewalks, sidewalks on both sides of the road. 3) This should be Jonesboro's first high security camera area, not necessarily monitoring the individual streets but high visibility cameras at all entrance and exit points. We cannot continue to build these complexes simply so we can look back and say look at how much Jonesboro has grown with not seeing oversight or impact 5 to 10 to 15 years down the road. Thank you for your consideration. So, thank you. Mayor Perrin said, thank you sir.*

*City Attorney Carol Duncan said, he had actually sent one of the comments I have so I am down to two now. Mayor Perrin said, okay. Ms. Duncan said, this one is from Bill*

Harrison - In my June 2nd email, I addressed two concerns about the Southern Hills Southwest Drive project. Later that week, Carroll Caldwell and Jeremy Bevill came by my house, showed me the expected drainage plans and looked at the tar like substance in my yard. Based on our conversation, they assured me that the drainage plan for the development is designed to reduce water flow through my property so it can be directed to the water features in the new development. That's certainly welcome from my standpoint. They also agreed to investigate the tar flow from the lot between this development and mine. I appreciate their attentiveness to my concerns and expect they will follow through on their promises. This development will anchor future buildout from Parker Road to Valley View. I appreciate the Council's careful deliberation around this development and its probable impact on the development of the land around it. We don't need another Caraway Road in Jonesboro. From the pictures and descriptions in the Council materials, I'm impressed that the developers' vision is consistent with a high quality, future directed plan that will set a standard for continued quality development in the Southwest Drive corridor. Ms. Duncan said, again, that is from Bill Harrison.

Ms. Duncan said, and, then I have one from Mr. Larry Grisham – My wife and I live at 707 Morningview Drive in Jonesboro. Entry to this street is off of Culberhouse about thirty yards from the Culberhouse and Parker Road intersection. At times, it is almost impossible to get out of our street onto Culberhouse. I hate to think what it will be like when the new development is completed. A road through this area from Highway 49 through the development connecting to Culberhouse will be a traffic disaster the day the street is opened. Thank you for your consideration. Larry Grisham. Ms. Duncan said, that is all I have. Mayor Perrin said, okay.

Mayor Perrin said, if you would like to come forward Mr. Caldwell. Carroll Caldwell said, I am an owner and lead developer on this project and I want to address a few of those things. Okay, tonight is a rezoning. It is all zoned C-3, LUO right now, the entire 118 acres. So, we are putting in 20% green space, 25% less at least, less drainage on the other areas which we talked to Councilmember Mitch Johnson about that. We have 2.4 miles of ten ft. bike trails, 1.5 miles of sidewalks. I think this is the only project that a school board is not opposed to. They are actually for this project. The environmental issue that I went and looked at, when we bought this property, we got an extensive environmental report that doesn't show anything on our property. We don't know if that environmental issue is due to roofs. If it's old flat roof material, roof tar and there is not a lot of it. We don't think it is coming from our property, but I agreed to research it. When we do our dirt work, we are going to try to find where it came from. If it came from anywhere, it's been there 30-40 years. I mean, it's not moving. It's been there a long time. So, we are going to try to find out where it came from, but we don't know if it is from our property. It is just on his. It could come from two other locations. If one of those old houses has a flat roof on it, that is where it came from. But, we agreed to address it. The curb cuts, that is not what this is about right now. Curb cuts, we have to go back to the Planning Commission two more times. We don't even know where we want curb cuts. We are not ready to ask the Highway Department for curb cuts. That is getting the cart before the horse. So, that is down the road. We've got two more times to go before the Planning Commission on the project anyway. We just don't want this delayed over something that doesn't really pertain to tonight. You know, the Planning Commission, they do a thorough job. We have to go back. Curb cuts won't be addressed until we know where they would go. We have to be building a building. We turn in a site plan to the Highway Department. That is not tonight. That is not anytime soon. We have got a year to a year and a half to put in the infrastructure. We are going to do it all at the same time. So, it is not criticized for doing this, then that, then this. We are going to do the whole thing at one time. This will be the most



*modern, good-looking something that everybody, including myself, will be proud of. And, you have got my word. I have been doing this for 45 years. This is the best project that I have ever looked at, that I have ever dealt with, that I have ever wanted to be involved with. So, I am hoping that you will vote yes tonight for this rezoning. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said, thank you Mr. Caldwell.*

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson. Councilmember Moore said, there is already a motion and a second. Mayor Perrin said, oh, is there? We have a motion? You made the motion? Councilmember Moore said, I made the motion originally. Mayor Perrin asked, who made the original second? Deputy City Clerk April Leggett said, Councilmember Bobby Long made the second. Councilmember Moore said, Mike is indicating someone did. Councilmember Long said, I did. Mayor Perrin said, we have a motion and a second. We will hold for 60 seconds here and then we will cast the vote.*

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, was on the phone. She said, I just want to say that about a month and a half ago, two months ago, I had met with the three developers of this new development. I have to tell you that on my Facebook page and a lot of people have said a lot of positive comments. I think with all of the things that need to be allowed or modified is that I really have confidence in the developer, all three of them, that they will meet all of the requirements. I think this will be really good for Jonesboro and it is time that we do something with that property. So, I say give it a vote and let's go for it. Thank you.*

*Mayor Perrin said I have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye. All councilmembers said aye. No one voiced a nay vote. Mayor Perrin said, the motion has carried and is approved. Now, we would just like for you to hurry and get back to the MAPC Mr. Caldwell. We definitely want to see that. I've been here for 12 years, 15 on the council. This is the only one that I know of that the Valley View School District wholeheartedly approved and adopted through their Board of Directors. And, I appreciate you all doing that. It is going to be a great development. Mr. Caldwell said, thank you very much. I appreciate it. Mayor Perrin said, thank you.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-024-2020

[ORD-20:019](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO RM-12, LUO - RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1020 E. WASHINGTON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY GEORGE HAMMAN OF CIVILOGIC ON BEHALF OF MCLENNAN LEGACY, LLC;

**Attachments:**    [Application](#)  
[Plat of Survey](#)  
[Building Plans](#)  
[Email From Civilogic](#)  
[From Jason Marshall](#)  
[Letter from Curtis L. Tate](#)  
[Property Owner Notifications Signed](#)  
[rezoning plat](#)  
[rezoning plat](#)  
[Site Plan Layout](#)  
[USPS Receipts](#)  
[Staff Summary - City Council](#)

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-025-2020

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

*Mayor Harold Perrin reported on the following items:*

*Mayor Perrin said, I have a few items to cover with you this evening.*

*First of all, the Ice House is about half down. Due to the condition and the size they will be going a little slower to get it down safely because it is right next to one home and some stuff there. So, it is coming down.*

*The Arkansas Municipal League Summer Conference scheduled for August 19-21 has been cancelled in person, but will be done virtually. More information will be sent out later for that. We will try to get that information out to you. Many of you all are on their email lists. I think with this virtual deal, you can pick up three hours of credit on some of those courses that they have got. So, we will make sure that you all get the word on that. I am looking forward to that. This will end my year as President and I will have to go down there and say a few words just for one day and then come back. But, again, I appreciate the council and the staff and the administration to allow me this year, it has been an honor and a privilege this year to serve as President of the state league. I have learned a lot since I have been the President. I think you for giving me the time off. It was a lot of time from time to time, but I thank you so much for that.*

*Next, there was an article in paper on the small business grant applications. They will be accepted from July 1-31, 2020. You can contact Angy Abaunza in the Grants Division or Lakyn Williams in the Grants Division. I want to just kindly remind everybody of those. They will be for small businesses for-profit with 20 employees or less. They must have at least 3 employees including the owner and no startups. The second deal would be established small businesses over 2 years with obviously a privilege license to do business in the city. You must have a DUNS number and you can be registered with the system for that award through SAM.gov to register. That is in the article. You must also create or retain at least one part-time or full-time*

*permanent job to low and moderate income employee. The last one is to provide proof of the business being affected by COVID-19 and no other grants, loans, or assistance from COVID-19 relief has been received already. This is a good deal for us to be able to put back in the community over \$394,000. These will be in \$1,000 to \$10,000 max amounts. As those come in, they will be graded and be submitted to you all. We will give you all the applications as well as the grading. So, you all will take a look at that and then we can get those approved and get those out into the community.*

*Next is the public comment period is being held until June 22, 2020 for the temporary pedestrian crossing on Johnson Avenue. If you have any comments, please make sure and get those in to MPO Director Cecelie Cochran. I know that Councilmember John Street chairs that committee.*

*Also, the Police Department has three retiring at the end of June: Earnest Ward, Tim Eads, and Roy Coleman. All of these gentlemen are highly veteran police officers. Tim Eads is serving now as the Assistant Chief of Police. Earnest Ward is in the Criminal Investigations Division. Roy Coleman has been on the Drug Task Force. These gentlemen have about 35 years of service. Again, this year, you are going to see some these come up. I am just telling the council that. You just saw one pin for 40 years and there are a lot of these people that are going to be retiring this year that are highly, seasoned, veteran employees. That is something that the administration is going to look at in recruiting. We will certainly take diversity into consideration on those. I have talked to HR on that. Not only will we actually post them here, but we will probably be advertising some of these positions so that it can be out in the public so everybody will know about those positions. And, then, we will hopefully, get more applicants in. Those applications will be screened by the administration and obviously the Director or the Department Head will make the decision on who to hire. So, I just wanted to share that with you.*

*Also, in the Fire Department, we have one retiring on June 26, 2020 and that is Division Chief Eric Simmons and he has 21 years of service with the Fire Department.*

*This last weekend in Parks, we had a youth softball tournament, June 6-7, 2020. We had 30 teams. The revenue that came in was \$14,855 and expenses were \$8,929 leaving a net profit of \$5,625.36. We also had in the COVID-19 Classic adults tournament, 19 teams. Revenue was \$2,500 and expenses were \$1,460 leaving a net of \$1,040. So, that one weekend was right at \$7,000 on revenue so I wanted to share that with you as well.*

*Also, you saw on the financials on May, your city of Jonesboro through May, we are only \$312,630 in deficit spending. That is simply because of some of the capital expenses that we have had. We budgeted close to about a \$2.3 million deficit and we are only \$312,630. On the front cover, the Finance Director Steve Purtee has prepared for you all, which I really like, is basically ten items that you are scoring or gauging each month. And of those, seven were favorable and only three were unfavorable. What we mean by that is the unfavorable were franchise fees which were down \$79,000; A&P tax was down 3% or \$7,936; alcoholic beverage was down 17% for \$33,691. Now, obviously, some of these will be picking back up because of moving into Phase II here in Jonesboro. Overall, we had a great month in May. Now, we are going to start looking and start getting June, July, and August, you are going to see what COVID-19 effects will have had on the city. And, so, we will keep you abreast of that and those financials. After this meeting, these will all go up on the website so anyone can look at all of the figures that you all get. So, I just wanted to share that with you as well.*

*The other thing is that there was an article in the paper today and I want to kindly just make a few notes here. Chief Elliott has been working with his committee on the shooting range. It was in the paper today. I think it was covered by the paper and other media. These are preliminary plans. Let me explain to you what is needed. The plan will also need additional refining prior to ever going to the council and the Chief and I have talked about that. We will be looking, this committee will be looking at the selling of naming rights for the facilities to raise funds in which we talked about capital injection by the public. So, as we get these prices on trap ranges and stuff, there will be many items that we can sell the naming rights to which would be from the private/public area. We are also developing the operations of cash flow. What I mean by that is, the operating costs and projected revenues based on the daily use, tournaments, and special events. We will also have to refine our capital costs needed for the complex to be competitive in attracting tournaments, the restrooms, pavilion buildings, the additional skeet and trap houses, 3D archery range, clubhouse with pro shop and concession stand. The finance plan based on P3 that they have been visiting, the payments can be deferred for 1-2 years which would allow time to develop activity at the facility. My point in telling you is that we have a lot of homework yet to do on the financial side of this before any type of proposal will come back to you. I think the committee has already approved for it to come to the council. Right, chief? And so, what we are saying is we have got to do a lot of homework on this before any project ever comes to the council for approval. You need to know what you are building. You need to know what the cost is. More importantly, you need to know the operating costs for that facility. There will be projections as well as far as any state tournaments, district tournaments, and things of that nature that we could be able to have at that facility. So, I just wanted to share with you. I think that was a decent update, but at the same time, I just wanted to share with the council that there are other things that we have got to do and get prepared before we ever come here with a proposal. So, I just wanted to share that with you.*

*That is all I have on the Mayor's Report. Does anybody have any questions to me? Okay, not hearing none, we will move onto the Council Reports.*

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MAY 2020 FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Attachments:** [Financial Overview May 2020](#)  
[Observations Regarding May 2020 Financial Statements](#)  
[Statement of Changes in FB, Required Reserve and STIP Balances Report](#)  
[Deposit Collateralization Report May 2020](#)  
[Revenue Report May 2020](#)  
[Expenditure Report May 2020](#)  
[Sales Tax Report \(Combined\) May 2020](#)  
[State Turnback Report \(Combined\) May 2020](#)

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## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Councilmember John Street said, yeah Mayor, on the notes that you talked about, it is unfortunate that we are not going to be able to have the convention live, but I am sure that a lot of the fellow members of the Arkansas Municipal League will share my sentiments that you have provided great leadership with the organization this year and your service is very much appreciated. You represented Jonesboro and the state very*

well. So, thank you for your service Mayor on that. The only other thing I have got is the letters that were sent to Attorney General Rutledge. I appreciate you contacting her because apparently that is going to make some difference in assisting Suddenlink customers. It has been brought to my attention that some of the older customers that have complaints with Suddenlink don't have computer access or don't use a computer. Communications Director Bill Campbell put out the number for her office which is 800-482-8982, but I don't know if there is any way that we can reach out. Anyway, if you could get some way to reach out to some of the older folks and encourage the Sun to post the telephone number to the Attorney General's office because they want to hear from individuals directly. That is all I've got Mayor. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said, let me add to your comment there. The Attorney General I thought did a good job. And, when she said in the paper and the media that they were I think eleven I think in Craighead County. What she is talking about is individual complaints. Now, when I sent her a cover letter, I gave her well up to 100 complaints of individuals. What she is saying is that she would like to have those individuals at least to call or to write her. And, if they wanted to write just to me, I don't think that would be a problem with me forwarding that onto the Attorney General's office to help our citizens get this thing investigated. So, I am encouraging all citizens if you have had a problem with Suddenlink, if you would like to write a letter to me, I will keep those and send those down to the Attorney General or you can call like Councilmember Street just mentioned on that or if, in fact, you do have a computer, then you can contact the Attorney General. She had with her two attorneys and one has been assigned to the investigation division of this. Also, the city of Batesville has also done the same thing. Mayor Rick Elumbaugh and some others in this area. So, I encourage you if you have had any problems, again, you can't solve anything until you know the problems and there is a lot of them that are out there on this particular case, everything from customer service to billing to technology to technicians that come to your house, etc. whatever it may be that you have experienced, please, please send those in to us and we will get those to the Attorney General if you don't contact them directly. Councilmember Street said, thank you Mayor.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I would just say briefly and I know the Mayor and I have talked about this and the Chief of Staff and I have talked about this, I think the shooting range, that is a really interesting opportunity that we have there. I really look forward to learning more about that. And, I think as we explore that, I know that, again, we have visited opportunities not for just outside partners to help us with future projects, but there might be instances where we might even want to sell some of our assets and trickle that back and create some cash flows. So, I am just throwing that idea out there as we consider some future creative options on money. Mayor Perrin said, thank you.

Councilmember Joe Hafner said, just one thing real quick. I just want to say thanks to the Mayor, Mike Downing, and Steve Tippitt. The Street Department had Mr. Bradley who lives out on Culberhouse and I think Councilmember Mitch Johnson may have helped him out last year. He called me early last week about getting the right-of-way mowed on Culberhouse. I know the state still does that, but you all were able to get them out, get in contact with the state or the Highway Department. Mr. Bradley called me yesterday and he was thanking me because they were out there mowing yesterday. So, I really appreciate you all jumping on that. I told Mr. Bradley, I said I think that it is important to keep that area mowed and looking good because we have a lot of people going out to Craighead and that is one of our best features in Jonesboro. So, hopefully, the state can maybe mow that more than three times or however many times they were doing it a year. I appreciate you all's help in getting that done.

*Councilmember Ann Williams said, I just want to say how much I thank the Mayor and the City of Jonesboro and the employees and April Leggett for keeping things running so smoothly during this time. I have heard a lot of people comment about how good the communication has been during this time with the Zoom meetings and all of the electronic communication that has been done has been really good and helpful to people in the city and to the city council. Deputy City Clerk April Leggett said, thank you. It takes a team. Councilmember Williams said, I realize that, but I appreciate all of the work that has been done and the amazing job that has been done.*

*Mayor Perrin said, let me just say I appreciate the cooperation and that we are learning I guess a new style if you will.*

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, said, I guess this is directed at Mayor Perrin because I know that we had a difficult time trying to get together and meet because I know you are busy. I want to let all of you know what I am trying to do is to put together a Citizen Awareness Program to help a lot of the citizens of Jonesboro get to know who to call and what to do in different situations because I get a lot of comments and questions on the 280 page and I am certainly not the expert on that because I'm still learning what to do and what to say and where to go. I have talked to a couple of city employees and a couple of city leaders and I am really excited about this program and I think that it will help out a lot. So, Mayor Perrin, I hope that I can call you tomorrow. We can set up a meeting soon because I think this program can be designed to help the Jonesboro citizens become smarter plus help them become more involved. I think that is going to be an important thing to grow the city. So, can I call you tomorrow? Mayor Perrin said, sure. Ms. Lack said, okay. I will call you tomorrow. Mayor Perrin said, Patti, I drove by Sunday and I really like the concrete work that is on that cemetery. I think the drainage on that and whoever is mowing that cemetery now can just go right over that and do an incredible job. Ms. Lack said, well, I agree and I appreciate that. I think they all appreciate what they did and they have done a really good job. I think that will help with the flow of water. I think the situation that we had with Ms. Becker has been solved too. So, I appreciate your help with that. You did good. Mayor Perrin said, good. I think all of those limbs should be picked up or should have been picked up Monday at the cemetery. Ms. Lack said, you know what, we might get a couple more for you, okay. Mayor Perrin said, okay. Thank you very much. I look forward to your call. Ms. Lack said, thank you very much. I will call you tomorrow. Thank you.*

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

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**Harold Perrin, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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

**Donna Jackson, City Clerk**