



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:45 P.M.

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

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SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

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 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain
Absent 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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Mayor Perrin stated yesterday ASU announced the hiring of a new men's basketball coach, Mike Balado. Coach Balado thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to speak during the meeting. He's extremely excited to be in Jonesboro. He hasn't been in town very long, but everyone he's come in contact with has been very friendly, which speaks a lot for the people who live in Jonesboro. He's excited for Red Wolf basketball. They're going to have a good team and will work extremely hard. He asked that everyone come out and support the team. He stated he appreciates the opportunity and added he will not let them down. Mayor Perrin welcomed Coach Balado on behalf of the City of Jonesboro and wished him and his family the best.

[COM-17:017](#)

REVENUE ENHANCEMENT PRESENTATION

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Attachments: [Revenue Enhancement 2017.pdf](#)

Mayor Perrin explained they started the Revenue Enhancement Committee back in 2009. They looked at all of the revenue that comes into the city. Nothing has been changed since 2009. All of the department heads did their due diligence by looking at other cities and comparing them to Jonesboro to see what is charged for certain things. These are modest increases for the citizens. If you take out the newly proposed stormwater fees, the increase in revenue is only about \$600,000, which is a very modest increase between 2009 and 2017. Another \$350,000 is attributed to privilege license increases. He noted this is a presentation only. He will be scheduling a few public meetings in order to explain the fee increases to the community. Then they'll come back to Council for approval.

Chief Operations Officer Ed Tanner explained the Revenue Enhancement Committee has been working on this information for the past couple months and recently decided to forward this on to the City Council for consideration. He discussed the PowerPoint presentation (see presentation attached to the communications file). The main departments that were affected were Parks, Engineering, Streets, Inspections, Planning and Finance.

They anticipate the fees going into effect July 1, 2017. Mr. Tanner noted the fees are very modest compared to what they could've been.

Councilman McClain asked for more details concerning the proposed stormwater fee. Mr. Tanner explained he will discuss it more under the Engineering Department's information. But, it will be a stormwater utility fee billed to every citizen and commercial business in order for the city to fund the stormwater and flooding projects. Right now, there's zero dollars. The proposed fee would generate about \$2.78 million per year.

Nominal changes are expected in Parks. They took away daily fees and went to hourly rates. The fees are at or below average when compared to the other cities they look at. All costs on tennis courts have been eliminated, except for schools. All pavilions are going up in minor fees. All fees are gone for Northside Baseball because most teams will be practicing at Joe Mack Campbell Park, with any overflow going to Northside. Swimming fees are going up \$0.50 for under 16 and \$1 for over 16 as well as the punch cards being eliminated. Councilman McClain asked if they could create some sort of pass for families where they pay a certain amount to visit for however many visits. Mr. Tanner stated he will have Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler look into what other cities do in those regards. The increase in Parks revenue is estimated to be at about \$84,637.

They will probably be presenting three ordinances for Engineering. One will be for those fees they already have a fee schedule for where there will be changes. Another ordinance will be for anything new, such as the street closure permit, because there will need to be specific rules put in place.

The third ordinance will be for the stormwater utility fee. They are recommending \$5 per month per residential customer and \$15 per month for commercial customers. It should bring in \$2.78 million total. The money generated will go into a stormwater specific account that will only be used for stormwater project. Right now, drainage projects are being funded partially with \$2 million from the Street Fund. Once that

money can stay in the Street Fund the city will be able to fund more street projects. He discussed further information about the drainage channels and the Corps of Engineers Master Plan. They now have about \$14 million in projects they know the city could do if the funding was available. Mayor Perrin noted last year they amended the budget for \$1.6 million in channelization and stabilization to clean up and stabilize ditches.

Councilman Street asked if anything is going to happen with the county drainage districts. The city has water running into the city from the county, compounding the problem. If the water doesn't leave the city going south, the city won't fix many of the problems on the eastern side. The county needs to be part of any major project the city has. Mayor Perrin stated he has met with the Corps and the drainage districts. He thinks they will work with the city. Councilman Frierson added the Corps did Big Bay Ditch and dug ten miles coming up from the south. They then ran out of money. So, they are going to phase in going up another eight to ten miles depending on how much money they have. It'll be several years before they get up far enough to connect to the city's ditches that cover the whole southeast part of Jonesboro. But, the Corps will have to do that because it's too big of a project for local entities. The drainage districts participate and the county does a good job with their ditches. There aren't any drainage districts coming into Jonesboro from the north that would help with the influx. He stressed Big Bay Ditch is the only major outlet for the city. Councilman Street said it's a county-wide problem and everyone should participate in drainage. Councilman Frierson agreed and added most districts do participate in getting the water south. Mayor Perrin stated what they need is the revenue to start coming in to get the projects done.

Councilman Moore asked if the \$5 charge for residential properties would be regardless of lot size. Mr. Tanner answered yes, that would be regardless of lot size. They are talking with City Water & Light about possible collection. CWL has not agreed at this time to collect the money on the city's behalf, but they have agreed to do an analysis to see if it's something that would be feasible for them to do. The charge will be based on the water meter. If there's a water meter, then that's how you'll be charged. Councilman Moore questioned how someone who has a 1,400 square foot lot having the same stormwater runoff responsibility as someone with a 10 or 12 acre lot. He asked why the fee isn't being based off square foot as opposed to being a flat fee. Mr. Tanner stated that is a good question and will be looked at during their analysis as they go forward. He added to do that would take more analysis by the city, whereas the flat fee would be the easiest route for the city to go depending on water meter. Councilman Moore then asked if someone doesn't have a water meter then they wouldn't have a stormwater responsibility. Mr. Tanner answered yes because they are unsure of how to capture the property in the city. Councilman Moore explained the city has tax assessment records. He thinks the responsibility of stormwater should be based off how much property an owner has. Someone who sits on a small lot has less responsibility than someone who sits on a five or ten acre lot. He thinks the fee should be based on lot size rather than lot number.

Mayor Perrin asked how the drainage districts determine their fees. Councilman Frierson explained drainage districts are based on an appraisal done by an outside appraiser who comes in and takes each piece of property and appraises that property. A plan is made and a cost is estimated. Then, each property is given a value based on how it is benefited by the plan. Some properties would be benefited more than others, which means some properties pay more than others. That is not a cheap process, but it can work.

Councilman Moore noted building permits are assessed based on the square footage

of the house being built. He thinks the stormwater fee would be fashioned in the same way in that you could have a fee for the first half acre, another fee for up to five acres, and so on. Mr. Tanner stated that is an option they will investigate as they move forward.

City Engineer Craig Light explained ultimately they would like to back calculate everyone to an equivalent residential unit. So, if a lot has three thousand square feet of impervious surface, then that would be one residential unit. Then if you had nine thousand then it would be three times that amount. A base fee would be set and then calculate the equivalents from there. Hot Springs just did this recently. They went to the equivalent of impervious area within the last year or so. It's going to take a quite a bit of planning, but that is where they would like to go. And it will take a lot of input to set the fee, so they would like to move forward with an established fee and then come back later to adjust them as they get to a better way of calculating the fee.

Councilman Moore noted there are a lot of empty lots without a water meter. Those properties should be sharing in the stormwater responsibility. There has to be some mechanism to get those as well. Mr. Tanner stated they will do their best to capture everybody.

With the Streets Department the most noticeable change will be the first time fee for regulatory signs and street marker signs in subdivisions. Right now, they get their signs for free. But, they would like to start charging on the front end because there is a fee to the city to do those signs. Councilman McClain asked if there would be a fee if he called the Street Department and requested a sign for Children at Play, etc. Mr. Tanner answered no, there's no charge for that.

The Inspections Department will also be instituting new fees. There will be a charge for a temporary certificate of occupancy. They realize there are times when people are bumping up against timelines and such, so they have to make a determination if they want to continue the project or acquire a temporary C.O. in order to conduct business. Also, in the past, the inspectors and fire inspectors have gone back to re-inspect. When that's done, it takes time away from the inspectors and fire marshals from doing other things. The first two inspections will be free, but on the third they will start charging. A C.O. re-inspection requires the whole team to go out to a location, which is why the fee is more. Their total new revenue is about \$64,000.

Most of the fees for the Planning Department have doubled or went up two and a half times the original fee. Higher numbers were originally proposed, but the Mayor requested them be lowered to be more modest. According the city planner, these fees are comparable to what would be found in other cities around the state even with the increases. One of the biggest increases is the Zoning Research Letter, which is going from \$36 to \$500. If someone wants a simple zoning letter, the charge will be \$50. The Zoning Research Letter requires two to three individuals to do sometimes up to six hours of research. That is time and effort spent where they could be doing other things. Their new revenue is about \$111,000.

The privilege licenses have not been raised since 1975. Councilman McClain asked why there are different fees set up for the different types of doctors. City Collector Becky Sharp explained they should all be the same amount, but they didn't want to raise some of the fees too high at one time. So, she just brought them up a percentage of what their fee used to be. Councilman Moore clarified that the goal would be to bring them gradually up to the same level over a span of two or three years. Mrs. Sharp answered yes. She added it was similar in the category for subcontractors. Some of them were already paying \$100, while others were paying \$75. She brought them all up to \$100, resulting in some subcontractors not seeing an

increase while others did.

Ms. Sharp explained she kept all of the fee categories with the exception of a few that aren't used anymore, such as blacksmith.

Councilman Long referred to the Manufacturing Category. He stated a manufacturer with one to five employees is a very small business, yet their increase is \$50 equating to a 60% increase over what they were paying. The next level (6 to 15 employees) went up 40% and then 16 to 30 employees went up 29%. He explained the smaller the business, the more of an impact the fee increase is. He questioned why this wasn't done as a percentage basis. Ms. Sharp answered she thought she had done that, but now sees what Councilman Long is talking about. Councilman Long noted the smaller businesses are paying over half of everything. Ms. Sharp stated she doesn't think she has anyone in the one to five employees rank for manufacturers. Councilman Long referred to the figures showing 2017 revenue of \$825 with an estimated 2018 revenue of \$1,375, so there must be some companies in the one to five employees range for manufacturers. Ms. Sharp explained she will go back and check her figures. She may have to adjust them down because they wanted to stay within a 25% to 30% increase.

Mr. Tanner further explained what they did was bump things up 25% to 33% on average. Ideally, categories such as medical professionals could pay the same thing. So, instead of taking someone from \$50 to \$300, which would be a \$250 increase, they chose to increase everyone a little bit with some being increased a little more than others in order to level the playing field. Councilman Long stated he wants to make sure Jonesboro still has an environment where small businesses want to come in, as opposed to being located just outside of city limits because Jonesboro will fee them to death. Ms. Sharp stated she will look at it and bring it back.

Mayor Perrin explained they are not in a rush. He would like to hear feedback from the Council members before setting up the public hearings. They would like to bring something to Council in June, so it can become effective July 1st. The proposal will go to the Finance Committee first, then be presented to the City Council. Mr. Tanner added each department will have their own ordinance. He added the fees shown in the presentation were only the ones that changed. Departments may have other fees that didn't change, so they didn't reflect them in the documentation. But, the ordinances will have the full fee schedule for the departments. Mayor Perrin also noted once the fees are done a lot of work will have to be done, such as detailing the new fees on the city website and re-printing of department materials. He then thanked the department heads for their work.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilman McClain asked that RES-17:025 be taken off the consent agenda.

Approval of 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-17:025. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

MIN-17:027

Minutes for the City Council meeting on March 7, 2017

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This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-17:029

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRACKETT KRENNERICH & ASSOCIATE, P.A. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK SHOP BUILDING

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Attachments: [Brackett&Krennerich for Joe Mack](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-17:030

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BRACKETT KRENNERICH & ASSOCIATE, P.A. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE BUILDING

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Attachments: [Brackett&Krennerich for Cemetery Mtc Bldg](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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RES-17:025

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUGG CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (2017:05)

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Attachments: [Contract Documents 2017 05](#)
[Bid Tab](#)

Councilman McClain asked if this project was budgeted for in the Capital Improvements Budget. Mayor Perrin stated if he's not mistaken they budgeted about \$1 million in Capital Improvements for the project. Councilman Street noted Sugg was the low bidder out of about eight or nine bidders.

Councilman McClain then asked if this is going to be the best use by putting in a roundabout and then continuing with another section of road. Or, should they look at closing it off or making the loop around Craighead Forest a one-way street. Chief Operations Officer Ed Tanner explained this has been studied in the past. Completing

the road all the way around so you can drive around the entire park is the most feasible and best use of the money. They will also be able to connect the trail that is disconnected at the entry of the park to the existing road. Councilman Street added it will connect with Forest Hill to provide better access to other parts of town. He also noted there is a bike plan for Forest Hill Road. Mr. Tanner further explained they are going to connect Craighead Forest along Craighead Forest Hill down to Harrisburg Road. Councilman McClain asked if that would be a separate bike lane or if it will run alongside traffic. Mr. Tanner stated he wasn't sure. Mayor Perrin answered he thinks it will be a bike lane. It will be tied into the widening of Harrisburg Road and they will have it engineered for a bike lane to take you all the way to Highway 63 at Parker Road. They also have a master plan to look at bike trails for the entire city. They are going to have public hearings concerning the topic because they have identified four or five major connectors from Craighead Lake to downtown to Arkansas State. The trail will then connect with the entire city, with about forty or fifty miles in total.

Councilman Street asked if this is a grant. Mayor Perrin answered no.

Bill Smith, representing Northeast Arkansas Bike Coalition, stated this is not part of a grant because this was part of a devised plan. He is glad they're going to have the public meeting later this week in order to get some input from the community because what was built was built without a lot of input from the cycling community. The multi-use trail has been well received but is already at capacity. You can't ride and walk on it at the same time during weekends and peak times. One of their concerns is not seeing a broader plan that is considering things like what they think they're going to do, like a path down Highway 1 when it might be more efficient and cheaper to do a path down Forest Lane. He noted he has quit riding at Craighead Forest because of how bad the traffic has gotten. There's traffic goes too fast, there's too much of it and they're not slowing it down. So, as the improvements are considered he would like more time to be put into broader study into how the improvements will affect the interaction between the riders and drivers because it's not getting better in the forest; rather, it's getting worse.

Councilman Long asked how many people are involved in the coalition. Mr. Smith answered their coalition has about a dozen members, but then there's members of other bicycle groups in the city. They ask the questions as advocates, but there's about 300 to 400 regular cyclists in the community.

Councilman McClain stated his concerns came from his personal experiences riding at Craighead Forest. There are some spots at Craighead Forest where you can't see cars, so he would like them to consider that in the future as improvements are being made. He questioned whether it should be one-way traffic or whether they should make visitors park in a certain area and walk around. Mayor Perrin stated they have the trailhead that will help. He was impressed with the bike trail that goes around the whole city, but there is a price tag that goes with that. They are opening things up in order to get the input, which is something that hasn't been done in the past.

Harold Carter, a resident of Jonesboro, explained he did ask, when the city first started building the walking trails, for the city to attempt to create enforceable ordinances. He considers bikes on trails with pedestrians as being dangerous, especially when they get crowded and when the bikes travel as fast as they can. They are almost exclusively talking about danger to the pedestrian. One solution to that is the bicyclists can line up and go the prevailing speed. They may not want to, but they may have to just in the interest of safety. The bicyclists can also share the roadway, but it was his understanding the trail was built to take bicyclists off the road. He remembered it was because there was too much going on in the roadway, mainly involving bicycles. He noted that no one asked him, as a pedestrian, what he wanted

out there. He said that as a bare minimum he recommends the city put someone in charge of coming up with some ordinances that regulate what people can do. He's looked into other areas that have the same type of paths and they've had to come up with some sort of ordinances. While Jonesboro doesn't have a problem now, they didn't either at first. Jonesboro will have problems later and the police will not welcome incessant demands to go out there.

Mayor Perrin thanked Mr. Carter for his comments. He then noted that mobility will include walking as well as biking on the master plan. He's sure that the master plan will include ordinances and guidelines as well.

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-17:011

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2017 STREET FUND BUDGET TO ADD \$566,000 FOR STREET OVERLAYS

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Attachments: [Street Overlays.pdf](#)
[Reserves.pdf](#)

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ORD-17:012

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO ADD \$344,000 FOR SIDEWALKS

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Attachments: [Sidewalks.pdf](#)

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson Drive, questioned where all the extra money is coming from. Mayor Perrin answered the money is coming out of the reserve fund. Mr. Cook

stated, as he recalls, they worked on getting pay raises for all of the city employees last year and at the time were told that they need to be prudent about what the money is being spent on. Now, the city is just throwing money out there more than doubling some things. He questioned whether something has changed and if the city now has more money than what it used to. Mayor Perrin answered no, the city doesn't have any more money than it had before. But, with what they have seen so far this year regarding sales tax and revenue increasing, he feels like the city needs to do this work. Some of the roads are getting very bad in the city. He feels confident about taking the money out of reserves to be used on these two items.

Mr. Cook stated he doesn't disagree about the roads and sidewalks. He concern is that the city needs to be prudent about where the money is being spent.

Councilman Long noted he was looking at the projects as well. He noticed that six of the projects are where they already allocated projects. So, almost half of the money is going to be spent rehabbing existing sidewalks. He thinks they need to take care of what they got and make sure what the city has is in good condition. He was happy to see the rehab projects.

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ORD-17:013

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2017 GENERAL FUND TO MOVE \$15,000 FROM PART-TIME SALARIES TO REGULAR SALARIES AND ADD \$13,451 TO THE MAYOR'S BUDGET FOR THE ADDITION OF A SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR TO THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

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Councilman Johnson offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Long asked if this is an existing position. Mayor Perrin answered yes, they are making a part-time position a full-time position. Communications Director Bill Campbell explained the employee, Rachel Luster, has done a lot of work over the last year in a part-time roll. The goal was to grow the outreach with the community. They were told at the Municipal League Conference in January that's it's no longer about whether you do social media, it's how well you do it. If you talk to any of the leaders, they would say she's a great asset for connections with residents. The growth of Facebook, which is the city's biggest outlet, has roughly tripled in the last year. The city has 10,000 followers. It takes someone to manage that. Rachel and Lorenzo Balderas do the work managing the city's Facebook page, as well as Channel 24 and the Council meetings. They also do all the video productions on Channel 24 and YouTube. The city has great connection with its residents thanks to Rachel and Lorenzo.

Councilman Long asked how long the position has been part-time. Mr. Campbell explained Rachel has worked part-time with the Mayor's Office and the Parks Department for almost a year. They were hoping it would grow to where they needed a full-time position and now they have seen that growth. They used to have 3,000 Facebook followers and will be hitting 10,000 in about a month. They also help to connect with local newspaper, tv station and radio stations.

Councilman Johnson explained they have stressed for a while about getting what communications they have out there. He reviewed the Finance Committee video and thinks it's a needed position.

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Long, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

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RES-17:007

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 420 E. Gordon, Owner: Harvey and Neoma Williams

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[county data](#)
[Inspection report](#)
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[Pic 3](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

RES-17:009

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 410 E. Gordon, Owner: Harvey and Neoma Williams

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[inspection report](#)
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[Pic2](#)
[Pic3](#)

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: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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ORD-13:020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RS-7 AND R-1 TO PD-RM FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT KEELY AND LEXEE STREETS AS REQUESTED BY UNICO BANK

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Attachments:

[Plat](#)

[MAPC Report](#)

[MAPC Record of Proceedings December 11 2012](#)

[MAPC Record of Proceedings March 12 2013](#)

[Opposition material](#)

[Opposition petition](#)

[Court Order](#)

[Storm Water Report](#)

This ordinance was Held at second reading.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-17:006

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES; FROM R-1 AND C-3 TO RM-8, L.U.O. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1917 KELLERS CHAPEL ROAD AS REQUESTED BY DEVON SCOTT

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Attachments:

[Application.pdf](#)

[Staff Summary RZ 16-28 1917 Kellers Chapel Road.pdf](#)

[layout](#)

[PETITION AGAINST REZONING OF 1917 KELLERS CHAPEL ROAD.pdf](#)

[Map of Location.pdf](#)

[Pictures of Rezoning Sign.pdf](#)

[Photos of Property.pdf](#)

Mayor Perrin stated it is his understanding from the staff meeting that everything has

been worked out with this rezoning and there is no opposition.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ORD-17:007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES; FROM R-1 TO C-3 FOR 4.15 ACRES LOCATED AT THE BACK OF 2319 CONGRESS COVE AS REQUESTED BY KELLY D. POPE OWNER OF GREEN GRASS INVESTMENTS, LLC

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Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary RZ 17-03 2319 Congress Cove - City Council.pdf](#)
[Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)
[Map Location.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ORD-17:008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-4 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 719 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY MITRA DELSHAD

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Attachments: [Plats and Surveys](#)
[MAPC Application](#)
[Staff Summary](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ORD-17:009

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM I-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 206 NORTH MAIN AS REQUESTED BY PHILLIP MATTHEWS TRUST NO. 1

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Attachments: [Plat and Map](#)
[Application](#)
[City Council Staff Summary](#)
[Warranty Deed](#)
[Survey](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ORD-17:010

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO I-2 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 806 WEST JOHNSON AS REQUESTED BY ROC OUTDOOR LLC AND SCURLOCK HOLDINGS INC.

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Attachments: [Plat and Maps](#)
[Planning Dept. Report](#)
[Rezoning Application](#)
[Arkansas State Highway Letter](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN COUNCIL

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RES-16:144

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 315 State Street, Owner Fred L. Lyles MDPA.

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Attachments: [county data](#)
[Inspection report](#)
[Limited Title Search Lyles](#)
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[pic-2](#)
[pic-3](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain
Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

In February, Jonesboro had over \$19 million in building permits with 75% being commercial and 24% being residential.

Legislative audit will be here on April 3rd to start this year's audit.

They looked at all of the liens the city has on the books concerning mowing, demolition, etc. The liens have to be paid before real estate taxes can be paid. The city has already collected \$2,000. Twenty-three letters were drafted by the City Attorney and were sent out to property owners who owe the city more than \$1,500 in liens, totaling over \$73,000.

He commended Councilman Coleman and the other Council members who participated in the city cleanup. He added it was one of the most organized cleanups he's ever seen. They're going to start planting the gardens tomorrow.

He received a letter from the Make A Wish Foundation thanking the Police Department, Fire Department and everyone else who worked hard during the recent fundraiser. They far exceeded their goal for kids who desperately need that money.

COM-17:014

Airport Commission financial statement for February 28, 2017

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Attachments: [JAC Financial Statement](#)

Mayor Perrin stated utilization is up. The airport is currently doing a master plan. Things are going well at the airport.

This item was Filed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and place RES-17:033 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-17:033

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FISHER & ARNOLD, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Attachments: [Proposal](#)

Councilman McClain asked for clarification regarding the project. Councilman Street explained this project will widen Harrisburg Road from the Exxon station near the

Gladiolas apartments to Forest Hill. Mayor Perrin further added the widening will go down to the fire station. The five lanes will go down to Forest Hill, giving residents relief in the Central Baptist Church area. But, they put it in the contract to do the work all the way down to the fire station. This is one of the STIP projects with the Highway Department. City Attorney Carol Duncan noted this is just the design of the project.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Charles Frierson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place ORD-17:014 on the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-17:014

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2017 GENERAL FUND TO CREATE A COURT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [Court Services Proposal](#)

Councilman Johnson offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Councilman McClain stated he has asked City Planner Derrel Smith to do some work regarding design standards for the city. He recently toured Germantown and saw the design of their buildings. He was wondering if Jonesboro could have something similar. He has also spoken with Police Chief Rick Elliott about things for the police officers such as cameras.

Councilman Gibson announced today's Public Services Committee meeting was rescheduled for April 4th at 4:45 p.m. They will be getting an update from Parks and JETS. They will meet quarterly moving forward.

Councilwoman Williams asked about the meeting being held later this week concerning bike paths. Mayor Perrin explained the meeting is being held in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. on March 23rd. Mr. Campbell noted there's also going to be another meeting on Monday, April 3rd at the same time. Grants Administrator Kimberly Marshall stated each year the government puts out the fees for the Transportation Alternative Program and Recreational Trails Program. They have to hold a public hearing to show what areas are being looked at and to get public input.

They've already selected five sites that will work in with existing trails.

Councilman Moore also thanked Councilman Coleman for the event on Saturday. He noted a lot of good work was done.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and David McClain

Absent: 3 - Darrel Dover; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk