



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Friday, May 6, 2011

3:15 PM

Huntington Building

Special Called Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN

2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 7 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent 5 - Darrel Dover; Chris Moore; Tim McCall; Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

3. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-11:065

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE JONESBORO LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO APPOINT MEMBERS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin discussed the possible purchase of the Army Reserve Center located on Caraway Road. He noted the City had looked at purchasing the property in 2006 and formed a committee to look into the future use of the property. He explained the facility would be a natural fit for a Police Department, so he would like to form a committee with the committee largely being made up of the same members at the 2006 committee. He further discussed the property and the advantages to having a Police Department being located there. Mayor Perrin stated the committee will interview Arkansas State University, who is also interested in purchasing the property, along with the Police Department to determine the best fit for the property. Police Chief Michael Yates discussed the property. He explained the demands for space have continued through the years for the Police Department.

Councilman Frierson questioned remodeling and/or reconditioning. Mayor Perrin stated they foresee spending about \$1 million or less, with \$450,000 being used to convert the property from gas to electric utilities. He added later on they could look at adding more buildings to the property.

Councilman Coleman asked about the timeline for the committee. Mayor Perrin explained he hopes the committee can meet next week, then again within two weeks for a round of interviews with Arkansas State University and the Jonesboro Police Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 7 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 5 - Darrel Dover; Chris Moore; Tim McCall; Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-047-2011

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Council meeting was adjourned.

Harold Perrin, Mayor **Date:** _____

Attest:

Donna Jackson, City Clerk **Date:** _____