



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

5:30 PM

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:30 P.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:20 P.M.

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Regarding the request by Aniefiok Jacob to operate a city cab

Bishop Anie Jacob, 604 Fox Run Drive, stated he has seen Jonesboro grow since he moved here in 2011 and would like to contribute to the city by way of starting city transportation. He explained he would like to help ease the problem of transportation. He noted that would help create jobs and generate revenue for the city.

Mayor Perrin explained there is an application process to start a cab company. He questioned whether Mr. Jacob has spoken with anyone concerning that process. Mr. Jacob answered yes, he spoke with the City Clerk's Office and was informed he needed to go through City Council and then would have to be fingerprinted after approval was granted.

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; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman; Todd Burton and Robert Long

Absent 1 - Chris Gibson

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-16:059

Presentation by Mayor Perrin to Brian Fulkerson with Atlas Asphalt

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

COM-16:061

Presentation by Mr. Michael Mason, Equal Opportunity Specialist, from Little Rock field offices for HUD and Wanda Merritt, Dir. of HUD field office

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Grants

Mr. Mason discussed fair housing and how they came up with the guidelines of fair housing. In 2015, they came up with a planning document to aid participants. He detailed the assessment of fair housing and noted the new approach helps with a good, measured success. The process also allows for more recordkeeping.

Councilman Long asked what Mr. Mason meant by saying HUD furthers more "inclusive" communities. Mr. Mason explained it means that everyone from all races, nationalities and ethnicities will live together in one community. The document the city has to come up with will identify areas where concentration of poverty and the need for more help exist. It will identify those areas and detail goals to get to the determined outcome, as well as any contributing factors.

Councilman Coleman questioned what impediments are. Mr. Mason explained they are barriers to fair housing, such as streets, drainage, education and outreach, or credit training to purchase homes. He noted the plan will be a public document, available to all City Council members at any time.

Mayor Perrin further explained CDBG has an advisory board made of up citizens that will perform the assessment in the community. They will then present the Council with a report detailing the success rate and scorecard of everything they said would be done and how it was valued.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman; Todd Burton and Robert Long

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

MIN-16:101

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Attachments: [City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

This item was Approved on the consent agenda.

RES-16:100

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT FOR THE CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM THROUGH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEPARTMENT FOR THE RAPID RE-HOUSING OF THE HOMELESSNESS

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Sponsors: Grants

This item was Approved on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-081-2016

RES-16:101

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ED'S CATFISH LLC FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE FENCE SIGN AT MIRACLE LEAGUE COMPLEX

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Attachments: [MX-2610N_20160804_081519.pdf](#)
[Signed Contract Lease and Ordinance](#)

This item was Approved on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-082-2016

6. NEW BUSINESS

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COM-16:063

Decision by the City Council regarding the request by Aniefiok Jacob to operate a city cab

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Attachments: [Cab Request](#)

Mayor Perrin explained Mr. Jacob was provided a checklist of things to do before coming to Council and those documents have not yet been provided. Since that information is not being presented to the Council tonight, they cannot make a decision about the cab company yet. Mayor Perrin recommended tabling the item for another two weeks in order for Mr. Jacob to get his documentation together. He also noted that the documentation will need to be provided to the City Clerk's Office before it can be placed on the agenda.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to table the decision until the next City Council meeting. All voted aye.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-16:055

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE

2016 BUDGET AND MOVE \$7,810,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR STIP PROJECTS

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Sponsors: Finance and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [STIP Projects](#)
[2016-2020 STIP Craighead County](#)

Councilman Woods asked for details concerning this money transfer. Mayor Perrin explained this will signify to the Highway Department that the city has the money to pay the matching portion for the projects listed in the attached documentation. The total for the projects adds up to \$94 million through 2020. The \$7.8 million will be moved from the General Fund to Capital Improvements and earmarked for these projects. The projects will include overpass projects and intersection improvements. It will help improve traffic flow and make it safer for the citizens.

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

Councilman Street asked if there was any rush on this ordinance. Mayor Perrin answered no. But, once it is passed he will take it to the Highway Department to let them know Jonesboro has earmarked the funds.

City Clerk Donna Jackson recommended amending the ordinance to include the emergency clause. Councilman Street stated his motion will include amending the ordinance for the emergency clause.

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; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman; Todd Burton and Robert Long

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-16:046

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND MAKING SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND ASSIGNING SAME TO WARDS

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Attachments: [Order of Annexation](#)
[Survey](#)
[Planning Dept. Report](#)
[Attorney Letter](#)
[Brookland School Letter](#)
[Fire Application](#)
[Fire Hydrant Information](#)
[Fire Questionnaire](#)
[Letter from Fire Chief](#)
[Aerial Google View](#)
[Aerial View of Property](#)
[Aerial View of Surrounding Properties](#)
[Application](#)
[Rezoning Plat](#)
[Sage Meadows Property Owners Association](#)
[school](#)
[Warranty Deed](#)
[Letters](#)
[Petition for Annex from County \(2\)](#)
[Planning Letter](#)
[plat rezon](#)
[Preliminary plat of Site](#)
[Question Response](#)
[JETS Letter](#)
[Annexation Opposition ORD16-46.pdf](#)
[Aerial Map and Plat](#)
[ORD-16:046](#)

Councilman Moore noted that during one of the previous readings he asked for details regarding what the advantages are for the city to annex this property and projected costs. Mayor Perrin stated they do not have that information. He explained there would be an increase in property value, as well as an increase in taxes. The area isn't very big and they do anticipate becoming part of the Homeowner's Association in Sage Meadows. He also noted there are no objections to the annexation.

Councilman Long noted the JETS Department indicated the annexation would increase city density and adversely affect their department. He added the people who will live there are already going to come to Jonesboro to shop, so he is having problems seeing where it would be advantageous to the city to annex in the property. He expressed concerns about it being detrimental to the JETS and Fire Departments. Mayor Perrin stated it will affect the services offered by JETS, but would not cause a reduction in funding. Grants Administrator Kimberly Marshall agreed.

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

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Nay: 2 - Todd Burton and Robert Long

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

Enactment No: O-EN-041-2016

ORD-16:050

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE PROPERTY ON HWY 1 SOUTH AND TO AMEND THE 2016 BUDGET FOR THE AMOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE

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Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Real Estate Offer and Acceptance Contract](#)

Mayor Perrin reiterated this will allow them to purchase property on Highway 1 South for the Welcome to Jonesboro sign, or else the city will have to move the sign which would be more costly than purchasing the property.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, 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;Gene Vance;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Robert Long

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

Enactment No: O-EN-042-2016

ORD-16:051

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3 TO RM-8 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2100 JOHNSON AND 108 &110 SNYDER AS REQUESTED BY JOSH OLSON

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Attachments: [Rezoning Plat Application](#)
[Planning Dept. Report](#)
[Aerial View of Location](#)

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: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Robert Long

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

Enactment No: O-EN-043-2016

ORD-16:053

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING PARTS OF UNUSED ALLEYWAY ON VINE STREET AS REQUESTED BY JONATHAN DRUM

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Attachments: [Petition](#)
 [Plat](#)
 [Utility Letters](#)
 [Letter from Engineering and Planning Dept.](#)
 [ORD-16:053](#)
 [RES-16:069](#)

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: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman; Todd Burton and Robert Long

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

Enactment No: O-EN-044-2016

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Several Council members and he attended the openings of Highways 226 and 67. Those projects have been ongoing for a while, so he is pleased to announce their openings.

He introduced Derrel Smith, the new city planner. He came with recommendations from Rogers.

He referred to a recent press release concerning an aquatics park. They have been working on the project for over 90 days. They will know Friday if the city will be able to purchase land they've been looking at. The Building Facilities Committee has already been discussing the purchase of the property.

They have also received calls from private investors to do feasibility studies to develop a water park. He noted the city also needs a large indoor pool facility with an Olympic-size pool for the citizens to use. The best way to do those projects is to look at other facilities in areas where the Jets swim coach has recommended. Also, they still have the old plans from an RFP from when he was on the Council. The prices ranged from \$12 million to \$38 million. They are going to look at each of the plans and come back with a report. They looked at the facilities in Pocahontas yesterday and have asked the mayor for information regarding the facility. Once they determine the cost, they will decide how it will be paid for.

He met with Legislative Audit along with Finance Committee Chair Councilman Dover and Ms. Allen. The exit interview was good for the recent audit.

Senator Cotton was here last week and met with business leaders. He also met with the Jonesboro Police Department and talked with officers. He had some recommendations and thanked them for their work.

The city's website and Facebook page are going well.

The Fire Department inspected the schools before their recent openings. E-911 will also be working with the local schools on some training in the next week.

The Parks Department is busy with registration for fall sports. The greenway trail is open, as well as the trail at Craighead Forest. He encouraged everyone to visit the Craighead Forest Trail.

The Street Department striped over 115 miles last month.

He called Vector Mosquito performed an aerial spray on July 2, July 13, July 27, August 2 and August 10. The city has three more flyovers. He hopes they can perform a flyover this week, depending on the weather. If not this week, it'll be next week.

They are a little behind on the ditch mowing due to the recent weather, but not by much. If the timeline needs to be extended it may be the end of October when the mowing will be completed. The equipment is onsite for the stabilization and channelization projects. But, he doubts they have been able to start work due to the weather.

COM-16:064

Jonesboro Airport Commission financial statement for July 31, 2016

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Sponsors: Municipal Airport Commission

Attachments: [Financial Statement](#)

Mayor Perrin stated he, along with Chief Financial Officer Suzanne Allen, met with Airport Manager George Jackson. They are working on the airport master plan and have the funds to complete the plan. He will provide the Council with a copy of the master plan when it's completed.

This item was Filed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street asked for an update concerning the roundabout project. Mayor Perrin explained there have been police officers in the area to help with traffic. The project is behind schedule again because of the recent rain. He has informed the Highway Department the city isn't happy with the contractors. The project started in September of 2015. The city told the schools that it would be done before school started, but that did not work out. Mayor Perrin further stated there should be something in the contracts that requires the projects to stay on time. He added he would like to see that discussed during a Highway Department meeting.

Councilman Street stated the city does a good job informing citizens of projects, but would like to see the city receiving notice from state contractors when projects are ongoing so the city can then inform the citizens. He referred to a recent problem where a contractor working on the McDonald's renovation on Highland Drive shut down a lane of the road without the city's knowledge, causing numerous traffic problems. Mayor Perrin agreed and thanked the Engineering and Police Departments for their help.

Councilman Johnson thanked the mayor for updating them about the relocation of the groundbreaking for the convention center. He enjoyed being able to attend that and is excited about the project and what it means for Jonesboro.

Councilman Dover noted at the last Finance Committee meeting he requested the mayor look into some possible dates for a working session to discuss the city salary plan. Mayor Perrin stated he was waiting on the Councilman Johnson's committee to finish their work. Tomorrow they will start looking at dates.

Councilman Long thanked everyone for attending the Season of Prayer Event at The Rock. He noted it was a great success and they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

Councilman Burton asked if they could get the schedule of the ditch cleaning on the website. Mayor Perrin answered yes, they can put it on a map and put it on the city website.

Councilwoman Williams asked for an update concerning the widening of Patrick Street. Mayor Perrin explained they put it back on the project list since the city didn't receive a Tiger Grant for the project. The right-of-way has been acquired and have notified CWL to start looking at relocating utilities. City Engineer Craig Light explained they did not budget any money to do utility relocation, so they are looking at the cost of doing the relocation in-house and contracting it out. There are some decisions that need to be made and money needs to be found in order to do the project in 2017. Hedger Brothers, in the past, indicated they would share in the cost of the concrete for the curbing in the project.

Dr. Coleman thanked everyone for their concern regarding the recent loss of his son.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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COM-16:067

Information regarding pot-bellied pigs as presented by Danna Barkley at the City Council meeting on August 16, 2016

Attachments: [Barkley Information](#)

Danna Barkley, 4404 Lochmoor, discussed Ordinance 952 regarding pot-bellied pigs being illegal in the city limits. She has two pet pot-bellied pigs. She noted the ordinance was adopted in 1958, but pot-bellied pigs were not introduced into the United States until 1986. Pot-bellied pigs quickly became pets due to their intelligence and personalities. She asked the city to review the ordinance because the pot-bellied pig is not a breeder pig and shouldn't be treated as such. They are pets. She has spoken with several entities, including the FDA, and they agree pot-bellied pigs are pets. They are not raised for slaughter or to be food sources; rather, they are just pets. They are very intelligent and are very emotional. If they are separated from their owners they are known to grieve themselves to death. She provided the City Council with information concerning pot-bellied pigs. Ms. Barkley believes pot-bellied pigs should be recognized as a domestic pet and be allowed within the city limits. She noted there will need to be stipulations, but pot-bellied pigs typically are purchased to live inside the home. She has 2,378 signatures reflecting support of her cause.

Mayor Perrin stated he has met with Ms. Barkley. They have done research with other cities such as Little Rock and North Little Rock where their ordinances were

amended to allow for pot-bellied pigs. He suggested she get an alderman to sponsor legislation. Councilman Frierson stated that is not an easy task, therefore Ms. Barkley should put together an amendment she thinks would work for Jonesboro and present it to the Council. Ms. Barkley replied she would be happy to help craft an amendment. Councilman Dover questioned what limitations would apply, such as the number allowed. Councilman Vance explained he think Ms. Barkley should write the amendment, allow the City Attorney to review it, and then have a Council member sponsor the amendment.

Councilman Dover then questioned whether something would be able to be done within the timeframe she has been given by Animal Control. Ms. Barkley stated she has until August 29th to comply or she will be ticketed. Mayor Perrin explained they will talk to the police chief to change the timeline. It was noted the amendment would need to be presented to the Public Safety Committee for approval before being presented to the City Council. City Attorney Carol Duncan asked for a draft of her proposal and she will review it. She thinks the biggest obstacle will be how the animal control officers are to determine the difference between a pot-bellied pig and farm pig if they are not trained. She added she wants to avoid the situation where people claim their pigs are a pet when really it's not. It would be helpful to know how people can register their pot-bellied pigs or get some sort of vet certification to show an animal control officer that their pig is a pot-bellied pig.

Barry Barkley stated when his wife got the pot-bellied pigs he was not a supporter of them. But, they are clean and are very different from a regular pig.

City Attorney Duncan explained her main concern is that she doesn't want Animal Control to have to determine whether it is truly a pot-bellied pig or whether it crosses the line into being something someone is raising in their backyard. Councilman Moore agreed, adding he contacted the FDA and was told there is no breed called a "Vietnamese Pot-Bellied Pig." He would like to know what would keep anyone from calling something a Vietnamese Pot-Bellied Pig and noted he would like that information to be included. City Attorney Duncan stated she would like to see information such as weight and height to be included to specify what a pot-bellied pig would be.

This item was Read.

Joe Barrett, 4201 Sandra Cove, stated he is part of the organization that helps maintain the trails at Bono Lake and Craighead Forest. He saw a post on the city's Facebook page from August 1 showing a trail starting at the St. Bernard's Health and Wellness Center that was labeled as a good trail for bicyclists. He asked if the city could sweep the shoulders of the road, especially along Parker Road. There is quite a bit of trash and debris that could cause accidents.

Harold Carter, 902 Tony Drive, discussed the aquatics center. He asked how it will be funded and operated, as well as whether there will be a tax involved. Mayor Perrin answered he doesn't know, but has found that corporate sponsors help with the funding. He noted a tax would be the last option he would like. Once they get the cost together, they will be able to move forward as to how it will be paid for. Discussion was held concerning past proposals for an aquatics center. Mr. Carter expressed his concern about the cost of operating the facility. Mayor Perrin agreed, stating any time you deal with water you will have expenses. They are going to visit several parks and put the best of each of those parks together to decide what they want for Jonesboro. Those facilities are also open as to what things they would like to change. He

explained they are still doing their due diligence with the project.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, 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;Gene Vance;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Robert Long

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk