



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, August 2, 2016

5:30 PM

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

### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

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

*Regarding the abandonment of an undeveloped alleyway on Vine Street as requested by Jonathan Drum.*

*No one spoke in opposition to the abandonment.*

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

### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### COM-16:050

Crowley's Ridge Development Council update from Tim Wooldridge

*Tim Wooldridge, Director of Crowley's Ridge Development Council, came to the podium to speak about CRDC which is the congressionally mandated organization to fight poverty in the Delta. CRDC is a community action agency charged with fighting poverty in these 8 counties of the Delta. CRDC is committed to helping families and individuals recognize their strengths, set realistic goals, make responsible choices, and become successful, self-sufficient members of the community. Collaborating with local, state, and national agencies, CRDC provides a broad range of direct, anti-poverty services for moderate to low-income community members and they maintain an on-going commitment to reduce the effects of poverty and to empower individuals, families. CRDC programs focus on: family development; crisis management; affordable housing security; health & nutrition; substance abuse treatment and prevention measures; supporting senior citizen independence; community and economic development. We need to be good stewards of our citizen's monies. We want to find out how we can better coordinate programs from one county to another. We want everyone to become advocates and supporters of those that we serve that are in poverty in Northeast Arkansas. We want to continue to invite*

*you to help those who cannot help themselves. Mayor Perrin stated that JETS and CRDC work together to get people to where they need to go. He also expressed his appreciation for all the work that Mr. Wooldridge does with CRDC and the people of the Delta and that the City would definitely be a partner with them.*

**COM-16:058**

MPO presentation by Erica Tait, MPO Director

*Mayor Perrin stated that Erica Tait, Director of MPO, would come to update us on the activities involved with the MPO. Mrs. Tait said they are currently working on an Active Transportation Plan. She went over a presentation about what an Active Transportation Plan is. Active Transportation is any self-propelled, human-powered mode of transportation, such as walking or bicycling. There has been a lot of conversation in the community about safety surrounding bicyclists and pedestrian activity infrastructure. It also brings about health benefits, transportation benefits, and economic benefits. The purpose of the MPO Active Transportation Plan is to bring about an integrated network supported by policies and funding sources, that will lead to increased use of active transportation alternatives throughout the MPO area. What will we do going forward to make sure this is a continuous integrated connected network. We may need to augment or revise systems that are already in place. We have compiled the current maps and suggestions. We are in the process of meeting with stakeholders with our first meeting being the fourth week in August. We are going to hold public input meetings, collecting more data, looking for more viable funding sources and at the end of that we will come together with a full plan that will be reviewed by our Citizen Advisory Committee, our Technical Committee, and our Policy Committee.*

*Councilman Moore asked if the bike trails will be on city streets. Mrs. Tait stated the red lines are indicating proposed routes where bike trails could be. Councilman Moore asked if those trails are on city streets because they are going through residential neighborhoods. Mrs. Tait wasn't sure if it would be a shared or protected bike lane. She said these are the routes the staff thought would be most beneficial to have some sort of bicycle accommodation. She said in our plan we will have specific designations and a dedicated bicycle route with posted signs. Councilman Moore stated that bicyclists are not going to use sidewalks because they are not convenient to use. He said he looks forward to seeing the more technical plan in the upcoming future. Mrs. Tait stated that they hope to get a good comprehensive view. Councilman Moore asked when that plan will come up. She said that by this time next year, they should have a full blown plan. Mayor Perrin said that we have to come up with the right way to go about doing this plan and he believes Ms. Tait is getting everything together in order to bring the plan to fruition. He said this is a big first step in getting to where we want to go and he looks forward to the MPO coming back with the full plan.*

**COM-16:059**

Presentation by Mayor Perrin to Brian Fulkerson with Atlas Asphalt

*This item was postponed until August 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.*

**5. CONSENT AGENDA***Approval of the Consent Agenda*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Robert Long

**MIN-16:098**

Minutes for City Council Meeting on July 19, 2016

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**RES-16:093**

RESOLUTION TO MAKE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE AUDITORIUM COMMISSION, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD AND THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**RES-16:096**

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FY2017 BROWNSFIELD AREA WIDE PLANNING GRANT THROUGH THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**COM-16:055**

Request to set a public hearing to review the application by Aniefiok Jacob to operate a city cab

*Public Hearing set for August 16, 2016 at 5:20 p.m.*

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**

**ORD-16:048**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2016 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A SECOND TRAFFIC SIGNAL TECHNICIAN TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

*Councilman Dover offered by title only. Mayor Perrin stated that we only have two techs and with the tremendous growth we had on installation of opticons, battery backups, etc. He said we find ourselves with only one technician sometimes due to comp, sick, and vacation time. Mayor Perrin said it really takes two people for safety issues. This would be budget neutral since we didn't fill the surveyor's position. Councilman Dover and Councilwoman Williams moved 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:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Robert Long

**ORD-16:049**

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE 2016 BUDGET, ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO KINDER BROTHER EXCAVATING, INC. FOR RECHANNELING/MODIFYING DRAINAGE CHANNELS (2016:28); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Councilman Street offered by title only. Councilman Dover asked the Mayor for clarification purposes to give a brief description on this since it was different than bid we took originally for the cleaning of ditches. Mayor Perrin said the first bid was for*

*mowing and getting saplings out of the 60 miles of ditches. He said they have identified hot spots and what this will do is to allow these people to come in and dig the channels deeper and wider and put the slope on the channels where the water can go on thru there. Mayor Perrin said that we cannot do it with the equipment we have and this is desperately needed now. Councilman Street stated he knew this is time sensitive due to the upcoming winter months. Councilman Street moved and Councilman Frierson seconded that we suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. Councilman Moore asked if the City Engineer, Craig Light, was going to design the ditch profiles. Mayor Perrin stated yes, that was in the specs sent out of Engineering. He said it has already been done. All voted aye. Councilman Gibson moved and Councilman Woods seconded to adopt an emergency clause. All voted aye.*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Robert Long

**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

*Councilman Street offered by title only. Councilman Street asked the Mayor if that was for the Welcome to Jonesboro sign. Mayor Perrin stated that is correct. Councilman Burton asked if this was a rush of any kind. Mayor Perrin said this was not a rush on Hwy. 1 South. He said we close on Hwy. 18 tomorrow.*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Robert Long

**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

*Councilman Street offered by title only. Mayor Perrin stated he thought the MAPC voted 8-0 in favor of this. Councilman Burton asked what the maximum amount of units is under RM-8 later down the road. Lonnie Roberts from MAPC answered Councilman Burton's question.*

**A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Robert Long

**ORD-16:053**

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

*Councilman Street offered by title only. Councilman Street stated that everyone has approved this and there is no objection. Mayor Perrin stated that the abandonment*

signs are up. Councilman Street asked if there was any reason why this needed to be done immediately or could it be held to the next meeting. Mayor Perrin said he has not had any special request to rush it through.

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman; Todd Burton and Robert Long

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

#### **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

*Mayor Perrin said this was placed on here to discuss any additional issues. He said it is very clear from the minutes what we have asked from the people who have sponsored that of all of the studies that they have to get. He asked if anyone had any additional comments to add. Carol Duncan, City Attorney, stated the question was asked last time of whether or not we could exercise our jurisdiction over the 2 mile radius outside the city limits. She said her office has done some research and there is not a lot of case law out there that is on point. However, there is a lot of discussion when the legislature changed from a 5 mile radius to a 2 mile radius and they discussed what their intent was. Ms. Duncan believes their intent was that it not be used sporadically. She said in order for us to decide this is something we are going to do, we need to actually pass legislation to that effect that says we intend to exercise our 2 mile jurisdiction outside the city limits of Jonesboro. She said we need to determine in what way we intend to exercise that 2 mile jurisdiction whether or not we want to be a part of a subdivision development or every development or monitor single family homes.*

*We have to determine what we want our jurisdiction to entail and give people notice that if they are within that 2 mile radius jurisdiction, they have to submit whatever we are requiring them to submit to the council or to the Planning Commission for approval. She said the key with the legislature is to not exercise it on one and exercise it on another or exercise on the Southside and not on the Northside. She said it is consistency and notice that is the key to exercising that jurisdiction. Sometime back, the Planning Commission had this discussion on needing to look into that and making a recommendation to the council. She said Otis had prepared a handout that talked about different cities and how they had handled it and what they did. She said we had started the discussion but didn't get very far in that discussion with the Planning Commission as far as presenting it to the council. Ms. Duncan said that the discussion should start again when we have our new planning person in place. She doesn't know if it will play a role in the present annexation in front of the council, but if it is something the council plans to do in the future, we need to make a plan and follow it.*

*Councilman Street stated that this annexation is part of a little island that is bordered by the city on three sides. Mayor Perrin said that Mr. Derrel Smith said you have got to be consistent and have an ordinance or something on the books because that came up in Rogers several times. He said you have to remember that any land that*

*you annex is going to come into play with all of the city codes you have. Mayor Perrin stated that when the new City Planner comes in, he wants to have a joint meeting with MAPC, developers, and the council on zoning so everyone can be aware of the rules.*

*Councilman Gibson asked the Mayor if adjoining Sage Meadows property owners would have to adhere to the covenants and restrictions that are followed at Sage Meadows. City Attorney, Carol Duncan, stated that it is her understanding that they want to be a part of Sage Meadows and they have agreed and accepted that if they are annexed to abide by their rules and restrictions. Councilman Frierson said that we don't do that. It is privately done. Ms. Duncan agreed that we won't enforce it, but it is her understanding they have agreed to be a part of the homeowners association and pay the dues.*

*Mayor Perrin said we would leave it there.*

**Held at second reading**

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

*Mayor Perrin wanted to remind everyone that the Ward Meetings start on August 22, 2016. The first one is at Fire Station #2 at 6:00 p.m. for Ward 1. He said the stripping is going extremely well with 42.62 miles done last month. Mayor Perrin said the building permits last month were at \$20,681,000 with the ratio being 75/25 with 75 being commercial and 25 being residential.*

*Mayor Perrin stated our new Chief Operating Officer is Ed Tanner and we are glad to have him aboard and he brings a lot of management experience with him.*

*Mayor Perrin said our hearts go out with all of our Police Officer's with all of the things going on right now in our nation. Our community has definitely opened up for our Police Department. On August 6, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a Season of Prayer event held at the Rock of NEA to acknowledge and pray for public servants and the people they protect. Mayor Perrin stated that on August 8, 2016, Pastor Adrian Rodgers will be hosting a forum of support and talking dialogue.*

*Mayor Perrin said on August 13, 2016, the Back to School Explosion will be held at Parker Park from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with the Police Officers. They will be serving hot dogs and the Police Officers will be playing basketball with the kids and interacting with them. Our Police Officers are out there keeping in touch with our community.*

*Mayor Perrin stated that he sent a letter of condolence and support to the Orlando Mayor, Buddy Dyer and he received a letter back from him thanking everyone for their kindness and support.*

*Mayor Perrin said that Bill Campbell, Communications Director, is doing a good job with Channel 24 along with Rachel and Lorenzo with a new program called "Serving Jonesboro One Day at a Time." He said we also have a company that has graciously agreed to wrap the IT van that will say "Stay in Tune with Your City." A reminder that "Stuff the Bus" is Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the Walmart on Highland and on Parker.*

*Mayor Perrin stated that we worked real close with the Downtown Association and Hailey Knight surveying the flowerbeds. We will be replacing 40 broken tops to help get the downtown ready for upcoming events.*

*Mayor Perrin said the City will have its auction at Strawfloor on October 8, 2016 with*

all excess equipment.

Police Chief Rick Elliott told Mayor Perrin that the Jonesboro Police Department is now fully staffed.

Mayor Perrin stated that we were turned down for the Tiger Grant for the Patrick overpass, but that we will try again at another time. We have 85 stoplights with 25 of those with opticons which will allow our police and fire to go through intersections safely. He said that we do have a grant that is open for that and we should know something about that grant in September. Mayor Perrin said we are going to apply for a Brownfield Grant for \$200,000 to give us a planner to take care of everything along the railroad from Hummelstein to ASU for connectivity. They will be giving us a plan for that area and we will work very close with MPO, the Downtown Association, and all of the other agencies to make that connectivity to make Downtown a wonderful place to do business and to travel.

Mayor Perrin said the roundabout is not done and it is a slow process, but the Police Department will work with the school to make sure things run as smoothly as possible.

## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Street stated at the Public Works meeting, the issue of Phase 2 of the Craighead Forrest Walking Trail came up and it was requested that it be walked on tonight to the regular council agenda due to the weather for fall is usually inclement and for the continuity of the construction already under way. Councilman Street moved and Councilman Moore seconded to suspend the rules and place RES-16:098 on the agenda. All voted aye.

### **RES-16:098**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUGG CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CROWLEY'S RIDGE PARKWAY: CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK TRAIL - PHASE 2 (AHTD JOB NO. 100856) (2016:27)

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

Councilman Dover stated that they had a special called Finance Committee meeting regarding a resolution authorizing the Mayor's Salary recommendation for filling the position of Director of Planning. Councilman Dover moved and Councilman Street seconded to suspend the rules and place RES-16:099 on the agenda. All voted aye.

### **RES-16:099**

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SALARY RECOMMENDATION FOR FILLING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PLANNING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SALARY SCHEDULE AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY

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

*Councilman Woods said he has gotten Diversity Training squared away for the 3rd, 15th, and 19th. He wanted to thank the Chief and his staff for working so hard for our city.*

*Councilman Long wanted to reiterate the invitation for the Season of Prayer to be held on August 6, 2016 at the Rock of NEA at 6:00 p.m. He said the slideshow for the event is really good. Councilman Long also wanted to commend Officer Weston Gates and Crime Analyst Catherine Haydar for their help with getting information about a dangerous intersection at Prospect and Paragould Roads. He also spoke with the City Engineer, Craig Light, who was already out there looking at it. Councilman Long stated we have some great people working for our city.*

*Councilman Burton asked about some dates for a special working meeting to amend and revise rules for zoning process. He wants the council to look at some working dates. Mayor Perrin stated the new City Planner will start the week of August 15, 2016 and he had some really good ideas. City Attorney Carol Duncan said she wanted to come up with a draft of some of the things they have already discussed so they would have a working document for those meetings. She thought she could come up with something to start them off with after she sits down with the new City Planner. Mayor Perrin said we will look at getting something together. Councilman Moore asked if Ms. Duncan wanted any ideas sent by email to her. She said yes.*

*Councilman Coleman asked about both the Patrick streets. Mayor Perrin said we were waiting on the overpass and we did not get that funding. He said we do have all of the ROW for the widening of Patrick. He said some utility work still needs to be done and we will get with them to move utilities so that can be widened. At one point, Hedger had agreed to donate the concrete for the curbs, but that was when we were talking about the overpass so we will have to get with him again.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Harold Carter, 902 Tony Drive, asked about annexation. He wanted to know who redraws the map when something is annexed. Ms. Duncan said the legislature stated that if the city expands, the 2 mile radius automatically expands if the City decides to exercise annexation. Once the council exercises that right, the redrawing of the map would happen automatically, but I don't think you would have to pass a new ordinance for that.*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman;Todd Burton and Robert Long



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**Harold Perrin, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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

**Donna Jackson, City Clerk**