



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

5:30 PM

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

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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; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent 1 - Tim McCall

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

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MIN-15:118

Minutes for the City Council meeting on December 15, 2015

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

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

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

6. NEW BUSINESS

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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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ORD-15:069

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR, ADOPTION OF THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT, AND FOR THE FINANCIAL CONTINUITY OF 2016, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Attachments: [2016 Budget](#)
[Presentation from Finance Committee meeting on Dec. 15](#)

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and waive the third reading. All voted aye.

Councilman Dover noted that they are anticipating three addendums to the 2016 budget – the addition of a truck for Animal Control, change the E-911 vehicle from an SUV to a truck and the new salary plan. Those will be added to the budget after the salary plan is finalized. The Longevity Committee is in the process of getting close to a recommendation. They hope to have a recommendation to the Finance Committee on Tuesday at the regular committee meeting, then for it to be forwarded to Council at the next regular meeting on January 19th. Mayor Perrin agreed, reiterating those will be amendments to the 2016 budget. He thinks the committee has done a great job and that the city employees will be happy with their recommendations. He noted the committee has done a tremendous amount of work and has met numerous times to come up with something that is equitable on all sides.

After adoption of the ordinance, Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, 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; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-001-2016

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-15:068

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY LOCATED IN:

The right-of-way of a 20 foot alley between Lots 49 through 56, inclusively of Northwest Addition to Jonesboro, AR, Craighead County, AR.

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Attachments: [Petitions](#)
 [Plat](#)
 [Utility Letters](#)
 [Enginnering and Planning Letter](#)

Councilman Moore asked if there have been any objections to the abandonment. Mayor Perrin answered no, not that he knows of.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, 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; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-002-2016

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He thanked the city employees for their work in 2015. He stated they did an outstanding job and the members who are no longer with us will be missed.

He will be presenting the State of the City Address at the next meeting, depending on the agenda. If he's not able to do it at the next meeting, he will deliver it at the first meeting in February.

Last month, the city issued \$8.6 million in permits, with 70% being commercial and 30% being residential. Last year the city wrote over \$85 million in building permits. Jonesboro is far exceeding northwest Arkansas.

Gloria Roark has retired as human resources director. They received 14 applicants for her position. They have interviewed several so far. They have also received 29 applications for the communications director position.

Online permitting is very busy. They are looking into a software package that will help track the business being done. Once the software is in place, developer will be able to track their permits and see where it is in the process. In 2015, the city did 195 permits online. They hope to increase that to over 200 this year.

He provided the Council with copies of the new Development Guide book. City Planner Otis Spriggs put it together to help answer questions concerning building and the processes involved. It will be on the website tomorrow. Hard copies can also be distributed to new companies through the Chamber of Commerce.

The condemnation letter for 411 Union has been started. They have 30 days to respond. The former Home Ice property is in litigation. They are working on that condemnation through the City Attorney.

By the end of the month, the lighting at Caraway and Parker should be reset. Citizens have been complaining about having to sit at the light.

The Fire Department, partnered with CWL, has improved the city's ISO rating to Class 1. He will be getting letters out to commercial and industrial businesses in the city. The city went from a Class 3 rating to a Class 1. There are very few Class 1 cities in the country. The new rating will also improve insurance rates. The effective date is April 1st. The improvement is due to the new fire stations and help from CWL.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Moore asked for the ISO letter to be put on the city's website, so citizens can download it and send it to their insurance companies.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, 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; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk