



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

4. Special Presentations

COM-09:037

A proclamation will be read by Mayor Perrin proclaiming April, 2009, U.S. Census Awareness Month for the City of Jonesboro

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

The proclamation was presented by Mayor Perrin.

COM-09:038

Foundation of Arts "Curtain Up Kids" presents a song in honor of Jonesboro's 150th Celebration. Proclamation will be presented to the Foundation of Arts "Curtain Up Kids" by the Mayor.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

The Curtain Up Kids discussed the Foundation of the Arts and performed a song dedicated to the 150 year celebration of the City of Jonesboro.

The proclamation was presented by Councilman Tim McCall.

Proclamation to Mr. Jeff Stotts for writing "Jonesboro, My Hometown" to be used through the year for the sesquicentennial celebration and for his work with the Curtain Up Kids.

The proclamation was presented by Councilman Tim McCall.

Proclamation and Key to the City presentation to Lt. Col. Dale Deehr and Mr. Mark Stodal for their work during a recent blood drive in which the donations will be given to soldiers serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and Germany.

The proclamation and Keys to the City were presented by Mayor Perrin.

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of RES-09:038.

A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

MIN-09:026

Minutes for the City Council meeting on March 17, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made that this Minutes be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

RES-09:030

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 09:017 BY AND ADDENDUM CONCERNING COMPENSATORY TIME OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO POSITIONS AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Sponsors: Police Department

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-026-2009

RES-09:038

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS TAX ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE AUDIT AND EVALUATION OF PRIOR TAX PAYMENTS.

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: AR Tax Associates agreement

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily. The motion was PASSED by voice vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

RES-09:048

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO APPROVE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE JETS FUND AS NEEDED TO SUSTAIN A POSITIVE CASH FLOW.

Sponsors: JETS and Finance

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-027-2009

6. New Business

Ordinances on First Reading

ORD-09:018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE ARKANSAS RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT; AND AMENDING THE 2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATING FUNDS NECESSARY TO THE PROCUREMENT THEREOF

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [2008 REC TRAILS RESOLUTION](#)
[Rec Trails Agreement of Understanding](#)

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

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

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

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-018-2009

ORD-09:020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM RESIDENTIAL R-2 TO RESIDENTIAL RM-16 LIMITED USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 921 WARNER AS REQUESTED BY MAX DACUS JR.

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

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

This Ordinance was Held at one reading.

7. Unfinished Business

8. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Perrin announced the addition of two new City employees, Mr. Rusty McAllister, GIS Coordinator, and Mr. Josh Bettis, Surveyor. He informed the City Council that FEMA granted an extension to the City for review of the flood plain maps. He added he will be flying to FEMA in Denton, Texas, tomorrow with City Engineer Craig Light, GIS Coordinator Rusty McAllister and a representative from

Bernie Auld Engineering.

Mayor Perrin explained he met with the Corps of Engineers and representatives from the Memphis office will be visiting the City of Jonesboro on April 29th to discuss the programs the Corps has that can be provided to the City. He added he hopes to ask them for funds and discuss current projects with the Corps. He further explained they will also look at some of the ditches that need work and repair.

Mayor Perrin stated he met with the Arkansas Highway Department concerning the stimulus package and Street Superintendent Floyd Lemm will be in Little Rock tomorrow for letting of some of the contracts.

Mayor Perrin then discussed the privilege licenses, noting collections are somewhat behind. He added they will be publishing in the newspaper the delinquent licenses.

Mayor Perrin explained Alexander Thompson Arnold (ATA) visited the City and took back some of the major consolidated accounts. He further explained he will be asking the Finance Committee to rescind the previous contract and enter into a new contract with ATA to pay by the hour. He stated once they started working on the check reconciliations they found a need to look at some things more in-depth.

Mayor Perrin discussed the debris removal and noted they will be asking for a 30-day extension to the contract in order to complete the burning at the landfill.

Mayor Perrin stated bids will be taken to add sidewalks around some of the schools in the City.

Finance Director Jim Barksdale stated they are working on preparing the financial reports and will go into them at the next Finance Committee meeting. He explained revenues are at \$13.7 million, while expenditures are at \$17 million. He noted a lot of the one time a year payments were made in January, plus there was also some grant payments made that the City will be reimbursed for.

COM-09:040

Presentation to the City Council by City Engineer Craig Light at the meeting on April 7, 2009.

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Councilman Hargis questioned whether the sidewalk projects were to enhance already existing sidewalks or to add new sidewalks. Mr. Light stated there will be a few new sidewalks, but most of the projects will be enhancements of existing sidewalks.

This item was Read.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to add a resolution to the agenda. All voted aye. Mayor Perrin explained the resolution is to extend the contract with D&J Enterprises in order for the company to complete work related to debris removal.

RES-09:065

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 09:012, AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL RELATED TO THE WINTER ICE STORM

Sponsors: Public Works

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-031-2009

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to add a resolution to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:063

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH COLBERT LAWN SERVICE FOR MOWING OF CITY OFFICES

Sponsors: Building Maintenance

Attachments: [Contract](#)
[Bid Information](#)

Passed

Enactment No: R-EN-028-2009

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to add a resolution to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:067

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY TO AND ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM JONESBORO CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A SITE FOR AND SANITARY SEWER, POTABLE WATER AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES TO THE NEW STREET, SANITATION AND FLEET MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Aerial photographs of property](#)

Councilman Dover noted the Finance Committee also recommended the resolution to Council.

Councilman Vance explained a big portion of the exchange is development cost to the property on Lacy Drive. Councilman Street added City Water and Light will be holding a special meeting tomorrow at 2 p.m. to discuss the land proposal.

Councilman Frierson abstained from voting due to being City Water and Light's attorney. Councilmen McCall and Street also abstained from voting due to being members on the City Water and Light Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Abstain: 3 - Charles Frierson; John Street and Tim McCall

Enactment No: R-EN-029-2009

Councilman Johnson thanked the Council for voting for the land proposal for the Street and Sanitation facility.

Councilmen Street and McCall thanked the Curtain Up Kids for their performance earlier in the meeting. Councilman McCall stated the 150 Year Celebration Committee hopes very soon to unveil the logos, banner and website.

Councilman Fears thanked the Police Department for their work during a recent bomb threat at NEA Baptist Hospital.

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to add a resolution to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:060

RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-030-2009

Councilman Moore noted the Mayor's ad hoc Martin Luther King Committee made their recommendation at the last meeting. Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Fears, to disband the committee. All voted aye.

Councilman Vance thanked the Public Works Committee, Finance Committee and the City Council for approving the land proposal for the Street and Sanitation facility. He explained they will be meeting with the architect either this week or next week to start planning the facility.

Mayor Perrin thanked Building Maintenance Director Keith Sanders for his help with the 150 Year Celebration preparations.

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

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