



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Council Committee

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Tuesday, June 21, 2011

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

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### 1. Call To Order

*Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.*

**Present** 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

**Absent** 1 - Mikel Fears

### 2. Approval of minutes

**MIN-11:042** Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on May 17, 2011

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

**Absent:** 1 - Mikel Fears

**MIN-11:045** Minutes for the special called Public Safety Committee meeting on June 7, 2011

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

**Absent:** 1 - Mikel Fears

### 3. New Business

### 4. Pending Items

**COM-11:047** Mosquito control report by Vector Disease Control for May, 2011

**Attachments:** [Mosquito control report for May, 2011](#)

*Mr. Royals with Vector Disease Control stated this should be an average mosquito*

season. He added they have collected approximately 13 mosquitoes per trap and a total of 316 for the month of May. He further explained they sprayed 10 truck nights, which equals to approximately 2 ½ nights per week for a total of 22,255 acres. He noted they had 24 service requests and they should have the spray plane by July 1 or 2.

Mayor Perrin explained there was an ownership change with Vector, which changed the name to Vector Disease Control International. He noted this is the City's last year on the contract. He stated the City has 5 aerial flyovers and wants to make sure Vector sprays by July 4.

Councilman Moore asked if Vector has expertise in anything else besides mosquito control. Mr. Royals answered it is mainly mosquito control, but they were called out when a tree fell to spray the hornets that were in the tree.

Councilman Moore then asked if the mosquito spray will affect the gnats. Mr. Royals answered the mosquito spray does not affect the gnats. He added he has heard a lot of complaints concerning the gnats.

Councilman Moore then inquired if the City could purchase a dual purpose spray. Mr. Royals answered he is not sure, but he will ask Mr. Jim Starks about it.

Councilman Gene Vance questioned if the 13 mosquitoes caught per trap is average. Mr. Royals answered the number is an average and normally the month of May is low because of the weather.

**This item was Read.**

## **5. Other Business**

### Geese on the walking path at Craighead Forest Park

Councilman Moore inquired if Parks employee Larry Jackson could be contacted to see if anything can be done to keep the geese off the walking trail at Craighead Forest Park. Mayor Perrin answered yes.

Councilman Moore noted there is approximately 300 to 400 geese at Craighead Forest Park. Mayor Perrin stated the City could ask the Game & Fish Commission to see what could be done. Councilman Moore explained he thinks the Police Chief could issue a nuisance permit to discharge a firearm within the city limits which will scare the geese. Mayor Perrin noted he will have a report concerning this at the next City Council meeting.

### New Arkansas Game & Fish Commission building

Mayor Perrin noted the City has a meeting with the Game & Fish Commission to determine the location of the new building.

Councilman Vance asked if the City owns the property where the Game & Fish Commission building will be. Councilman Moore answered the City owns the property, but the Game & Fish Commission has a 99-year lease for the land.

Councilman Vance then asked if the City has any say on how or where the Game & Fish Commission can build the building. Mayor Perrin answered he thinks the Game & Fish Commission will work with the City on where and how to build the building. He

*added the Game & Fish Commission did not want to take out a lot of the trees.*

*Discussion was held concerning how the Game & Fish Commission will enter the park.*

*Councilman Vance explained some people still want Craighead Forest Park to be one-way. Mayor Perrin stated he has had several calls concerning making the park one-way and discussion will need to be held concerning making it one-way. Councilman Vance noted it would be a good idea to make it one-way because of all the walkers and bike riders. Mayor Perrin explained he spoke with someone with the Ridge Runners today and they have offered \$20,000 to \$40,000 dollars to make Craighead Forest Park one-way. He added the City's portion would be approximately \$50,000 and the biggest expense will be moving the sewer lines in the campgrounds.*

*Councilman John Street stated he is against making Craighead Forest Park one-way. He added it will be a disservice to the citizens by making it one-way. He noted if the City wants to make it one-way then there needs to be public hearings concerning this. Mayor Perrin was in agreement with having public hearings concerning making Craighead Forest Park one-way.*

## **6. Public Comments**

## **7. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

**Absent:** 1 - Mikel Fears