



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 6 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Brian Emison; Janice Porter; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent 1 - Chris Gibson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-25:074](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Kevin Miller, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Janice Porter; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-25:121](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 711 Burke Ave. Jonesboro, AR 72401
Parcel # 01-143134-03400

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [711 Burke Board and Secure Affidavit.pdf](#)
 [711 Burke Board and Secure Returned Cert Letter.pdf](#)
 [711 Burke Inspection report.doc](#)
 [711 Burke Pre-condemnation Affidavit.pdf](#)
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A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Janice Porter;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

[RES-25:122](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 2620 Crawford Dr. #11 Jonesboro, AR 72401 Parcel # 01-144273-02200

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [2620 Crawford #11.png](#)
 [2620 Crawford Board and Secure Affidavit.pdf](#)
 [2620 Crawford Board and Secure Returned Cert Letter.pdf](#)
 [2620 Crawford Inspection Report.pdf](#)
 [2620 Crawford Pre-condemnation Notice Affidavit.pdf](#)
 [2620 Crawford Pre-condemnation Returned Cert Letter.pdf](#)
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 [23382230-IMG_2813.jpeg](#)
 [23382232-IMG_2812.jpeg](#)
 [23382237-IMG_2809.jpeg](#)
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A motion was made by Janice Porter, seconded by Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Janice Porter;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

[RES-25:123](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 2017 Belt St. Jonesboro, AR 72401 Parcel # 01-144171-02600

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [2017 Belt Board and Secure Affidavit.pdf](#)
 [2017 Belt Inspection Report.pdf](#)
 [2017 Belt Pre-condemnation Affidavit.pdf](#)
 [2017 Belt Pre-condemnation Return Cert Letter.pdf](#)
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 [21153891-IMG_1888.jpeg](#)
 [21153893-IMG_1890.jpeg](#)
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A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Janice Porter, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Janice Porter;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Janice Porter said, Mr. Chairman, in responding to a citizens query I engaged in dialogue with the chief, and he has prepared some remarks concerning our Entertainment District. Police Department Chief Rick Elliot approached the podium and said, thank you Mr. Chair. Yes, briefly this afternoon Councilmember Porter and I had a discussion about the Entertainment District, and we're at that one-year mark since we started the Entertainment District. And I'm going to bring up some numbers on what reflects the, as far as policing in that area, during this one-year threshold. I did not go back and get several years of study prior to this, do to the late afternoon, I didn't get a chance to get those numbers pulled. But overall, during from last August to September this year, police received 965 calls for service in the Entertainment District area. Now that could be a traffic stop, it could be a pedestrian issue, it could be a dog, anything for any reason that somebody calls the police department for. Whatever reason that goes under this tick mark of 965. From that number there was 146 criminal reports made from that list of calls. And these were where somebody was arrested or some kind of report was made due to a criminal activity. Out of that criminal activity of 146 reported, 18 of those were alcohol related, it could be a DWI or public intoxication. And then, 30 of those were drug related. So people and drug issues a little bit bigger than the alcohol issues down there. So, again, I know there's not much to compare to previous years. Just in general conversation, I don't really see it there's a whole lot of big upticks in numbers as we're looking at across the board. I think overall our DWIs seem to be down. I think people are getting wiser about using Ubers and the cabs, and so I commend the community for doing better on that aspect of drinking and being responsible. But again, here we are at that year threshold mark for the Entertainment District and just wanted to kind of lay some things out there and see if anybody has any questions. If you'd like further analysis then we can certainly get that and send that out.

Councilmember David McClain said, if I may. So you said that's inside the boundaries of the district. That doesn't necessarily mean it was downtown walking around, it's

inside the boundaries. Chief Rick Elliot said, it's whatever we've defined as the Entertainment District and using that geofencing, I had the analyst pull the calls related to that area. So, it could be a traffic stop, it could be anything. And it's all broke down to every call and I can send you this if you want to look through the data. But most of that is non-criminal related, a lot of it's traffic. It could be somebody homeless standing on the corner somebody wants a welfare check on or whatever, that is a call for service. So, what that call for service is, it varies across the whole board of whatever, but when you break down the second sheet there was 146 calls that generated into something criminal.

Councilmember Janice Porter said, has the park ranger program been in effect long enough to have an impact? Chief Rick Elliot said, we're seeing a relief on having to send officers to certain calls, especially downtown or at the parks. Sometimes we get calls of just welfare concern, welfare check, and so the rangers are able to help us out on that call and fills those calls for us. So, we're starting to get some relief in that respect, yes. So, the rangers had to go through a training phase and now they're out on their own starting to do their thing they're getting more in tune of what's going on, and so yes the benefits starting to pay off.

Chairman Brian Emison said, good information. Thank you chief.

[COM-25:036](#)

VECTOR MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2025

Attachments: [Jonesboro August 2025.pdf](#)

Chairman Brian Emison said, I will say in reviewing this I did have a question. I'm going to submit this over to Vector. I was reviewing this over the weekend. I noticed we had more total mosquitoes collected from year to year, about 550. But what was different was, the total average mosquitoes collected jumped from 7.3 to 73 per day. So, I feel like we missed a decimal point on that but just as a point of clarification I'm going to send that back over to Vector. But from year over year, in 2024 we also had 12 total inspected sites compared to having 60 this year, So I know that we're seeing quite a significant jump in the total sights inspected so I feel like that number should be down or maybe they just didn't check those traps as frequent. Maybe something's changed on that point. But I did notice that the total sprayed miles have remained about the same. There's about 41 more, approximately, there from year over year, but I did notice a considerable uptick in our aerial sprays. We had five this past month compared to two the previous year, encompassing a difference of about 40,000 square acres that was covered in the previous month. But just a couple of points I think we need to clarify with Vector as we continue to go forward with them. Especially with the discrepancy between the total trap per day number going from 7.3 up to 73 mosquitoes. I feel like that warrants a little bit of a broader conversation.

Councilmember David McClain said, that made me think of this. I guess, next year... they're up this year, is their contract up this year? Chairman Brian Emison said, I believe so. Councilmember David McClain said, I'd love to hear what they plan to do differently going forward. I know we've seen some dry times, and I know it's even dry right now, so things aren't really equal to a wet season, but I really would like to see what they're going to do differently next year as compared to this year. And hopefully they'll give us a different answer than we'll just add more spraying or maybe some controlled or some focused areas and using some different techniques. I'd love for them to give us a presentation on that.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, Mr. Chairman, I'm just a broken record. I mean, they

do business in nine states. I just think they could do a better job making a presentation, and maybe as Councilman McClain said, with them being up for bid maybe they'll be more interested. But I mean, the two Harvard MBA's that own the company, maybe they could at least zoom in and talk to us a little bit and have a real conversation. And doing business in nine states they should have some metrics for us to measure ourselves against. Because when you read the data, I have no idea what any of it means. And I understand it's very difficult to compare, I mean, they're doing work in Mississippi and Louisiana and Colorado and all these places, and topography and weather, and there's so many different variables but surely they can educate us a little bit so we know what we're up against and how are we really doing. Because I don't think anybody up here, I mean, how do you even know what that report means. Chairman Brian Emison said, sure. Right. I know one of the things, when I looked at their website not too long ago, is that they did talk about data reporting and some of the things that they had outlined on the data reporting segmentation, it didn't seem to be reflected in these reports. Just from the way I look at the titling and the way that I interpreted as well, but I think that's something that we focus heavily on whenever we do file an RFP for coming up for future bids to give us some sample reporting and give us the capability to go through it and make sure it's the information that we want to see on an ongoing basis.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by David McClain, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Janice Porter;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson