



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and David McClain

Absent 1 - Chris Gibson

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-17:132](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Meeting on November 21, 2017

Attachments: [Minutes 11212017](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore and David McClain

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-17:196](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore and David McClain

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

[RES-17:197](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH APERMA AND

THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF
JONESBORO IN OPIOID LITIGATION

Attachments: [Opioid Litigation Engagement Letter 11-29-17.doc](#)

Councilmember Gene Vance motioned, seconded by Councilmember David McClain, to suspend rules and walk-on RES-17:197. All voted aye.

Chairmember Mitch Johnson asked Mayor Harold Perrin if he would you run us through this? Mayor Harold Perrin said I would be happy to sir. If you all remember, obviously we have an epidemic in opioid use, and the Arkansas Municipal League, APERMA, and four other law firms have joined together to file suit. I have given each of you a copy of the pharmaceutical companies here, in the past. In the agreement I sent to our city attorney, there is no liability and no cost to us. Basically, it is saying they will file suit. They are planning to do that before Christmas. If, in fact, if there is any reward on this litigation, then the cities will share in that after counsel has been paid. I did get a call from the law firm on that, and also the Arkansas Association of County Judges. I don't know if Rainwater represents them or not, but they have also joined in on this issue. This is just me being able to sign this letter saying we engage in with them to have our name put on the litigation. Chairmember Johnson said this is time sensitive so I need a motion to walk it on to the council agenda tonight. Councilmember David McClain said we haven't walked it on yet. City Clerk Donna Jackson said we need to suspend the rules and walk it on to this agenda. Councilmember McClain said are we walking it on here? Chairmember Johnson said yes, I'm wanting to add to this agenda.

Councilmember McClain asked if this is us teaming up with other cities across the state. Mayor Perrin said that is correct. That is why I wanted you to get a copy to take with you, but again, it's just an engagement letter on the opioid litigation that the Arkansas Municipal League legal defense, as well as APERMA, and others are going to file suit against all the companies listed in paragraph two of the letter I just gave you. City Attorney Carol Duncan said if I am not mistaken, there was a 60-day out clause if you decided you didn't at any point want to continue to participate or found a conflict.

Councilmember Chris Moore asked City Clerk Donna Jackson just for a point of order, the chair doesn't need a motion and second to add an item to this as it's a non-binding decision by this committee, does he? Can't the chair bring any item to the committee without a vote, as a walk-on like Chairmember Johnson did? Ms. Jackson said I don't have the rules sitting in front of me, but I do think it does require to suspend the rules. Mayor Perrin said yes it does. Councilmember Moore said just to add it to the committee agenda? Ms. Jackson said that is my understanding. Councilmember Vance said that's what I was thinking. I think you had told us that before. Councilmember Moore said I was thinking that as the vote was non-binding I was thinking the chair did not need permission. Ms. Jackson said I would rather him go ahead and make the motion to be sure this time, but we'll look at it. Councilmember Moore said yes, because it's my understanding the chair or Mayor, either one, can bring something to the committee. Ms. Jackson said it's my understanding that the committee has to do that, but we'll look at it. Councilmember Moore said okay. Sometime in the next week when you get a chance if you'll e-mail me and let me know that decision. Chairmember Johnson said either way, I guess we're covered tonight.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Gene Vance, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore that this meeting be adjourned. The meeting was ADJOURNED.

Aye: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Moore and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson