



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, September 6, 2022

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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**1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER AT 5:30 P.M.**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION**

**3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT**

**Present** 8 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent** 2 - Chris Gibson and Joe Hafner

**4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Approval of the Consent Agenda*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, to Approve the Consent Agenda with RES-22:152 and RES-22:153 removed from the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED.**

**Aye:** 8 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Joe Hafner

**[MIN-22:072](#)**

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 16, 2022

**Attachments:** [CC Minutes 08162022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

**[RES-22:148](#)**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY LIMITS OF JONESBORO

**Attachments:** [100657 Tract 85S Contract to Sell](#)  
[Job 100657 Tract 85S Compensation Estimate](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-129-2022

[RES-22:150](#)

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY22 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT (SS4A)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-130-2022

#### RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

[RES-22:152](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ACCEPTING AN IN-KIND LAND DONATION OF 24 ACRES +/- OF LAND AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH B & G LAND COMPANY

**Attachments:** [B & G Land Donation unofficial aerial outline highlighted Deed to City of Jonesboro](#)

*Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, Council, before we have an open discussion, I would like to make a few comments, and, I did so at the previous meeting a week ago and I made some adjustments on that. For those in the room that haven't heard, so since we took office back about 20 months ago, I have been weighing various generous offers from B & G Land Company and the Sloan family. It is a land donation that would honor the family matriarch. Today, I want to present an offer of almost 24 acres with an estimated value in the range of \$400,000. It would be entirely donated. My leadership team and I have been in discussions with both the Sloan Family regarding the concerns with previous proposals. And, I feel that we have addressed what we could and that this offer is ready for a decision. As you can see, the deed includes numerous restrictions to ensure not only the wishes of the Sloan Family, but the concerns I heard from some of the general public that live in the vicinity. To the family, this track of land has sentimental value and can offer a rich, green space with both recreational and ecological benefits that simply cannot be created once lost. Our estimate for the city cost for about \$8,500 in annual labor and upkeep of the property to its current condition. Additionally, we would want to spend about another \$6,000-\$6,500 for a camera to help monitor the area and the environment around. Using the land donation as a match, we can apply for grants to help fund property improvements. The most immediate needs would be to place a sign on the property honoring Mrs. Beatrice Lynch Sloan and to secure the property and parking area with a gate. Any future advancements to the property would be a result of planning with area residents and cannot be a large disruption of the natural landscape. One example would be a botanical garden. As Mayor, I feel obliged to bring offers of this magnitude for public consideration. And, I am proud of the work we have done to show care and consideration of all parties. I have been in this community for over fifty years and I have seen areas that I never dreamed would be developed or be cleared. Now, we want to progress our city, but we also want to keep an eye on the future and make sure we retain green space when possible. Just some recent examples of nearby communities that are doing the same thing that have received donations, West Fayetteville received a 38 acre donation; a 51 acre donation was also received in Nixon; a 201 acre donation in Eureka Springs. I think we can name many more. But, my point is, we have to give serious consideration to where we want to be as a city in years to come. At the Public Services meeting last week, I tried to answer, we tried to answer any direct questions and gave additional information about the offer. We are happy to open up those*

conversations again now. We have both staff in attendance and Mr. Tom Haynes is here on behalf of B & G Land Company. And, now, Tom, if you would come forward. I know you have a statement to make on the family's behalf and then after which, I will open up comments for council.

Mr. Tom Haynes, attorney for B & G Land Company, said, thank you Mayor and thank you to the city staff and members of the Council who are here this evening to consider this resolution and what I consider to be a very generous and historic gift from my clients to the City of Jonesboro. As the Mayor indicated, this has been a long time coming essentially with work and cooperation between the city, our clients, and the city attorney as well who has weighed in on various issues as we have been hoping to make this day possible so that this family can honor a family member who is a matriarch of their family while also giving residents of Jonesboro green space that will be preserved for the benefit of all the city. I will also say in the history that it has taken to get here, there have been several different proposals that have been discussed along the way. And, without going into the details of all of those proposals, this is what we present to you tonight. The culmination of listening to some of the concerns of various individuals from working with the Mayor's office with my clients and from arriving at a 24 acre park who as you will see from the deed restrictions is primarily focused on being retained in its natural landscape as property that can be enjoyed by city residents. I will also add that and this is not something that necessarily my clients have proposed for me to say this evening, but I'll throw in an ad as a resident of Jonesboro to say that you know some of the individuals who have been concerned about this park have done so on grounds of traffic and things of that nature and frankly a 24 acre park that consists of green space, I think is a whole lot less traffic than 24 acres of R-1 development that could be there absent our clients generous gift of this property to the City of Jonesboro. And, so, I say all of that in conclusion to say that I am, of course, willing to answer any questions that we would have for my clients this evening from the Council. I would be happy to weigh in on any concerns that the Councilmembers may have and just want to also share with you before I sit down that Kitty Sloan who is here and I would be remiss to say that I have John Sloan, Kitty Sloan, and John's wife LeAnn here this evening on behalf of B & G Land Company and on behalf of their relatives in the Sloan Family and the Chambers Family, all descendants of Beatrice. They are very happy to make this donation. They are very happy for the city to take it up. And, Kitty provided me before the meeting with an email about her grandmother that went through some of her history growing up in the lumber company and her connection to the property here in Jonesboro and informed me that she was known for being able to identify any type of lumber just by looking at the wood or any type of tree just by looking at it. And, the thought that we could have other young Jonesboro residents go out there and, you know, hone those skills, I think is a good thing and a great honor for Mrs. Beatrice Sloan. Thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your words.

Councilmember David McClain, said, so we are going to preserve it. We put the sign up. And, then, what takes place next? Am I able to go out and be on the land or no? Yes, no, maybe. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, yeah, I mean we would need to go out there and obviously do a few things and make sure that there weren't any safety hazards that we need to address or anything like that. But, yes, as soon as we get the property secured, I mean it would be for public use under the advised regulations and make sure that there wasn't any destruction or anything like that. We would need some time out there to go through it and remove anything that would be potentially dangerous and clean it up and just make sure that it is up to the city standards for recreational use. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I would assume that all of the rules that abide by other parks would abide by that immediately, the

*closure and open times and stuff like that. Is that what you would envision? Mr. Richardson said, yes sir. We would need to put together some actual if there are any additional rules to our standard set of park rules that we would post those as well. So, we would need to put up sign postage about what the rules are in the park and those are generally standard across the city, but there might be a thing or two in there that we might want to add extra maybe. I will talk with our Parks Director about anything specific to that property regulations that we might have. Councilmember Moore joked, I just don't want to see David out there camping on it the next day or so. Mr. Richardson said, well, yeah, I think in the deed restriction, it addresses camping. So, David, I'm sorry. Councilmember McClain joked, with or without a tent? Councilmember Moore said, that's right David. Councilmember LJ Bryant said, Mayor, I was just going to say that and we visited about this a little bit. It could be a great opportunity for soft surface trails for runners. I mean you know long distance runners, I mean we are trying to get 30 to 80 miles in a week and there are only so many times we can run in a circle at Craighead or go to ASTATE and run the pack path. So, I think it is an exciting opportunity for runners as well. Mr. Richardson said, yeah, I think that is certainly a compatible use with protecting a green space and something that area residents could enjoy as well. But, you know, like the Mayor said before any large scale development or projects that go, we would need to have a community meeting about what that might look like. But, the trails aren't existing out there. I think that would be an excellent compatible use for the intended purposes.*

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, said, I just want to say that this is a gracious offer and there have been several offers throughout all of these years that we have had from the Sloan Family. I remember the past administration had said that accepting an offer like this is the easy part of it. It's the maintenance part that we don't know in the cost of it in the future. The proposal is certainly downsized from the proposal that was offered at the beginning of the year and that was a combined donation with several hundred thousand dollars coming from the city to buy 142 acres. This is 24 acres and it is donated. But, there are a lot of restrictions and there are eighteen of them and I hope you guys have looked at all eighteen of those restrictions on the deed. The question is why the downsize? I guess it is to satisfy the concerns of the surrounding homeowners around there and I understand that. I don't understand why there was a special meeting called last week and why all the restrictions to this deed and I can't answer that. But, I wish as much focus on and attention would be on other issues and developments concerning green space, trees, and so much of the concrete around our city that is being done and the crime and safety around all of Jonesboro as this property is right now. Will the donated land have added value to the surrounding homes and pending developments and act as a buffer to the neighborhoods? Probably. How many citizens are going to take advantage of this new park? Well, that's a good question because one it is difficult to find. I went out there and tried to find it. Because it is in the most remote southwest corner of Jonesboro. Will this park offer something that Craighead Forest Park doesn't? We don't know and neither does the POA of Ridgepoint. And, that was one of their concerns is that it was a lack of planning. But, we do know is that we do have a lot of restrictions on that property. And, if we don't follow through with them, is that we develop the land and if we fail to follow through is that the land will revert back to the Sloan Family. I heard last week that there are no bus routes that are going to go through to this park because we don't even have one to our jewel of our city which is Craighead Forest Park. But, if we develop this park, I think it is only fair that we have bus routes starting to Craighead and to this park so that all of the citizens can enjoy this park. The deed restrictions, there are so many of them for this particular offer and I don't really understand why because last week we heard that there were other families, local families that gave this community some of the property to develop. But, there was only one or two restrictions maintained to put a*

name on it and maintaining it as a park. Here we have eighteen of them from my understanding of reading the deed is that four of them are from the Sloan Family and the other fourteen are from the city leaders, from all of you, and from the neighbors. Another concern of the POA was the safety and security of the residents out there. Their concern was don't create a dangerous situation for us. My question is to the city is that how are you going to guarantee that for them today, a year from now, and five years from now. And, if you already know what you are going to do, then that plan should be for every single neighborhood in Jonesboro. So, before you vote tonight, I hope you ask yourself is accepting this land offer in the best interest of all of Jonesboro and not just a select few. Thank you. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you.

Barbara Reng, 712 E. Nettleton, said, I have tried to follow the twists and turns of this proposed donation for quite a while now. And, when I came to the committee meeting last week and some of the comments that I heard were something like this, well, it is in the wrong place. It should be in another part of town. We wish it were somewhere else. Well, it is where it is and it's free. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth. This proposed green space is not always going to be on the edge of the city like it is now. It will be surrounded by more and more development. The land in question can serve as a valuable natural buffer between neighborhoods. It will add value to the city and it will serve as a quiet place to escape, to reflect, and re-energize in nature. Someday people will look back and be thankful that you had the foresight to preserve and protect this natural area. I urge the Council to accept the donation of this land for the benefit of all of our citizens present and future. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you for your comments Mrs. Reng.

Don Harmon, 3800 Pebble Beach Drive and POA of RidgePoint, said, I would like to state that as far as the POA of Ridgepoint was concerned, we weren't opposed to the park. We were opposed to no restrictions or understanding what the restrictions were for accepting property. I feel like that has been done. I have no opposition to that. One question of clarification is will it be gated or not? Mayor Copenhagen said, yes. Mr. Harmon said, okay, because it is not in the restrictions up there. Okay, so it will be gated? Mayor Copenhagen said, yes sir. Mr. Harmon said, thank you very much. Mayor Copenhagen said, you bet, thank you Mr. Harmon for your comments.

Parker Sitton, 215 Union, said, I am here to support the acceptance of the in-kind land donation by the B & G Land Company on behalf of many residents of Jonesboro. The natural beauty and landscape of this property are absolutely second to none in Jonesboro. 100 year old trees, rolling grass hills, clear creeks, and the abundance of wildlife are just a few of the natural wonders this property contains. Preserving this green space for future generations will only have positive effects for the City of Jonesboro and its people. There are a few who are reluctant to accept this generous offer because of the unknowns. However, as John Muir, the father of conservation in America said, "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." Perhaps accepting this land will be the catalyst for even bigger and better things to come. Perhaps having this green space will inspire every generation that follows to adhere to nature and see progress through conservation rather than construction. The trees and wildlife that live on this property have survived drought, disease, storms, and a thousand tempus and floods. However, they cannot survive development. The members of this Council have an opportunity to thwart this inevitability. We want to see dirt trails, not paved highways. We want to see trees, not telephone poles. We would like to see grass, not concrete. Thank you to all of the Councilmembers for your time and attention. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you sir for your comments.

Craig Pomeranke, 5024 Prospector Drive, said, good afternoon. I am proud to be back

in Jonesboro. Actually, I just moved there about six weeks ago. First of all, I would like to thank the family. That is a great offer. It is a great, great thing that you can do. You know I have lived in 21 places in 40 years in my business. And, so, I have been in a lot of places and I have seen a lot of great things and I have seen some bad things too. But, I will tell you that anytime you have an incredible gift like this given to you, you need to take full advantage of it. I hear all of the things going on about restrictions and maintenance and so forth, but, I will tell you in today's world as all of you know, as all of us know, we are a whole lot more stressed than we used to be and we have a whole lot more on our plate than we have ever had and places like this become a nice sanctuary just to be able to get away for a little while. Just to think and walk and enjoy the beauty of everything. We don't see that enough. It is my understanding that we have 82 square miles in Jonesboro. So, the more parks, the better. Let's keep getting more of these if we can. We need them. We need a lot more of these. But, you know, when you talk about the maintenance of it and the upkeep, yeah, that is necessary. That is a cost of doing business. There is no question about that. But, quality costs. You know, you have got to make sure you do it the right way and it sounds like you do. Danny and his department do a great job. I am not concerned at all about the maintenance of a park like this will do. Jonesboro does a great job with that. You know, I will tell you that in moving here four years ago, it has become my adopted hometown. And, there is a naturally friendly aura about this town that I am very thankful for and things like this just, you know, bring it out again. So, I just want to thank the family again and you know if you build it, they are going to come. So, please accept this and let's get something built. Thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments Mr. Pomerence.

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 8 - Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-131-2022

[RES-22:153](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ACCEPT THE FY22 LOW-NO EMISSIONS GRANT

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, said, my question is probably to Regina. When I was reading this, I guess I just need an understanding. Is this resolution to agree to pay the 15% and make this happen from the City? Mayor Copenhaver asked Ms. Burkett to come forward. Community Development Director Regina Burkett said, the City of Jonesboro was awarded the FY22 low-no emission grant. In that grant, we have to pay 15% match for the five hybrid buses. Therefore, we pay 15%. The Federal Government pays the rest. There are going to be more opportunities coming up in the next few years to do this same thing. So, this is just a resolution authorizing us to go into an agreement with the Department of Transportation to fund this project. Mayor Copenhaver said, and I might add Council as we see fit with this application, we have an aging fleet and they are becoming more expensive all of the time. This is a hybrid fix as well. And, so, I want to commend Regina and her whole team for putting this together and getting support for this. We are one of a very few that were awarded this. But, again, it is how do we progress in the future of our community and we are going to have to replace those vehicles so this is a process in doing so. Ms. Burkett said, just remember that any grant that we have that has a match, we bring it to City Council.*

*So, if we receive it, we have to bring it back to City Council to agree to accept it. This is to accept the grant. Mayor Copenhagen said, correct. Okay, thank you Ms. Burkett.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 8 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-132-2022

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### *RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING*

#### [RES-22:154](#)

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A ELECTRIC EASEMENT LOCATED ON PART OF LOT 1 OF HB MEDICAL HOLDINGS APACHE DRIVE MINOR PLAT AS REQUESTED BY HB MEDICAL HOLDINGS, LLC

**Attachments:** [3001 Apache Letters](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 8 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-133-2022

### *ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING*

#### [ORD-22:038](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR SF2 INVESTMENTS, INC., DBA SALSAS GRILL

**Attachments:** [Salsa's Grill Application\\_Redacted](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:038 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at second reading**

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### *ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING*

#### [ORD-22:035](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3 TO RM-16 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT SOUTHWEST DRIVE AND THOMPSON DRIVE AS

REQUESTED BY JEREMY MOORE

**Attachments:**    [SWdrivePlat \(2\) \(5\)](#)  
[Application](#)  
[Certified Letters](#)  
[Invoice Paid](#)  
[Letter from Valley View School](#)  
[Rezoning Plat](#)  
[Signed Notification](#)  
[Staff Summary - C.C.](#)

*Councilmember Chris Moore stated, let the record reflect that I will abstain from discussion and voting on this item. Jeremy Moore is my brother.*

**Held at second reading**

[ORD-22:036](#)    AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR ZRW Properties, Inc.

**Attachments:**    [ZRW Properties Private Club Application Redacted USE THIS](#)

**Held at second reading**

[ORD-22:037](#)    AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR THE HIGHER HEIGHTS LEARNING ACADEMY, LLC., DBA JW'S CIGAR LOUNGE AND GRILL TO BE LOCATED AT 3006 S. CARAWAY RD, JONESBORO, AR.

**Attachments:**    [J.W. Cigar Lounge Redacted](#)

**Held at second reading**

#### ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-22:034](#)    AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE CHAPTER 10 ARTICLE I SECTION 10 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SUBSECTION 13 PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES ON THE HANDLING, DISPLAYING, OR GIVING AWAY OF ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, said, I just want to remind you guys is that with the budget coming up is that hopefully, you will remember to put a little bit more money into Animal Control and give Officer Larry Rogers enough money to make sure that we can enforce this the correct way for next year. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 8 - Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: O-EN-038-2022



## **8. MAYOR'S REPORTS**

*Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:*

*I will be brief. We have had a lot go on and I will finish up with comments here as well.*

*This morning we awarded the First Security Bank Employee of the Month designation to Code Enforcement Officer David Cooley. David is a hard worker and has gone above and he's catching up on city work on condemnations and cleaning up our neighborhoods. So, I want to say thank you to David for all of his hard work.*

*We are continuing reconstruction on a ditch in the Brownstone area. It has been a concern of area residents for several years. So, thank you to those who reached out to my staff to provide the history of concerns with the ditch over the years. We are working daily on other drainage ways throughout the city to make them more appealing and more efficient.*

*We did have a train issue that caused delay on Gee Street this morning. This track is one of several areas that I am actively seeking resources for to address. I see a lot of potential with Gee Street. Lots of neat things are happening over there and I want to help with infrastructure concerns in that area.*

*We do have a lot going on with our Parks. New lights at Southside. New ones are being worked on at Joe Mack Campbell Field. Field improvements are under way at both. Soccer starts this weekend and we have soccer and baseball tournaments coming up next weekend. Both tackle and flag football start soon. So, please contact our parks if you are interested in signing up your child.*

*This Saturday, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council will host a "Cool at the Pool" party for the students and citizens that benefit from Project CARE from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., this Saturday for our special needs population so that everyone can be cool at the pool. We are especially grateful for First Community Bank for feeding lunch to all of the students and their mentors. Look for photos of all fun-filled day as a drop-in social. I would challenge everyone in this room to attend. You will get a lot out of it.*

*A big thank you to our wonderful staff for receiving the "Best of the Best" award for the Chamber of Commerce Paint the Town Red. Matter of fact, this is the second year in a row. And, congrats to the Red Wolves on their victory this past weekend.*

*I recently was excited to be invited to see all of the progress that was made at the new Camfil plant. This is a 290,000 square foot facility that started construction in January of this year and is already in some operational move mode in the next month or so. It is pretty amazing in what we can do in three to four months. It's a huge building both literally and figuratively. It shows that we have confidence in our city and our work force. They could have chosen anywhere, but they chose to rebuild right here and to prioritize our local builders and subcontractors. And, I will make you all aware of that as we continue a conversation with them, but I appreciate them using our local facilitators. That means local people who keep the money circulating in our local economy. On behalf of Jonesboro, I want to say thank you to Camfil's leadership for their support.*

*Now, as I move on, we received a formal resignation from Councilmember Bobby Long declaring he is vacating his seat. In the past, we have announced the open seat and asked any citizens of the ward interested in serving the remainder of the term to*

submit a letter of interest and a resume. In this case, as we all know, the seat will only be vacant until December 31, 2022. I have had several Councilmembers reach out to me about their desire to make an appointment for the remainder of the term and I just wanted to bring that up for conversation tonight. If it is the Council's desire to make an appointment, my office will gladly help coordinate these communications with the public. So, I will now open the floor for discussion amongst the Council.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, Mr. Mayor, I would like to make a couple of comments as President Pro-Tempore. First, I would just like to state the facts as I understand them for the record so Mrs. Leggett can record them. Councilmember Long submitted a written resignation effective August 31, 2022. You accepted it. So, I will make a motion that we declare the seat vacant. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman seconded the motion. All voted aye. Councilmember Moore said, the next comments I will make would be that I would make a motion to Council to instruct you to accept applications for the next seven days including the following criteria: that they submit the resume that you asked for; that they also submit a financial disclosure and proof of residency in their ward. Upon the acceptance of those resumes for the next seven days, you will forward them to the Council and then on September 20, 2022, I will make a motion to adjourn into Executive Session and we will discuss and give each one of those applicants three to five minutes to make their case. In consultation with City Attorney Carol Duncan, obviously, we have to come back out of Executive Session and vote in public of who we will select to fill that. If there are no other objections to that, I will make a motion that we instruct you to accept those applications for the next seven days. Councilmember LJ Bryant seconded the motion. Councilmember Charles Frierson asked, if someone is appointed able to run in the next election? City Attorney Carol Duncan shook her head yes. Mayor Copenhaver shook his head yes. Councilmember Frierson asked, they are? Okay. Thank you. City Clerk April Leggett asked, would that be seven consecutive calendar days? Councilmember Moore responded, yes, I believe that would be enough time after tonight it will go out in the paper and the Mayor can accept for seven consecutive calendar days and if he will forward those results to the Council. Ms. Duncan said, the only thing that I would add is if they don't know where to get that statement of financial interest, I assume that the City Clerk's office would provide it. Ms. Leggett said, yes, we can provide those in the City Clerk's office. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, good question. We do have a motion on the floor. All voted aye. Motion will carry.

[COM-22:036](#)

JONESBORO AIRPORT COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH 2022, APRIL 2022, MAY 2022, JUNE 2022, and JULY 2022

**Attachments:**

[JAC Jonesboro Airport Financials 03 22](#)

[JAC Jonesboro Airport Financials 4 22](#)

[JAC Jonesboro Airport Financials 05 22](#)

[JAC Jonesboro Airport Financials 06 22](#)

[JAC Jonesboro Airport Financials 07 22](#)

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## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember David McClain said, Nominating and Rules met earlier today. I would ask that we suspend the rules and walk-on RES-22:117. Councilmember John Street seconded the motion. All voted aye.

[RES-22:117](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND

COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER

*Councilmember David McClain motioned, seconded by Councilmember John Street, to suspend the rules and walk-on RES-22:117. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 8 - Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-134-2022

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 8 - Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Joe Hafner

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Harold Copenhaver, Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**April Leggett, City Clerk**