



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

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Tuesday, February 17, 2009

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

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### ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

*Councilman Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that Chris Moore be the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. All voted aye.*

*Sub-Committee Chairs*

*Chris Gibson – 911*

*Mikel Fears – Fire*

*Mitch Johnson – Police*

*Chris Moore – Inspections and Ambulance*

*Gene Vance – Animal Control*

### 1. Call To Order

*Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.*

**Present** 4 - Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

**Absent** 1 - Gene Vance

### 2. Approval of minutes

**MIN-09:011** Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on January 20, 2009.

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

**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Gibson;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance

### 3. New Business

### 4. Pending Items

### 5. Other Business

Mr. Kevin Hoke

*Mr. Kevin Hoke explained he is speaking on behalf of his sister and brother-in-law Phyllis and Larry Tilly. He explained he has spoke with the Mayor about the accident*

*involving his brother-in-law and a Jonesboro Police Officer on August 4, 2008. He stated no one was cited in the accident, but it was noted in the accident report that the police officer failed to yield.*

*Chairman Moore asked if there was a pending legal matter involving this case. Mayor Perrin answered no.*

*Mr. Hoke explained that his brother-in-law spent 134 days in the hospital because of the injuries sustained in the accident. He added Mr. Tilly had to have two heart surgeries. He also added the amount of the medical bills from the Searcy hospital visit totaled \$407,000. He stated they had not received the bills from St. Bernards for Mr. Tilly's surgeries. Mr. Hoke further explained the City is only allowed to pay \$25,000.*

*Mayor Perrin explained the only way the City could raise the \$25,000.00 they are allowed to pay is to have the board of directors of APERMA vote on the matter and approve it. He noted APERMA meets once a year. He stated he will be serving on the APERMA board and he will bring this matter up at the next APERMA board meeting. He noted if the amount is increased then the premium will increase also.*

*Mr. Hoke questioned if there was an appeal process they could go through. Chairman Moore answered he could ask City Attorney Crego. Mr. Hoke then asked if the Council could do something. Chairman Moore explained there is nothing the City Council could do because APERMA makes their own decisions. Mayor Perrin stated he would be glad to write a letter to APERMA concerning the question that Mr. Hoke asked.*

#### Ms. Wannda Turner

*Ms. Wannda Turner explained she had contacted all of the City Council members and asked what problems they had with the dog ordinance that required the ordinance to be sent back to the Public Safety Committee. She stated Police Chief Michael Yates made changes to better suit his department.*

*Chief Yates explained he changed some of the items after conversations with some council members and citizens. He discussed the changes to the ordinance. He added the reason for bringing the ordinance back to Public Safety was to find reasonable ground. He stated he believes he has addressed the problems, but if others are brought up he will address those. He noted he and Sgt. Rogers had the same concerns on some of the same issues that caused this ordinance to be put on hold.*

*Chief Yates explained the original document is in Legistar but the changes were not. He asked if he should put the changes in Legistar before the next Council meeting. Chairman Moore answered yes. He added he does not see a reason for the ordinance to go back to the Public Safety Committee again.*

*Ms. Turner questioned if the amendment would have to be read three times. Chairman Moore answered yes.*

*Mr. Joe Beatty questioned how many dogs are allowed per yard. Chief Yates answered it is not a part of this ordinance, but it states in the code that only three dogs are allowed per yard over a certain age.*

*Councilman Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be recommended to Council. All voted aye.*

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## **6. Public Comments**

**7. Adjournment**

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

**Aye:** 3 - Chris Gibson; Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

**Absent:** 1 - Gene Vance