



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, June 17, 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; Brian Emison; Janice Porter; Chris Gibson; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller
Absent 1 - Chris Moore

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-25:044](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by Janice Porter, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

4. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-25:018](#)

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

Sponsors: Engineering

A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by Janice Porter, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS[COM-25:018](#)

VECTOR MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT FOR MAY 2025

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

Chairman Brian Emison said, don't know if everyone's had an opportunity to review the report from Vector Mosquito Control or have any questions or comments, but I will say this was brought up a little bit in the A&P meeting that we had yesterday. And there's a lot of environmental factors that come from this, but some of the information in here I found very enlightening. You know, as far as the testing that's been done so far, compared to May 2024 compared to May of 2025 a year over a year here, is that in May 2024 in the testing and they've even included an additional site for their testing, is that we went from 217 mosquitoes collected to only 43. And I think that's speaks a lot to a lot of the spraying that we've already accomplished this year as compared to what we did in May of 2024. Back in May of 2024 we had 97 total miles that were sprayed compared to the 329 so far in the month of May. And the total number of acres treated moved from 3,500 to approximately 12,000. So, seeing over double go into the amount of application and the area that has been treated saw a ruffly 80% reduction in the mosquitoes that were collected from those sample sites. Hopefully that's starting to show kind of trending in the right direction, but of course all the data and everything that we're able to collect from last year we had the ASU Department of Entomology that provided us with a study and able to treat for these mosquitoes a little bit better. We're seeing the results come through, but we're also talking about collaborating with our counterparts at the county level to maybe expand our scope in being able to target these nuisance pests going forward. So, if anybody has any other questions and/or comments, be happy to entertain those at this time.

Councilmember David McClain said, when do we typically see... there's no aerial sprays, when do they typically do that? Is that in the year or later in the season? Chairman Brian Emison said, my understanding Councilman McClain is I think it's in the month of July. August when we typically see those, Brian, do you happen to remember that from previous years? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, July. Chairman Brian Emison said, ok. Yeah, I think we can expect to see that in the next 30-45 days.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, chairman. Chairman Brian Emison said, yes sir. Councilmember LJ Bryant said, probably a Brian question. They're up for bid sometime soon, is that right? When is that? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, yeah, I can double and triple check this, but I looked at it the other day, and I believe it's up for bid again for next year service. So, I think that original contract was passed in 2018 or 2019. It was a series of auto renewals in there. And so, we'll have to prepare, you know, a bid packet, something along those lines that would go out later in the year. So, I think we all need to kind of think about what we kind of would like to see in that bid packet. If there's anything different that we want to look at or that we would package together in that so. Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I think I'd just like to see them sing for their supper a little bit. I mean, just a chart and comparison. You know, I know they do a lot of work in different places. How many flyovers do they do and how many square miles and I know there's all kinds of variables based on water and topography and it's hard to make comparisons. But I know we've all pushed on them very hard, all of us and we don't ever get a lot of specific answers, and I bet when it's up for bid maybe they'll be more eager to please us. Brian Richardson said, I would be surprised if they were the

only bidder. And that may be something, of course, if it's a bid or if it's an RFQ, whatever that looks like I think you'll see some different offerings from probably not only them, maybe the bid levels of packages but also from some other competitors. I know years ago we switched with another competitor, but at the time I don't know if there were any other options between just the two. So please, with what we've seen so far, but you just don't know what tomorrow holds as far as mosquitoes breeding environment. I never pass up a chance to thank the Community and Code Enforcement and Sanitation for all their work that they're doing as far removing a lot of tires, doing these neighborhood cleanups, and a lot of junk and flowerpots and all that kind of stuff. You know if we all just do our part, the mosquito population would be a lot less in Jonesboro, because we're not going to spray our way out of this issue. I mean, we're a town surrounded by rice fields in Arkansas. So, to think we can completely eliminate them with today's science probably not going to happen, but we can all do our part and help reduce that. And I think the 1,000 tires we took out of the streets last year through neighborhood cleanups definitely is a good start to that.

Chairman Brian Emison said, Brian I forgot this number yesterday, but I was pretty impressed by what did you say one tire could possible breed as far as mosquitos? Brian Richardson said, so during, you know, I don't know who verifies this kind of stuff, I'm not counting them. City Attorney Carol Ducan said, probably ASU. Brian Richardson said, but I've seen the statistics that says one tire can produce, you know, an environment that can produce up to 100,000 mosquitoes during a breeding season. So, you know, it's definitely something to think about. Chairman Brian Emison said, gotcha. Thank you, Brian.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by Janice Porter, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore