



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, April 18, 2017

5:30 PM

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### SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:45 P.M.

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

### SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

### 3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

**Present** 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent** 1 - John Street

### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### COM-17:026

PROCLAMATION TO THE RIDGEFIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ENSEMBLE CHOIR FOR WINNING THE STATE CHORAL 1A DIVISION

**Read**

#### COM-17:018

FOUNDATION OF ARTS UPDATE BY KRISTI PULLIAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*The Foundation of Arts update given by Executive Director Kristi Pulliam. She said they do this about every other year to make sure that our City Council members are up-to-date on what is going on at the Foundation of Arts and what all the wonderful people there are doing for our community.*

*Ms. Pulliam said there are three aspects to the Foundation of Arts mission that include the Community Theater, Arts Education, and Outreach Activities that center around the arts and providing the arts for everyone that we can reach. There is a magic number for them and they operate out of three different buildings which include two buildings on Main Street and The Forum Theater. Ms. Pulliam stated that Ronnie Shaver helps them a lot and takes care of The Forum. She said their budget is about \$640,000 and they are non-profit. Everything that comes in goes into the programming. We keep trying to make a little more money each time so that we can grow the program and serve more people. \$125,000 of that figure is in trade-outs.*

*They have nine businesses that trade with them for printing, advertising, and tickets. It is a really cool symbiotic relationship with those businesses. We appreciate them a lot. We have 13 board members that serve as a governing board and oversees the money. We have 54 people who work on five different committees who make decisions about the programming at the FOA. We have four full-time staff members and four part-time staff members. We have at least 600 volunteers, who are actors, dancers, technicians, costumers, etc. that participate each year. 37,000 hours of volunteerism per year takes place at the FOA. 8,500 people attended weekend performances last year at the FOA. We do about 10 productions per year which include dramas, comedies, musicals, and ballets. This year we have done eleven and next year we plan to do nine. Arts Education is the second part of our mission. We have three terms in our art center, spring, summer, and fall. In each term, we have around 325 students participating. We have 1,600 enrollments each year. We offer about 70 classes per term. We pay 30 instructors in three areas of concentration in dance, visual arts, and theater. Twenty-Five of our students performed at Epcot at Disney World this past January. We not only want arts for everyone, we focus on excellence in the arts. The Disney people chose us to go and perform at Epcot. It was a great privilege and honor. Those kids got an experience of a lifetime. Outreach is the third realm of our mission. By our last count, about 2,000 people are affected by our outreach activities. We have nine outreach programs. We give about \$65,000 in tuition waivers and production fees every year. We believe that whomever wants to show up and work hard should be able to work on their arts because it changes their life. We raise that money so that those people get a chance to do that.*

*We also have a program called Learning Expression through Arts Programing or LEAP. We go out to Abilities Unlimited and we work with the people over there who have special needs. We take visual and performance art classes over there twice a week. Once a year they come and perform on the Forum stage in what we call our LEAP show. You will get an invitation to the LEAP show. It comes up in June every year. It is during your lunch hour and you will walk away with a whole new perspective on life. It is so beautiful. I hope you take the opportunity to see that. We have 90 students with special needs that benefit from our FAME program. It is a program similar to LEAP. It stands for Fine Arts in Me. It is where we talk with and work with kids with special needs. We go into the school systems in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri and work with those kids as often as the teachers will allow us to do that.*

*There are 160 students attending classes free or with reduced tuition under our tuition waiver program each year. Five-Thousand area students get to experience live theatre through our EES program. We offer that at a free or reduced price. No child is turned away. Fifty percent of our funding is what we call earned income. We cannot make it on ticket sales and tuition alone. The other 50% of that budget has to be met. We have 110 donors that help to meet that other part of the budget and that number is growing. We started off three years ago with about 30 donors. As soon as people hear and experience what we are doing, they want to get onboard and the donor numbers start increasing. We have about 30 sponsors that are corporate marketing sponsors. These are people who contract with us. We give them marketing and they support our programming. The A&P Commission was formed in the 1980's with the Foundation of Arts in mind. It has grown and has helped so many more non-profits. They help us a lot with \$55,000 a year. They help to promote our programming. Ten percent of our budget comes from three major fundraisers organizationally, which includes Breakfast with Ballerinas, Cabin Fever, and Behind the Red. Cabin Fever is a gala that we do every January. It has grown over the last three years, and we expect that growth to continue. It is going to become a fundraiser that helps to seek out and explain what our programming is to potential sponsors. We have \$12,000 granted from the Arkansas Arts Council and that number has gone*

down significantly. However, the grade on our grant apps is still very high. That grant is almost like every other grant right now. More and more people are applying for grants and those grant funders don't want to turn people down because they are all good and that means that we don't get as much grant funding. Four years ago, we were receiving \$28,000. We are seeking other ways to fund our programming. About five percent of our budget is actually from grants. We are partnering with Crowley's Ridge Development Council now and we are hoping that is going to be fruitful for us as far as applying for more grants and having the manpower to work through those grant applications and all of the reporting that goes with them.

The FOA has a really large impact on the economy. We represent with our volunteers, students, and patrons about 55,000 trips to downtown Jonesboro annually. Taking into account the Americans for the Arts research, they say that nationally, people spend about \$24.60 per ticket when they go to a show. It is not the ticket purchase; it is what they spend beyond that. For Arkansas, it is about \$20. If you do those numbers, which gives us about \$170,000 spent just by our theatre patrons alone that goes back into our local economy or about \$550,000 is spent by the other 8,500 people directly touched by FOA programming.

Individual impact through artistic opportunities is provided to our community through the FOA. Research says that studying the arts results in higher standardized test scores for students, enhanced critical thinking skills, strengthening families, refining superior forms of thinking, building self-esteem, producing well-rounded involved citizens, making a difference, and allowing people to grow and create together in community. We have custodians, homeless people, attorneys, highly influential people in our community all working together on one project and they don't even know who they are because their common ground is creating whatever it is they have come to the FOA to create. Students come together without knowing each other's backgrounds and they are working together making each other better. If you haven't ever come to the FOA to experience that, you should. We are one of those rare organizations that is not focused on a particular demographic. Every person has creative and artistic ability in them. We want everyone to be able to come together as community and discover that and grow that and bless others with it. That is what we are talking about all of the time. On individual impact, research shows us that young people who participate in the arts for at least three hours per week for a year are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, three times more likely to be elected to class office within school, four times more likely to participate in math and science fairs, three times more likely to win awards for school attendance, four times more likely to win awards in writing and poetry. Those groups are achievers. We have FOA students in almost every achieving group in this area and we are proud of it. The constant theme is that all of the numbers just mean one. Every one of our programs, including the classes going on across the street, are really not about the hundreds or the thousands, they are about the one. The trick is that we don't know which one it is. We treat everyone like they are the one. For some reason, that philosophy has created a very blessed situation over there. Our numbers have grown and have continued to grow. We plan on continuing that. You all help us with that by allowing us to serve out of the Forum theater, also with A&P. Thank you Mr. Mayor for all of that and all of the people that help us out with that. Thank you for being partners with us in that and I hope to report bigger and better and more things in a couple of years. Thank you so much for your time.

Mayor Perrin stated he wanted to say thanks to Ms. Pulliam and the FOA Board of Directors and all of the volunteers over there. You all do a tremendous job representing the City of Jonesboro. More importantly, it is what our children get out of that. Especially for the programs you provide where they cannot afford to pay. I understand that and I hope that part becomes a reality. We are working on that. Also,

*long term, somewhere, we are going to need a new facility. I am going to say that because we keep putting money into the building we have. I have taken a tour of the facility and somewhere down the line we are going to have to make a major decision. I wanted to let the Council know that. It is something we need to do. Grants, public fundraisers, whatever it is, but I think we just need to look at that. We wanted you all to know that we do have that on the backburner. We are working on it. We certainly haven't forgotten it all. I know that I haven't forgotten the day that I took the tour through my eyes and saw why your students have to leave in the rain to go from one building to another to perform. When you get downstairs, it is not a good environment and I understand that.*

*Ms. Pulliam said since we are on the topic, one step towards that could be if this Council could designate the FOA as the Designated Arts Organization for Jonesboro. That would allow us to apply for larger grants. Also, if we could create a designated arts day for Northeast Arkansas, we could also play that up with regard to giving on that day and make that a real PR burst on that particular day for the FOA.*

*Ms. Pulliam asked for some guidance on that. Mayor Perrin said he could meet with her about that and with Kimberly Marshall, CDBG Director, on the grants part. He said to give his office a call to set up a meeting.*

**Read**

[COM-17:021](#)

PROCLAMATION TO THE VALLEY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TEAM FOR WINNING STATE

**Read**

[COM-17:027](#)

PRESENTATION BY MAYOR PERRIN TO VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA (VISTA) WORKERS

**Read**

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - John Street

[MIN-17:041](#)

Minutes for the City Council Meeting on April 4, 2017

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

*City Clerk Donna Jackson stated that her office made a change in the minutes on Page 10 where Councilman Hafner stated that 278 should have been 217. She asked that they make that change before they vote on that item. Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Frierson that we amend the minutes. All voted aye.*

**This item was passed on the consent agenda.**

**RES-17:039**

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH WOUNDED WARRIORS AMPUTEE SOFTBALL TEAM TO HOST AN EVENT IN JONESBORO ARKANSAS ON NOVEMBER 10-12, 2017

**Attachments:** [WFAST Letter of Agreement with Jonesboro AR.docx](#)

**This item was passed on the consent agenda.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS****ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****ORD-17:015**

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CATERPILLAR EXCAVATOR FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Attachments:** [Riggs CAT Caterpillar Excavator Supporting Information](#)

*Councilman Gibson offered ORD-17:015 by title only.*

*Councilman Dover said we have already received this piece of equipment and we are just now authorizing the payment of it. Mayor Perrin said that was correct. He said in 2016, this council voted to approve the purchase of this excavator and we did not think it would take that long to get that excavator. We did not get that piece of equipment until 2017. Had we known this, we could have put this in the budget and we wouldn't be doing this. Who would have thought it would take five to six months to get it here. That is why we are doing this.*

*Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.*

*After adoption of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.*

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

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - John Street

**ORD-17:018**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4210 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY TERREL D. WATKINS

**Attachments:** [Rezoning Plat Application.pdf](#)  
[Email about Rezoning.pdf](#)  
[Minor Plat.pdf](#)  
[Ownership Information within 200 ft.pdf](#)  
[Returned Property Notification Letter - Signed.pdf](#)  
[Staff Summary RZ 17-06 4210 Southwest Drive - Council.pdf](#)

*Councilman Johnson offered ORD-17:018 by title only.*

*Councilman Dover asked if there was any opposition to this. City Planner Derrel Smith said that there is no opposition. It was approved unanimously through MAPC. It is a LUO and the conditions that were put on it were pretty strict so it's not going to have just anything out there. There were a couple of comments. They were not against it, they just had some concerns they wanted to address.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - John Street

#### RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

##### **RES-17:026**

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 2206 Una, Owner: Amber Tollison

**Attachments:** [photo 1](#)  
[photo 2](#)  
[photo 3](#)  
[2206 Una County Data](#)  
[inspection report](#)  
[Title Report - Tollison](#)

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

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - John Street

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

##### **ORD-17:016**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM CR-1 LUO TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2904 AND 2906 STALLINGS

LANE AS REQUESTED BY SHARON STALLINGS

**Attachments:**     [Plat](#)  
                              [Staff Summary - Council](#)  
                              [Application](#)  
                              [Haag Brown Info](#)  
                              [Table Use](#)  
                              [2000 Picture](#)

*Councilman Dover stated according to what we have established, he would like to hold it there since we said we need to read it three times, we need to read it three times. I would request it to be held at the second reading.*

*Councilman Vance stated he would like to ask City Planner Derrel Smith a question and he is not expecting an answer tonight, but before we vote next time he would like an answer. He wanted to know what the difference is between this request and the request that the council turned down some time ago. He said he knew that would be a complicated answer. Mr. Smith said he would go back and research it and give you what was asked for. Councilman Vance said that it is not what the proposed use is. The zoning is what he is asking for. What is the difference between this zoning and the previous request. Mr. Smith said the one that was before you originally was for a convenience store. With this Limited Use Overlay, it specifically does not allow that. It is very narrow in what is allowed in the C-3 zoning. They specifically asked for a lot that you park cars on and people sell them through the internet or whatever. It is not an actual functioning car lot. It is like a park and sell. That is what she asked for and that is what is a part of the Limited Use Overlay. Councilman Vance asked if Mr. Smith could give them a list of the other uses that can be done 10 to 15 years down the road.*

*Mr. Smith stated that permitted uses in this are: animal care-general, animal care-limited, automated teller machine, bank or financial institution, bed and breakfast, church, daycare-limited, daycare-general, funeral home, government services, hotel or motel, medical service office, agricultural, farmer's market, nursing home, office-general, parking lot-commercial, parks and recreation, recreational vehicle park, restaurant, fast-food restaurant-general, retail service, safety services, signs off premise, utility minor vehicle and equipment sales, and vehicle repair-limited. What is prohibited in this is: auditoriums or stadiums, cemetery, college or university, communication tower, warehouse, residential mini-storage, convenience store, adult entertainment, golf course, hospital, library, museum, pawnshop, post office, recreation entertainment-indoor, recreation entertainment-outdoor, school-elementary, middle school, high school, service station, vocational school, car wash, and vehicle repair-general. There are a couple that are conditional: agricultural, animal, utility-major, freight terminal, and research services. That is what the Limited Use Overlay will allow and not allow. In the packet, it does show everything that is allowed in C-3 and it is pretty broad. It is several pages. What they did was they went through there and picked out the ones that they wanted and didn't want and limited to those.*

*Councilman McClain asked if this property was right across from Car-mart.  
Councilman Long said yes.*

*Mayor Perrin stated that the desire of the council is to hold it at the second and read it three times like we said we would do in the very beginning. Councilman Dover said yes.*

**Held at second reading**

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

*Mayor Perrin stated that Councilman John Street is representing the City at the annual Planning Retreat and Conference for the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department. He was over there yesterday, today, and will be coming back tomorrow.*

*Mayor Perrin said that you all have received the Airport's Financial Statements and they are doing well this year. They are ahead on fuel sales and rentals. They are having a good year.*

*Mayor Perrin said that we just had an audit on CDBG for 2015. It is not complete until it gets back, but on the exit interview, it was stated that they didn't see any exceptions on 2015. All of you will get a copy when it gets back.*

*Mayor Perrin stated he received a nice letter from Mayor Smith of North Little Rock thanking the Jonesboro Fire Department. North Little Rock lost their Fire Chief, Mr. Jim Murphy. He had been there a long time. Our Fire Department sent the Pipe and Drum down there for the funeral.*

*Mayor Perrin stated that we are looking at the Revenue Enhancement. We have had two public hearings that have went well. The attendance was a little bit light, but we are making a list of all of the input that was given. We will get a list to the media. The committee is going to go back and look at some of those on the usual, customary, and reasonable such as Parks, fees, and things of that nature. The second part was on the privilege licenses you have to purchase in order to do business in the city limits of Jonesboro. He said he wants that to go back to the committee on some of the comments that were made. We will go and come back with that. The third and final part was on the Stormwater. He said they flew down to Hot Springs last week and met with their engineers. We picked up a lot of good information while we were there. That seems to be one of the biggest things the public has a lot of questions on. You will see that when we get that list completed. We are going to go back to the drawing board on that and take a look at it and see what we are going to do.*

*Mayor Perrin said about a year ago, he met with all of the Drainage Districts in town as well as the Colonel of the Corp of Engineers. He said we discussed a lot of things. One of the biggest things that we are looking for now is trying to get Big Bay Ditch on a big deal. Councilman Frierson said it was Little Bay Ditch as far as we are concerned. It is Big Bay down below. Mayor Perrin said we are really trying to push for that. Something has to be done on the flooding. We are going to look at that. There are two or three drainage districts that stop in the city limits he thinks. Mayor Perrin asked Councilman Frierson how many drainage districts were inside the city. Councilman Frierson said there was one. Mayor Perrin asked if it stopped at Main or somewhere in there. Councilman Frierson said it starts in Nettleton and goes through the Industrial Park and all the way down Whiteman's Creek and Little Bay Ditch. He said it hardly comes up in Jonesboro at all. Mayor Perrin said that is even more why we need to address this issue. We have done a good job, the best that we can building detention ponds and retention ponds and you have to keep up with them. Developers are going to talk about why we are taking that out because they could put another house there if all of the ditches and arterials are cleaned out. Again, we are going to go back to the drawing board and look at that.*

*Mayor Perrin said that sidewalks on Olive Street and East Cherry Street would be started. Two of the sidewalks to be done are on the TAP grant that we got for Rains and Thorne. We will push on that heavily with the State Highway Department to get*



what we need on that.

**COM-17:025**

Airport Commission financial statement for for the three months ending March 31, 2017

**Attachments:**     [Airport Financials.pdf](#)

**Read**

**9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**ORD-17:017**

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE BIDS AND PURCHASE BRIDGE PANELS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WEST COLLEGE BRIDGE BY THE STREET DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Councilman Johnson stated that Public Works had a special called meeting earlier.*

*Councilman Johnson motioned seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend the rules and walk on ORD-17:017. All voted aye.*

*Councilman Dover offered ORD-17:017 by title only.*

*Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.*

*After adoption of the ordinance, Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - John Street

*Councilman Hafner stated they had a special called meeting for Finance and Administration. Councilman Hafner motioned to suspend the rules and walk on three ordinances related to grants, RES-17:044, RES-17:045, and RES-17:046. Councilman Dover seconded the motion.*

*Councilman Moore asked if one of those was the trail grant. Councilman Hafner said that all three are related to trails. Councilman Moore said that one of those was voted no on by Councilman McClain. He stated as a point of order that unless it receives a unanimous vote by the committee, it cannot be walked on. It is against our rules. Mayor Perrin said that as a point of order, they will pull RES-17:044. City Attorney Carol Duncan said that it was unanimous on the other two resolutions. Mayor Perrin stated that Councilman McClain only voted no on one. Mayor Perrin said that on RES-17:044, we will not be able to send that off on that grant because the deadline is May 1, 2017. We will not be able to send that down for consideration for the downtown ASTATE. That will go away and it will not be submitted for a grant for consideration. He wanted to let the public know that.*

**RES-17:045**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE CRAIGHEAD FOREST GREENWAY PHASE IV PROJECT

**Attachments:**     [Craighead Forest Trail Phase 4\\_8x11](#)  
                              [Craighead Forest PH4 Cost Estimate](#)  
                              [Craighead Forest Greenway Phase IV - Maintenance Letter](#)  
                              [Survey Results for the Public Hearings](#)  
                              [TAP Craighead Forest Application](#)

*Councilman Hafner motioned seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend the rules and walk on RES-17:045. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - John Street

**RES-17:046**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE TURTLE CREEK GREENWAY LIGHTING AND SIGNAGE PROJECT

**Attachments:**     [Turtle Creek Greenway Lighting and Signage - Maintenance Letter](#)  
                              [Survey Results for the Public Hearings](#)  
                              [Turtle Creek Lights8x11](#)  
                              [RTP Turtle Creek Application](#)

*Councilman Hafner motioned seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend the rules and walk on ORD-17:046. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - John Street

**RES-17:043**

RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE AUDITORIUM COMMISSION, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS, JONESBORO PARKING AUTHORITY, LAND USE ADVISORY BOARD, METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION (MAPC), NEA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NEAIDC) AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR PERRIN

*Councilman Gibson said they had a special called Nominating and Rules Committee meeting tonight.*

*Councilman Gibson motioned seconded by Councilman Moore to suspend the rules and walk on RES-17:043. All voted aye.*

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

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - John Street

*Councilman Long said the roundabout seems to be coming along pretty good. He thinks they are going to be opening up the signs soon. They were out there working hard and he thinks it was shut down one day this past week. Mayor Perrin said that we need to have a ceremony out there. He said it is the longest one in the history of construction. He said he would hope that it would be done sometime this week, but he doesn't know. Mayor Perrin said he doubts the stop signs will be gone this week and the striping.*

*Councilman Hafner said he had someone ask him a question about if the roundabout is wide enough for semi-trucks, etc. to go through it easily. Councilman Long said it is wide enough for a school bus. Mayor Perrin said yes.*

*Councilman Vance asked for the administration, the proper departments, and the proper committees to look into the future of basketball courts for our youth. Presently, with some renovations, we can get some courts. He thinks it is important for our youth, as we look at the quality of life in our city that we address that. He said we absolutely do not have enough basketball courts for our programs. Councilman Vance said we have a real need in the same group for restrooms at the newest four baseball fields at Joe Mack Campbell Park. Mayor Perrin said he had spoken with Chief Operations Officer Ed Tanner about that. He said he thought they had some drawings on the community center on the old YMCA. He said he needs to pull the plans for Joe Mack Park because he doesn't want anything to look like an add on. He said he thinks they can build them just like the others. Councilman Vance said something needs to be done even if we rent something from Mod Space or one of those companies for the summer until we can build something. Mayor Perrin said he understood.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Ketone Badger, 1300 S. Church, said he has been deal with Parks and Recreation and spoke with Danny. He said they were talking about the possibilities of doing improvements and maintenance on the current skate park over on Race Street. He drives by it every day and he felt the urge to do something about it because it is an eye sore. He said that it is not a place he would want his kids skating at. When he spoke with Danny, he realized how overwhelmed the Parks and Recreation Department is with all of the activities that are going on. Mr. Badger said he took it upon himself to do a non-profit deal. He is organizing Olly Fest 2017. It will be totally non-profit. He has emailed 93 companies that all deal with skateboard products and getting them to donate along with the Tony Hawk Foundation that is interesting in donating money to improve the skate park. He sent them pictures of what the park looked like when it was built in 2004 and what it looks like today. They are all about a safe spot skate spot. There are celebrities and pro-skaters that are interested. Mr. Badger said he has created a Facebook page, a Facebook Event, and a GoFundMe page for Olly Fest 2017. We have been drawing attention from all over Arkansas. There will be people here to skateboard for \$20 per head that we are going to put*

back into the skate park to do maintenance. He said he wanted to bring that to their attention to let them know what was going on.

City Attorney Carol Duncan said that Mr. Badger needs to come meet with her and the Mayor because you cannot really charge people \$20 a head for a public facility without a contract. She said she is not saying that it is not possible to do a fundraiser. She said she appreciates his enthusiasm. She asked him if he had his 501-3C done. He said he had not done that. She said you would have to get that done, but then they would also talk with him about what kind of events. She said to get in touch with the City Attorney's office or the Mayor's office to get a meeting scheduled. Mr. Badger said he was new with this and didn't know what to do, but he wanted to make the skate park a better place. Councilman Hafner said he appreciated that. Mayor Perrin asked Mr. Badger to get with Communications Director Bill Campbell so they could get some notes on that. Mayor Perrin said that he thought it was an excellent thing that Mr. Badger was trying to do.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - John Street

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

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

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

Donna Jackson, City Clerk