



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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

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NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 5:20 P.M.

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

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-14:035 Presentation by Sadey Bowen to Miracle League

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Ms. Pam Hogue, principal at Weiner Elementary School, stated the elementary school sold t-shirts and did a penny drive to raise money for the Miracle League in honor of Sadey Bowen. They presented the Mayor with a check for \$1,200.

This item was Read.

COM-14:036 Presentation by Michelle Cadle (Weiner Pig Roast) donation to Miracle League

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Ms. Cadle presented Softball Coordinator Sharon Turman with a check for \$19,696.63 from the proceeds from the 2nd Annual Pig Roast. Mayor Perrin commended them for their work with the pig roast and noted that it grows every year. He added the opening day for the Miracle Field will be September 13th.

This item was Read.

COM-14:033

Presentation by Travis Brooks from the MPO Department on traffic and streets

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Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[2014 Jonesboro Area Traffic Report](#)

Mr. Brooks made a presentation concerning traffic in the City of Jonesboro. He explained the MPO is working with the city to devise traffic plans for the greater Jonesboro area and to coordinate federal funds for traffic. Mr. Brooks stated nationally people are driving less, but that trend is not reflected in Craighead County. Craighead County, however, is experiencing less rural travel possibly because people are moving to more populated areas. He noted the report is on their website.

Councilman Woods referred to a recent Arkansas Municipal League Conference meeting that indicated a possible reason for the decline of drivers is due to baby boomers and younger drivers being more active with social media, causing them to drive less. Mr. Brooks agreed, adding licensing rates with teenagers have gone down recently. He noted people are also not driving as much due to the increase in online shopping as opposed to driving to a shopping center to shop. He reiterated those trends are national, but not shown in Craighead County data. He added those topics are important to keep in mind, though, for future planning to make sure the city is making wise infrastructure investments.

Councilman Street questioned the status of an eastern bypass for the city. Mayor Perrin explained they are looking at alternatives for the I-555 project due to anticipation that they will not be able to fund that project. But, they will be discussing it with the Highway Department during a meeting tomorrow. It was indicated to them during a recent trip to Washington D.C. that they will not be able to receive Tiger funding for the I-555 project due to the \$37.5 million cost. As a result, they are looking at an overpass on Highland Drive. Regarding the eastern bypass, they will look at that project later this year or in 2015 and decide how to pay for it.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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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; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

MIN-14:035

Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 1, 2014

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-14:022

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH HAYWOOD, KENWARD, BARE & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE LAND SURVEY SERVICES FOR THE PLSS REMONUMENTATION PROJECT

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Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [2014 Agreement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-035-2014

RES-14:028

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR VALLEY VIEW MANOR SUBDIVISION, A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

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Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement](#)
[Plat](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-036-2014

RES-14:029

AN RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 1506 N. CHURCH STREET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO.

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Sponsors: Building Maintenance

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-037-2014

RES-14:035

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 508 FRONT STREET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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Sponsors: Building Maintenance

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-038-2014

6. NEW BUSINESS

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COM-14:039

Request to set a public hearing to review the application by Elvis Burks to establish a taxicab service

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Attachments: [Request Letter](#)
[Business License Application](#)

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to set the hearing for May 6, 2014, at 5:20 p.m. All voted aye.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-14:021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM AG-1 TO C-3 LU FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2005 & 2009 MARGO LANE AND 2008 & 2010 COMMERCE DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY KENNETH BURK/JEFFERY JOHNSON/RICKIE SUMMERS/LORRIE BEASON

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Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Moore asked if there have been any objections to the rezoning. City Planner Otis Spriggs stated there was one person who contacted their office since the MAPC meeting. But, he does not believe they are in attendance at the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to suspend the rules and Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

ORD-14:022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3221 AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF REMOVING THE RESTRICTION ON SPENDING ONE HALF (1/2) OF THE CURRENT SALES AND USE TAX, FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OF A PUBLIC NATURE AND DIRECTING IT FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES, PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Mayor Perrin informed the Council that this ordinance should have been put on the Finance agenda, not the Council agenda. He asked the Council to refer the ordinance back to the Finance Committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Referred to the Finance & Administration Council Committee. The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

They will meet with the Highway Department tomorrow about future projects, including I-555. They received approval to transfer \$700,000 from the Medical Mile project to fund a ten foot walking and bike trail around Craighead Forest Park Lake.

The West End and Fairview Addition Neighborhood Communities held cleanups in their areas recently. He drove around those areas and they look great. He congratulated those areas for their work. Scenic Hills will hold their cleanup on May 3rd. He thanked the Sanitation Department for their help with these cleanups.

They will be doing demolition at the old YMCA facility. They are waiting on a response from ADEQ concerning the asbestos study before they can move forward with construction. They will do construction in three phases based on funding. Phase one will construct city offices as well as a room available for renting. Phase two will include looking at the cost of renovating the courts and some other areas. Funding for the construction will come from federal funding as well as Parks & Tourism funding.

They met with the EPA during their Washington D.C. trip. Mary Hanes, an EPA representative for this district, will be visiting Jonesboro next Wednesday in order to look at cleaning up the Wolverine property and devise a map to cleanup other areas in the city.

The attorney with Wolverine has verbally agreed to their contract, as well as Wolverine paying their part of the back taxes on the property. He hopes to hear from them this week in order to set a date to close on the property. Councilman Frierson questioned whether the city will receive all of Wolverine's property. Mayor Perrin answered yes, including a warehouse towards Bay.

Construction on the Greenway should be done in August. That will take the Greenway to Nettleton Avenue.

Playground equipment will be installed at the Miracle League Field in May. The surfacing on the field will happen in June. The project is moving along well.

The floor is down at the Earl Bell Community Center. They hope the air conditioning will go in this week and then they will stripe the flooring. The old pool house has been demolished. The architects are looking at possibly adding basketball courts in that area.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street commended Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler for a recent interview on KASU where he discussed the bike trail on Nettleton and other bike trails in the city. He thought the interview was very informative.

Councilman Woods agreed with Councilman Street, adding that Mr. Huffstetler also did a good job on the presentation he gave at the last Council meeting. He is excited about where the city is going in terms of parks and recreation. He recommended keeping the momentum going so the city can go further with parks in the future.

Councilman Woods added on April 24th they will hold a youth tour summit at the Municipal Center. There is a group of students from Valley View called "We the People", who will be going to Washington D.C. in the near future to discuss common core with Congress. He commended all of the participating students and encouraged everyone to attend the summit.

Councilman Gibson informed the Council he recently saw Mr. Dick Clay. Mr. Clay stated Information Systems is doing a good job with the interviews and broadcasts on Channel 24.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

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Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk