

City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center 300 S. Church Street Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Nominating and Rules Committee

Tuesday, October 3, 2017 4:30 PM Municipal Center

Special Called Meeting

1. Call To Order

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2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

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Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance.

Present 5 - Charles Frierson; Gene Vance; Chris Moore; Ann Williams and Chris Gibson

Absent 1 - Charles Coleman

3. Approval of minutes

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MIN-17:079

Minutes for the Nominating & Rules Special Called Committee Meeting on July 6, 2017

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Attachments: Minutes

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

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Gene Vance; Chris Moore and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

4. New Business

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RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

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A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman

Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

RES-17:143

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (JET)

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Mayor Harold Perrin said the appointment is Rosena Branch. She asked to be put on the Community Transportation Advisory Board. I checked with Steve at JETS and she has an interest in doing that. I received her resume. She will be taking over the unexpired term of Rev. Charlene Johnson, Ward 5, expiring February 17, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Gene Vance; Chris Moore and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

RES-17:156

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION (MAPC)

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Mayor Harold Perrin said they had three applicants for the position with one that he didn't think would qualify. One outshined the other one and that was Jeb Spencer. He has been in the contracting business for about 45 years. He has remodeled and restored homes. He knows the whole process all the way through because he has had to buy building permits himself. Mayor Perrin said he liked his comments on what he said he would do with architectural standings and what he would do for people when they come before the MAPC. Mayor Perrin stated that this is his request. They are at 4-2 right now so he asked if they could take that onto the Council tonight. Ron Kelton left and Jeb Spencer will be taking his place. The County placed David Handwork on MAPC to replace Dr. Rick Stripling.

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Gene Vance, to walk onto the full Council tonight with the reason being the appointment is needed to complete the committee and have a quorum of the MAPC. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Gene Vance; Chris Moore and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

5. Pending Items

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6. Other Business

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Councilmember Charles Frierson said that he feels they waste their time doing this. I have looked myself and have asked the City Attorney and there is nothing in our rules of organization or process that needs to have the Mayor's appointments coming before either this committee or the City Council unless the Mayor demands it. I guess we could do it just as a courtesy to the Mayor, but I would prefer since all we do is look at a resume which they send out now, that it be continued and anyone on the Council that has any problem with whoever is being recommended can check with the Mayor and evidence his objection and see what needs to happen. This is a waste of time in my judgement.

Councilmember Chris Moore asked if Councilmember Frierson was making a motion that all future appointments go directly to the Council agenda. Councilmember Frierson said yes, at least that. I also move. Councilmember Moore said he would second that motion that we can consider that as a full council, I would think. I am not in favor of the Mayor's appointments not being ratified by the Council, but I would be in favor of them going straight to the Council and appear on the agenda as his recommendation and we can either vote them up or vote them down. Chairperson Chris Gibson said with that being said do we want that to fall under consent agenda or would they need to fall under new business. Councilmember Moore said that it would probably have to fall under new business since it would not be appearing before a committee first. City Clerk Donna Jackson said she would think so. Mayor Perrin said that would be fine.

Chairman Gibson said he had a motion and second to forward to full council. All voted aye. Councilmember Moore asked Chairman Gibson if he wanted to bring that up under business by the Council tonight. Councilmember Frierson said to bring what up. Councilmember Moore said he thought you would need the approval of the full council to change the process. Councilmember Gene Vance said we will. Councilmember Frierson said there is no policy. Councilmember Moore said it didn't matter if there was no policy. It is the process that we have currently been going to. I don't think the five of us can change it without consulting the other half because we would be alternating between sides and changing it when it is our turn to be in charge. Councilmember Vance said it shouldn't go tonight. It should go to the next regular meeting. A recommendation to the next meeting that way it will appear in the paper and nobody will be upset. Councilmember Moore said he didn't want to usurp the other side's authority since we have the power right now. Councilmember Vance said we won't be blindsiding anyone.

City Clerk Donna Jackson said she felt she needed to make this comment. In the Council procedures, I think that it says something in there and we might want to amend that so it no longer says that. Councilmember Frierson said he asked the City Attorney and she said no. Councilmember Vance said she might not have looked at it. Councilmember Frierson said he said the same thing because he looked at them. Ms. Jackson said ok. Councilmember Frierson said there is nothing there. Councilmember Moore said we will have two weeks to come to that conclusion.

7. Public Comments

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8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Charles Frierson; Gene Vance; Chris Moore and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

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