



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

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2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

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Present 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and David McClain

3. Approval of minutes

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MIN-17:034

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee Meeting on March 21, 2017

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Attachments: [Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and David McClain

4. New Business

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Ordinances To Be Introduced

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ORD-17:019

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND ADOPT ORDINANCES RELATING TO DOWNTOWN PARKING IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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Police Chief Rick Elliott explained the Parking Authority in regards to this ordinance.

It's basically cleanup with some language. The old ordinance was antiquated. Parking fees had originally gone to some out of state company that collected the money and sent it back to the city. It also redesignated some parking lots as free parking lots. There will also be two parking lots downtown for employees to park in without penalty. The changes are listed in their packet.

Councilman McClain asked if there is someone who monitors the two hour parking. Police Chief Elliott answered yes. The city's parking enforcement officer was struck by a vehicle a few months ago. Hopefully she'll be returning to work in May. They are hoping to get this done before she starts back to work so when she does come back they can restart enforcement activities downtown. Up to this point, they haven't written any tickets downtown. She has spent her time visiting local merchants to see what direction they want to go in with the parking. That information, along with information from Downtown Jonesboro Association Executive Director Hailey Knight, was presented to the Parking Authority. These were the changes that came from that information.

Councilman Vance asked what is designated as the downtown area. Police Chief Elliott answered from the court house up to the bridge. Councilman Vance explained the reason he asked is because there's some parking on Matthews that there's been some problems with in the past. Police Chief Elliott added it's not limited to just the area he described. It's just the general downtown vicinity. That's just her general walking area. Councilman Vance further explained when the parking enforcement employee first started there were some employees downtown that was parking down there and it was affecting the parking on Matthews that the church uses for their day school, for parents to come and go. It was beginning to cause a problem, but for some reason they quit parking there. He was wondering if that could be included in the enforcement area.

City Attorney Carol Duncan noted the ordinance states specific street parameters. She quoted Section 66-228. It specifies all on street public parking bounded by Matthews Avenue, north to Cate, Burke Street and Union, east to Church Street. Councilman Vance stated then they're covered. City Attorney Duncan answered yes.

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and David McClain

5. Pending Items

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6. Other Business

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Last month, Bill Smith talked to them about changing some signs to "May Use Full Lane." Chairman Johnson asked for an update. He asked if it has gone to the Traffic Committee. Mayor Perrin answered it is headed that way now. Chief Operations Officer Ed Tanner is working on that now and has notified the chairman of that committee.

7. Public Comments

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8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and David McClain