



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-12:042 Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on May 15, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-12:094 A RESOLUTION TO condemn property at 822 Citizen St. / Owner John T Douglas.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report001](#)
[101E0424](#)
[101E0425](#)
[101E0423](#)
[101E0431](#)

Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver explained he has spoke with the owner about obtaining permits and the owner keeps telling him he is trying to sell the property. Mr. Shaver added he has also discussed the house being unsecure and the owner stated he would go out today and secure the house.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Abstain: 1 - Gene Vance

RES-12:095 A RESOLUTION TO condemn property at 410 Belt St. / Owner Moon Struck Inc.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report001](#)
[101E0855](#)
[101E0866](#)
[101E0868](#)
[101E0860](#)

Councilman Chris Moore asked if the property owner had died. Mr. Shaver answered this property was owned by Grainger, but is now owned by Moon Struck, Inc. He added he will have to do a title search to find out who the correct owner is.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

RES-12:096 A RESOLUTION TO: condemn property at: 502 Belt St. / Owner Moon Struck, Inc.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report001](#)
[101E0839](#)
[101E0840](#)
[101E0842](#)
[101E0841](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

RES-12:097 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at: 504 Melrose / Owner James L Schrantz

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report001](#)
[101E0936](#)
[101E0935](#)
[101E0933](#)
[101E0931](#)
[101E0929](#)

Mr. Shaver stated he has dealt with the owner of this property who stated he was not going to put any more money into the property. He added he received a call from someone who said they were trying to buy this property and the property in RES-12:098 on a land contract. He noted he informed that person where the City was with the property and that he would have to get permits to do the improvements to the property.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

RES-12:098

A RESOLUTION TO condemn property at: 508 Melrose / Owner James L Schrantz

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report001](#)
[101E0946](#)
[101E0944](#)
[101E0939](#)
[101E0942](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

4. Pending Items**COM-12:043**

Mosquito control report for by Vector Disease Control for May, 2012

Attachments: [Mosquito report for May 2012](#)
[Mosquito report map dated May 17, 2012](#)
[Mosquito report map dated May 18, 2012](#)

Mr. Jim Stark with Vector Disease Control explained the City had a major outbreak this past weekend and his office is receiving approximately 100 calls a day. Discussion was held concerning the frequent calls and what events Vector will spray for. He added they should be able to use the aircraft to spray either Thursday or Friday of this week.

Councilman Moore asked if there is a reason why they have not used the aircraft before now. Mr. Stark answered they have been making their rounds. He noted they will be spraying Craighead Forest Park and Southside Ballpark around July 3.

Councilman Moore asked if Vector will be using the aircraft around July 3. Mr. Stark answered they will be spraying from the aircraft on July 2 or July 3 and they will also be using the trucks to spray on July 4.

Mayor Perrin stated he would like to review the contract concerning the frequent calls and come up with a policy to handle them.

Councilman Moore questioned if the City could do anything to help Vector Disease

Control. Mr. Stark answered no because the City has been very helpful.

This item was Read.

5. Other Business

COM-12:037 Crime presentation by Ms. Basia Combs

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Ms. Basia Combs, Crime Analyst with the Jonesboro Police Department, discussed the location of crimes in Jonesboro. She noted that public housing only accounts for 6% of the households in the City, but is responsible for 33% of the crimes within the City.

Councilman Moore questioned who validated this study. Ms. Combs answered the Department of Criminology.

Councilman Moore asked if 33% of the violent crimes in Jonesboro come from less than 6% of the housing in Jonesboro. Ms. Combs answered yes.

Discussion was held concerning the recommendations to correct these problems.

Councilman Moore inquired if the study had any recommendations that could be implanted by the Housing Authority to help reduce the crime in their units. Ms. Combs answered background checks could be done on the residents and the visitors who stay for a length of time.

Councilman Moore then asked if the background checks are authorized under the Federal Housing Laws. Ms. Combs answered other jurisdictions have ordinances that require background checks.

Councilman Moore then questioned if she recommends the City pass an ordinance requiring the background checks. Ms. Combs answered that would be the best solution, but there are other options such as voluntary background checks.

Councilman Mikel Fears asked if the City could receive ordinances from the other cities in Arkansas concerning the background checks. Ms. Combs answered yes.

Mayor Perrin noted he would like to meet with various departments on a monthly basis to discuss this issue and come up with a plan to reduce the crime rate in Jonesboro.

Councilman Moore asked the Mayor when he would have some recommendations for the Council. Mayor Perrin answered within 30 to 45 days.

Councilman Moore commended Ms. Combs for her efforts on this project.

This item was Read.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears