



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 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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The invocation was given by Rev. Curtis Wilson.

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-15:079 Mayor Perrin will present a proclamation to ASU Women's Volleyball

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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 Councilwoman Ann Williams, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

MIN-16:003

Minutes for the City Council meeting on January 5, 2016

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

RES-15:168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEIL AND MARY STALLINGS PARK, LLC

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Memorandum of Lease.03](#)
[lease agreement.04](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-001-2016

RES-15:172

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM GLAD LAND & DEVELOPMENT INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING A SIDEWALK ALONG CARAWAY ROAD

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Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Permanent Construction Easement](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-002-2016

RES-15:176

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM THE MJ. FOX REVOCABLE TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTAINING SAID IMPROVEMENTS

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Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Permanent Drainage Easement](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-003-2016

RES-15:179

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM MACON ENTERPRISES, LLLP FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

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Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Permanent Drainage Easement](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-004-2016

6. NEW BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-15:059

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FORMER MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

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Sponsors: Grants

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

Mayor Perrin explained this is for former Grants Administrator Heather Clark to continue sitting on two boards.

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

After passage of the ordinance, Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to adopt the emergency clause. 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: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-003-2016

[ORD-16:001](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RM-8 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1110 BELT STREET AS REQUESTED BY MARQUE MEALING

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

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

Councilman Street asked if the issue of access to the adjoining property has been resolved. City Planner Otis Spriggs explained the rezoning was approved last year, but it took some time to get the survey and engineering work done. The access issue has been solved, so there is currently no opposition to the rezoning.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

[ORD-16:003](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A 2016 GMC YUKON XL FROM CAVENAUGH AUTO GROUP FOR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

Councilman Street asked for more information as to why the bidding was waived. Mayor Perrin explained bidding was waived due to the trading in the other vehicle. Chief Operations Officer LM Duncan called two or three other dealerships around town but was not able to get a better trade-in value than what was offered by Cavanaugh. He noted the difference between the sale price of the new vehicle and the trade-in value of the old one is \$19,500.

Mayor Perrin explained that when he goes to Little Rock he often has five other people in the car. This allows other departments, such as Engineering, to not drive their own vehicles.

Councilman McCall asked how many miles are on the vehicle. Mayor Perrin answered it is somewhere around 150,000.

Questions were raised concerning the emergency clause on the ordinance. City Attorney Carol Duncan stated certain financial matters allow for the emergency clause, but she couldn't think of a reason to have the emergency clause on this particular ordinance that would legally justify it.

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

Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson Drive, questioned what the need is for the emergency clause. Mayor Perrin answered there is no need for it since there is no rush. They will not be passing the emergency clause. Mr. Cook stated that since the Council is waiving the second and third readings, it will be similar to adopting the emergency clause since tonight will be the only time the ordinance is read. Mayor Perrin noted the ordinance will not go into effect for another 30 days.

Mr. Cook then questioned why the new vehicle is needed. Mayor Perrin noted that they try to rotate vehicles every two to three years. His current vehicle is almost three years old. He drives a lot back and forth to Little Rock, as well as other cities, on trips that include other people as well.

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

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-004-2016

[ORD-16:004](#)

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE (O-EN-001-2016) FOR ANIMAL CONTROL, CITY CLERK, AND E911, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PREVENTION OF UNNECESSARY DELAYS AND FOR THE FINANCIAL CONTINUITY OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Frierson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-005-2016

[ORD-16:005](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 TO PD-RM FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE END OF DENA JO DRIVE, WEST OF BEKAH DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY PDW PROPERTIES, LLC

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

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

Councilman Street asked how many units could be put on the property if the property was left R-2. Mr. Spriggs answered it would be 12 units per acre on average. What the applicants are proposing does not go above the allowable density for that site; rather, the R-2 district has stringent guidelines that require a cookie-cutter approach. The applicant is doing single-story buildings on this phase. The new zoning allowances have a better layout from a zoning perspective.

Councilman Street then questioned if there was any opposition to the rezoning. Mr. Spriggs answered no, no one spoke in opposition to this issue.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Election of a president pro tempore

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman McCall, to elect Councilman Moore as president pro tempore for 2016. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Moore who abstained from voting.

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

There is a building at the airport that can be leased. ASU's Economic Development Department was in the building. It's about 3,600 square feet. They are going to look at the building to fix it up. The money from the lease goes to the Airport Commission, not the city. If anyone is interested, let them know so they can be referred to the airport manager.

He received a letter from Governor Asa Hutchinson's office saying the Parks & Rec Department has been approved for a grant of \$61,000 to resurface the tennis courts at Earl Bell.

Tomorrow, he, Mr. Duncan and Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols will be attending the Highway Commission meeting. They will have a minute order to add four pedestrian crosswalks to Johnson Avenue. That project will be a partnership between the city, ASU and the Highway Department. Total cost is around \$150,000. They will also discuss the Parker Road extension project to Washington Avenue. The project was bid out. The low bid was \$1.4 million, while the high bid was \$4.1 million. The minute order for the project will be approved tomorrow.

The owners plan to demo the building at 411 Union, but the city has not received anything in writing.

The Building Facilities Committee met last week to discuss several issues. Several projects will be brought forward to the Council.

He is pleased that the city's Facebook page visits have increased.

Sunday he attended a community conversation about race relations. Police Chief Rick Elliott was on the panel. He thought it was a great meeting. They will continue to do those meetings in town.

They are still interviewing for the Director of Communications position. The new Human Resources Director will start next week. Dewayne Douglas has a master's degree in human resources and has been teaching at Mid-South School in West Memphis. He also worked for Regions Bank in human resources.

He spoke with the director of the Department of Finance & Administration. He is going to be receiving a list of people who are paying the state in sales taxes, so they can compare it to privilege licenses in the city.

COM-16:005

Airport Commission financial statements for December 31, 2015

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Sponsors: Municipal Airport Commission

Attachments: [Financial report](#)

This item was Filed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street asked if anything has been done in the Tyrer case. City Attorney Duncan stated she hasn't heard anything.

Councilman Woods reiterated the Mayor's comments about the race relations meeting. He thinks it was a positive event and that people left energized.

Councilman McCall stated they had a Nominating & Rules Committee meeting earlier and nominated Councilman Burton as the chair of that committee for 2016.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to add RES-16:006 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-16:006

RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR PERRIN

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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: 7 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Abstain: 3 - John Street;Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

Enactment No: R-EN-005-2016

Councilman McCall stated it has been a pleasure to serve on the City Council for the past 15 or 16 years. His family is in the process of purchasing a new home and he will no longer be residing in his ward. Based on Arkansas code, he will be stepping down from his position on the Council. He looks forward to working with everyone in the future in other ways. He appreciates everyone and has enjoyed serving on the City Council. Mayor Perrin thanked Councilman McCall for his service. He expressed his appreciation for all of Councilman McCall's work.

Councilman Moore thanked Mayor Perrin and Councilman Woods for attending the Day of Prayer at Southwest Church.

Councilman Vance referred to the Mayor's earlier comments about the building at the Airport. He added the repairs won't be a problem; rather, they just need to figure out how to pay for it.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk