



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:15 P.M.

No opposition was voiced during the public hearing.

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

4. Special Presentations

COM-09:053 A proclamation to be read by Mayor Perrin to Senator Paul Bookout in recognition of his legislative service and support of Jonesboro

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Senator Paul Bookout for his work to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Jonesboro and the State of Arkansas. Senator Bookout thanked Mayor Perrin and the City Council. He added he appreciates the privilege of serving in the Legislature.

This item was Read.

COM-09:054 A special sesquicentennial presentation sponsored by Councilman Tim McCall

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman McCall, chair of the 150 Year Celebration Committee, discussed events that will take place during the sesquicentennial celebration. He unveiled the logos and banners to be used during the celebration. He noted citizens can visit the web site that can be found on the City's website www.jonesboro.org and recognized the committee members for their work. He explained the web site details the events they have planned and stated the Celebration Week will begin on Sunday, September 27, with a Celebration Day of Faith. City employee Jack Turner discussed the web site and encouraged citizens to add their photos and stories of Jonesboro.

This item was Read.

Proclamation to be read by Mayor Perrin proclaiming the month of May as Bike Month

Mayor Perrin also commended the Ridge Riders for their work to keep bikers safe on City streets.

Proclamation and Key to the City presentation to City Clerk Donna Jackson recognizing her work as City Clerk

Mayor Perrin declared May 3, 2009 - May 9, 2009, as Municipal Clerk's Week. He discussed Ms. Jackson's history as City Clerk, noting that she has been City Clerk for 18 years. He stated she was certified by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in 1996 and further certified as a Master Municipal Clerk in 2001. He added she received a Leadership Award from the Arkansas Municipal League in 2007 for her years of service and implemented the Legistar software system, which modernized the City's agenda making process and made City records more accessible to all citizens of Jonesboro. Ms. Jackson thanked Mayor Perrin, City Council and the citizens.

Alexander Thompson Arnold (ATA) update

Mr. John Whybrew gave an update on ATA's work with the Finance Department. He stated they should have their recommendations concerning the chart of accounts to the Mayor and Finance Director Jim Barksdale sometime this week. He added they should wrap up their reconciliation of the 2008 reconciliations tomorrow. He noted there were six pass through accounts that were not accounted for on the City's books. He further discussed some of their finds and what else they plan to do. He stated once they get done with 2008 reconciliations they will start on 2009, which may take a couple of weeks. Mr. Whybrew added they plan to do an internal control review and make recommendations concerning changes.

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to remove RES-09:055 from the consent agenda. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of RES-09:055. The motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

MIN-09:039 Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 21, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-09:054 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 206 N PATRICK STREET AND 1413 W NETTLETON AVENUE

Sponsors: Fire Department

Attachments: [Recap of Change Order No. 1](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-043-2009

RES-09:058 RESOLUTION RESCINDING RES-09:024, A NEW CONTRACT WITH ATA (ALEXANDER THOMPSON ARNOLD, PLLC) AND THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES;

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Engagement Letter for Consulting Services to City of Jonesboro](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-044-2009

6. New Business

RES-09:055 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER WITH CONSTRUCTION NETWORK, INC FOR FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (#2 & #6)

Sponsors: Fire Department

Attachments: [Change Order](#)

Mayor Perrin explained the cost of the change order decreased because City Water and Light stated they would not bill the City for their work.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Mitch Johnson, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-045-2009

Ordinances on First Reading

ORD-09:016 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE TITLE IV BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 32: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ARTICLE III, SECTION 4.32.31 (4) CHANGING THE SUPPLEMENTAL BEVERAGE TAX FROM THREE PERCENT (3%) OF GROSS RECEIPTS OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [Opposition material](#)

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

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

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

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

Nay: 1 - Jim Hargis

Enactment No: O-EN-020-2009

ORD-09:022 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO COVER THE COST OF LEGISTAR'S ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Sponsors: City Clerk

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

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-021-2009

ORD-09:026 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON THE UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF STUCK STREET (FISHER STREET), LOCATED NORTH OF LOGAN AVENUE, BETWEEN LOTS 10 AND 11, AND SOUTH OF LOTS 16 AND 17 OF LOGAN'S SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN DEED RECORD 20, PAGE 433.

Attachments: [MAPC Letter](#)
[Petition](#)
[Plat](#)
[Utility Letters](#)

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-022-2009

ORD-09:027 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO C-4 LUO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT - LIMITED USE OVERLAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HIGHLAND DRIVE BETWEEN CRAFTS DRIVE AND BROWNS LANE AS REQUESTED BY DOROTHY HILL AND CONNIE WOODS

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

City Attorney Phillip Crego stated before the meeting he provided the Council with an amended version of the ordinance.

Mr. Chris Gardener spoke on behalf of Ms. Dorothy Hill and Ms. Connie Wood, who requested the rezoning. He explained they amended the ordinance due to some concerns by citizens in the community. He added if there are any further concerns, they will address those as well.

This Ordinance was Held at one reading.

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances on Third Reading

ORD-09:020 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM RESIDENTIAL R-2 TO RESIDENTIAL RM-16 LIMITED USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 921 WARNER AS REQUESTED BY MAX DACUS JR.

Attachments: Plat
MAPC Report

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily until July 7, 2009. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Ordinances on Second Reading

ORD-09:023 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 MULTI-FAMILY LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO C-1 DOWNTOWN CORE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT PROPERTY LOCATED AT 712 EAST WASHINGTON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY ST. BERNARD'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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

Councilman Moore motioned to suspend the rules and waive second and third

readings.

Councilman Frierson abstained from discussion and voting due to a conflict of interest. Councilman Gibson and Councilman Vance also abstained from discussion and voting.

Councilman McCall questioned whether there was an emergency clause on the ordinance. Mayor Perrin answered no. Councilman McCall noted at the last meeting it was recommended to Mr. Hodges to add an emergency clause to the ordinance.

Councilman Moore withdrew his motion.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to add the emergency clause to the ordinance. All voted aye.

After reading the ordinance for the second time, Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Fears, to waive third reading. All voted aye.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-023-2009

8. Mayor's Reports

COM-09:055

Vector Disease Control contact information as provided by Mr. Jim Stark at the meeting on May 5, 2009.

Mr. Stark explained their equipment and personnel are ready to go. He further explained the recent rain will result in numerous mosquito hatches, but they have aircraft ready to use if needed. He also added due to the rice being planted earlier this year they are expecting a major impact towards the end of June. He noted they will start reporting to the Public Safety Committee meetings in June.

This item was Read.

Mayor Perrin explained construction was started recently on the new tornado sirens. He added they will have a map on Channel 24 showing the sirens. He discussed the new sirens and the construction project. He stated he hopes the completion date will be before June 30, 2009.

Mayor Perrin stated they will be coming up with a street schedule for striping to get everything up to date. He added they are also working on a ditch cleaning schedule.

Mayor Perrin explained they are planning to sell equipment. He further explained there is a lot of equipment at Strawfloor that can be auctioned off. He stated they will let everyone know when they have a date set, but they are looking at early June.

Mayor Perrin stated they have also discussed moving the date of the regular monthly Finance Committee meeting since it typically falls after the last Council meeting in the month. He explained they will be meeting with Councilwoman Williams to try and come up with another date.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to add an ordinance to the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-09:025

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A 2007 KOMATSU EXCAVATOR

Sponsors: Streets

Attachments: [Scan-15-Apr-2009:02:26:56](#)

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

Street Superintendent Floyd Lemm explained they are taking items out of their budget in order to purchase the excavator. He added the other items were low priority and can wait until later.

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

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 Councilman Chris Moore, that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-024-2009

Councilman McCall thanked Mr. Jack Turner for his work with the 150 Year Celebration Committee.

Councilman Gibson stated in April, the 911 Department took in 20,912 calls with 16,585 being non-emergency calls. Mayor Perrin noted 911 Director Jeff Presley is preparing a presentation for 311.

Councilman Moore noted the Police Department's new website is up. Police Chief Michael Yates stated the website is not complete yet, but should be complete in the next few weeks.

Councilman Vance explained the Public Works Committee recommended rezoning the Lacy property where the new Street and Sanitation Facility will be constructed. He added JETS will be a part of the facility as well and hope their grant will be able to work in with the construction plans. He also stated they hope to cross-train the

