



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

NOMINATING & RULES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 4:50 P.M.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 5:20 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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3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Rennell Woods

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-14:064

Presentation by Representative Harold Copenhaver to the City of Jonesboro for Preemption Software

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin explained the software will allow public safety departments to change intersection traffic lights so they can get through the intersections easier. He noted

they have identified 18 intersections so far that they will use the software on. They anticipate it improving response time by 28%. Rep. Copenhagen presented the city with a check for \$36,000 to help pay for the improvements. He added he hopes to provide more money in the future to pay for the improvements at the rest of the 82 intersections.

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 Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Rennell Woods

MIN-14:084

Minutes for the City Council meeting on July 15, 2014

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-14:096

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH BRACKETT KRENNERICH FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE FOR RENOVATION OF THE JONESBORO RECREATIONAL CENTER (FORMERLY YMCA)

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Finance

Attachments: [Brackett Krennerich - Jonesboro Recreational Center](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-098-2014

RES-14:099

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE AG FOR AUTISM TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF JONESBORO

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [AG for Autism Grant Award Letter and Agreement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-099-2014

RES-14:108

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEPENDENT AUDIT WITH SHARP, INC.

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Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Sharp Dependent Audit Contract](#)
[Sharp Dependent Audit Contract - PDF](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-100-2014

6. NEW BUSINESS

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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-14:044

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM AG-1 TO I-2 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON MOORE ROAD AS REQUESTED BY J. MURL SMITH, SANDRA FOWLER AND STEVE MOORE

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

Mayor Perrin noted there is no opposition for the rezoning and it passed unanimously at the MAPC meeting.

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

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-045-2014

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

All of the properties concerning the Downtown Jonesboro Association have been cleared. They are now in the name of the City of Jonesboro.

The Street Department informed him they have done 147 miles of road striping as of last Friday.

The City Attorney's Office has approved the documentation concerning the purchase of the Wolverine properties. An ordinance was passed approving the purchase, but the ordinance included a dollar amount that is no longer up to date due to the late taxes adding up during the time since the ordinance was passed. They will be presenting the Council with another ordinance at the next meeting to approve the purchase of the property.

Today was the first day the citizens could vote early on the sales tax election. He reminded the public of the election and encouraged everyone to vote. He explained the public safety tax will expire in December and will not be renewed. They are asking for the restrictions concerning the city sales tax to be lifted, so all of the money can be put into the General Revenue Fund and expended from there. He added there will also be drainage issues and improvements needed that will still be taken care of.

He announced the hiring of MPO Director Patrick Dennis from Bowling Green, Ohio. He will start on August 18th. Erica Hancock has also been hired for the position of Assistant MPO Director. She will start on August 11th.

In July, the city issued \$15 million in building permits. 60% was for commercial with 40% being residential. This shows a growth in residential and commercial for Jonesboro.

The new police station located on Caraway Road is almost complete. They will have an open house on August 24th for the public to view the new headquarters.

At the last Council meeting, Councilman Moore asked about sealant being put on the road from Oak Street to Burke and almost all of Main Street. The bids were received. The bids came in at \$15,000 to do the work. They are waiting on City Water & Light to finish some water work. He anticipates doing the work in September.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and place RES-14:111 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-14:111

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH MATT CODY

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Matt Cody Northside Contract](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance and Rennell Woods

Enactment No: R-EN-095-2014

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place RES-14:115 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-14:115

RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR SCHEDULING SERVICES WITH THE JETS DEPARTMENT AND TOTAL LIFE HEALTHCARE

Sponsors: JETS

Attachments: [Contract](#)
[Appendix A Title VI](#)

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: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance and Rennell Woods

Enactment No: R-EN-096-2014

Councilman McCall motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-14:122 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-14:122

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMPLAINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER COMPLAINTS PERTAINING TO CEBRIDGE ACQUISITIONS CO. LLC (SUDDENLINK) AS STATED IN THEIR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance and Rennell Woods

Enactment No: R-EN-097-2014

Mayor Perrin explained the Complaint Committee was included in the franchise agreement with Suddenlink. The agreement will expire in 2016. He stated that citizens will need to first file a complaint with Suddenlink. Once that is done and, if they are not satisfied with the response, they can submit a complaint to the Complaint Committee. The city has had a great relationship with Suddenlink, but due to citizen

complaints calls they decided to establish the committee. He stressed the committee cannot force Suddenlink to do anything. The committee will be a sounding board for the citizens. He also noted the committee could be a sounding board for suggestions such as freezing costs for customers over the age of 65.

Councilman McCall referred to a letter to the editor in the Jonesboro Sun by Mr. John Phelps over the weekend. The letter stated the first casualty of the Normandy invasion, Mr. Harold Sellers, was a resident of Jonesboro and graduate from Jonesboro High. He stated they are looking at ways to commend Mr. Sellers for his service. It was also noted that Mr. Sellers was Councilman Vance's uncle. Mayor Perrin agreed, adding they are working with the family to recognize Mr. Sellers. Councilman Moore asked for the Mayor's Office to prepare a proclamation concerning Mr. Sellers.

Councilman Moore then discussed the mosquito problem that was mentioned at the last meeting. He asked for an update. Mayor Perrin explained the company has acquired three new trucks. He also got the company to fly over the city as many times as needed at no additional charge. He anticipates ten flyovers this year at no additional cost. Councilman Moore stated the mosquito problem seems to be under control.

Councilman Moore asked for an update concerning discussion at the last meeting regarding the MAPC appeals process. City Planner Otis Spriggs explained he looked at the conditional use appeals process pertaining to approvals. Currently, approvals are not appealed to Council. After researching seven to eight cities in the state, they found several cities that forward all conditional use appeals to the City Council. Another option allows appeals to the Council by citizens within 300 feet of the conditional use property. The City of Rogers uses that process. Mr. Spriggs further explained this would limit the number of appeals brought to the Council, but would still allow those who are affected by the decision to discuss it with the Council. A final option, from Fayetteville, allowed the two Council members of that ward to file an appeal on a conditional use case, along with an additional Council member. That process would require three Council members to ask for an appeal at the Council level. Mr. Spriggs added he doesn't think the state law would be violated if the Council decided to adopt one of the processes and add it to the Code of Ordinances. Councilman Moore noted they do not want to hear all appeals, but people who have property directly adjacent to the conditional use property within a certain distance to be able to appeal to the full Council. He then asked Mr. Spriggs to continue to look at making those changes to the code and what distance would be appropriate. Councilman Frierson recommended 300 feet.

Councilman Coleman thanked the Mayor for his assistance with some areas that had been missed by the mosquito company.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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Ms. Alicia Washington, 4416 Fox Meadow Cove, commended the Sanitation Department for their quick response when she needed a new trash bin at her new house.

Mayor Perrin informed the Council that former Mayor Hubert Brodell's wife recently passed away. He asked for everyone to keep the family in their thoughts and prayers. Visitation will be Thursday night with the funeral on Friday.

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: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk