



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

5:30 PM

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SPECIAL CALLED FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING AT 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 3:30 P.M. NOTE: TIME CHANGE

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long and Joe Hafner
Absent 3 - Charles Coleman; David McClain and LJ Bryant

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-19:064](#) PRESENTATION FROM MS. NATALIE SHEW, HYTROL'S MANAGER OF ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS TO MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Read

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long and Joe Hafner

Absent: 3 - Charles Coleman; David McClain and LJ Bryant

[MIN-19:094](#) MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Attachments: [City Council Meeting Minutes 09172019.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING****ORD-19:048**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SECTION 66-267 ADOPTING WEIGHT AND SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE TRUCKS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND REPEALING SECTION 66-301

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:048 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I would ask that we read that on three separate occasions Mr. Mayor. Mayor Harold Perrin said, ok. Councilmember Gene Vance said, yes and if our City Engineer Craig Light is here, just for the audiences knowledge, I would like for him to just kind of recap as he has told me a couple of times basically what this ordinance does. Mr. Light said, if I can remember it all. Councilmember Vance said, I will help you. Mr. Light said, ok. There are just a few things that this ordinance does. It allows the enforcement by city officers for existing state law. We are not changing the state law on weights on vehicles, on which vehicles are required to abide by the weight limits. All of that is already set in state law. What this does is allow the city police officers to write tickets and the tickets would be for violation of this ordinance and we would keep the funds locally. It also gives the permanent traffic control committee the ability to make recommendations to council if a road needs to be closed because of truck traffic due to structural reasons of the roadway. So, the road itself cannot handle the roads, that committee would make a recommendation to council to close that road to truck traffic. But, that would be just for structural reasons, not just because there are too many trucks on the roadway. Councilmember Vance said, I think that is the main clarification that I wanted to make clear. We are not limiting any street in Jonesboro for truck traffic, but rather, we are limiting their weight limit to what they are licensed for by the state. Mr. Light said, that is correct. Mayor Harold Perrin said, just let me add to that. Our job would be in the Engineering Department on these roads and bridges and stuff, then we will have to establish that and put up some signage on some of these as well. Mr. Light said, if there are some that we need to establish weight limits on, we could do that. Also, the last thing that this ordinance does is gives us the ability if an individual or a company is repeatedly using a roadway and causes it to fail structurally, we can, through this ordinance, go after them to have them reimburse the city for the damage that they have done. That is the final thing that this ordinance would do. That is covered in state law, but it gives the state the right to do it. We have modified it to give ourselves our right as well. Mayor Perrin said, I will say that ARDOT has agreed to work with us on issuing some scales as well as training our police department. I know that the Chief is very much aware of that. Once this is passed, we will go ahead and get with them and get this started.

Held at one reading

ORD-19:058

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT LIMITED USE OVERLAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1402 HIGHLAND DRIVE, JONESBORO, AR AS REQUESTED BY ARMOR BANK

Attachments: [Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary -- City Council.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
[Elevations.pdf](#)
[Overall.pdf](#)
[Pictures of Building.pdf](#)
[Returned and Signed School.pdf](#)
[Site Plan and Landscape.pdf](#)
[Site Plan.pdf](#)
[Mailing Receipts.pdf](#)

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to suspend the rules and offer by title only. All voted aye.

Mayor Harold Perrin said, we will hold it there.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-19:051

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TRANSFER OF LOCATION OF PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR THE PARSONAGE

Attachments: [The Parsonage Transfer of Location Private Club Permit.pdf](#)

Chef John Meyers with the Parsonage, 305 South Main, said, I would like to make a request that we remove any further readings of this for transfer. We are not going to be needing it anymore. I apologize for everybody's waste of time on this. We, the Parsonage, are fortunate to have that space. We can't come to an agreement with our landlord on how it is going to work out. So, it is kind of unnecessary for us to put you guys through this. It looks like the Parsonage will be leaving Jonesboro by the first of the year.

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to postpone indefinitely. All voted aye.

Chef Meyers said, I would like to add that we have had a lot of offers to stay here in Jonesboro and I appreciate that. We love this community, but one of the deciding factors in this besides this was the 1%. It is difficult to go forward when you don't have something like that and I just wanted to say that. I thank each and every one of you. Mayor Perrin said, thank you very much. Councilmember Gene Vance asked, can we clarify the 1% he was talking about? Mayor Perrin said, he was talking about the sales tax, I think, not being, not passing. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, that is what Mr. Meyers expressed to me when he called. Councilmember Vance said, ok. I just wanted to clarify that it was that and not our drink tax. Mr. Meyers said, it was the failure of the 1% sales tax. Councilmember Vance said, thank you sir.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long and Joe Hafner

Absent: 3 - Charles Coleman; David McClain and LJ Bryant

[ORD-19:052](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ACT 1112 OF 2017 AND APPLICABLE ABC REGULATIONS APPROVING THE PRIVATE CLUB APPLICATION FOR THE OPERATION SIDEKICK FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS d/b/a SUNNY'S ON MAIN ("SUNNY'S ON MAIN") AT 237 S. MAIN STREET, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

Attachments: [Sunnys on Main Private Club Permit_Redacted.pdf](#)

Mayor Harold Perrin said, we will hold that there as we always do.

Held at second reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-19:049](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 516 W. JEFFERSON BY GARY HARPOLE

Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
[Plat.pdf](#)
[Jefferson Replat of Bicentennial Subdivision.pdf](#)
[RP 19-41 JEFFERSON REPLAT - BICENTENNIAL LOTS 2 -3 BLK 12.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary.pdf](#)
[Adjoining Property Owners Notification.pdf](#)
[Focus Letter.pdf](#)
[Focus Letter 2.pdf](#)
[USPS Green Receipts.pdf](#)
[Mail Receipt.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long and Joe Hafner

Absent: 3 - Charles Coleman; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-055-2019

[ORD-19:050](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1702 AGGIE ROAD BY GARY HARPOLE

Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
 [Staff Summary - City Council.pdf](#)
 [Plats.pdf](#)
 [Adjoining Property List and Letter.pdf](#)
 [Conceptual Rendering.pdf](#)
 [Layout of Property.pdf](#)
 [Rezoning Plats.pdf](#)
 [Receipt for mailing.pdf](#)
 [School Email.PNG](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long and Joe Hafner

Absent: 3 - Charles Coleman;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-056-2019

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Perrin reported on the following items:

I have got just a few items to cover with you.

First of all, the Saturday before last, we had our city auction. We try to do that every 2-3 years as we build up stuff we don't need. That auction was very good. Building Maintenance Director Ronnie Shaver and a lot of people were involved in that. The city auction brought into us a net of \$170,000 so that was good. We had a very good auction that day.

City Clerk Donna Jackson and I did close on all of the properties on the Veteran's Village this past week. And, now, we are just waiting on the abatements to come back. Once that is done, the report, we will go ahead and get a price for demolition and get that project started.

The United Way Day of Caring was last Friday. We had a lot of volunteers at Allen Park, Parker Park, E. Boone Watson Center, and Animal Control. Volunteers painted the exterior at Allen Park. They did interior painting at the E. Boone Watson Center. They did a lot of landscaping at Animal Control. They were great volunteers and came out and helped the city dramatically.

On Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nettleton Performing Arts Center, we will have a gang violence forum. We have some excellent speakers on that and that has been a subject of concern for a lot of people. We wanted to get that out there. Police Chief Rick Elliott will be one of the speakers. Our prosecuting attorney and some others will be on that panel.

Tonight is National Night Out. I know that North Park is having one as well as Scenic Hills and the West End. We will try to get out and hit some of those tonight.

Last months building permits was \$5.6 million with \$4.7 million being residential (85%)

and \$829,000 being commercial (15%).

We had a disc golf tournament I believe last weekend, if I am not mistaken, during the BBQ Fest. We had 89 players from Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Missouri.

We did receive a JAG grant for the police department for \$31,139. That will be for computers and equipment that will do the e-tickets, if I am not mistaken on that. So, we are very pleased on that.

I would like to thank the Sanitation Department, Parks Department, Street Department, E-911 Center. I am trying to think of all the departments, but it took all of us to do an incredible job this weekend which I think was a very successful BBQ Fest. So, thanks to all of you. You did a lot of hard work in preparing for that and getting it done. So, hats off and we appreciate you all very much for doing that. We had absolutely no problems and everything went extremely well. I appreciate that.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, tomorrow from 8-10 a.m. at the Parsonage on 305 South Main, they have got "Coffee with a Cop" Day. So, they are sponsoring that. If you want to get out, people in the community, and get questions answered, we invite everyone to come by. Ms. Meyers said, Chef Meyers made muffins.

Councilmember Joe Hafner said, we weren't able to have our regularly scheduled Finance committee meeting last week due to not having a quorum. So, we had a special called Finance committee meeting today. I ask that we suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:128 due to it being time sensitive. Councilmember John Street seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, it was brought to my attention today that there is a large pile of debris on the corner of Cate and Fisher where a house burned several weeks ago. I think it has been knocked down. It is across the street from the Salvation Army on the opposite corner. The pile has been there for several weeks. Code Enforcement needs to go by and see the people and start getting it moved on. Mayor Harold Perrin said, I think they have already been there if I am not mistaken. I don't know if you have issued a citation or not or a warning, but I know that you have been there. Code Enforcement Director Michael Tyner said, they are in the process of getting it cleaned up. Mayor Perrin said, it has been there for two weeks. Councilmember Moore said, I knew it had been there for a day or two.

Councilmember Gene Vance said, yes sir, I have a request and it is a pretty extensive request that is going to take some time to compile the information, but we had a first reading on a zoning tonight. I would like for us to be given a history of the zoning requests from Browns Lane west on Highland Drive. There is some pretty significant history involved in zoning requests and zonings that were denied along that stretch of Highland Drive. Mayor Perrin said, I see Mike Downing making a note. We will get on it tomorrow. If you want to look and see and make sure I understand. Councilmember Vance said, the Planning Commission and Council actions. It goes back several years, but there was some pretty significant items. Jerry Craft for instance. Dr. Gray. There is several even before I was a councilmember, there were some commitments made about zoning west of Browns Lane. I think we need to be, I think, we as a council need to be aware of that history. Mayor Perrin said, ok. We will pull it out of Legistar. So, it will be good. Councilmember Vance said, some if it may not be in

Legistar. Mayor Perrin said, well, it may not be. If it has been out there, Roy Ockert will find it. Councilmember Ann Williams said, it was pre-Legistar.

[RES-19:128](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND ACCEPT THE FY2018 STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE GRANT (SAFER)

Attachments: [SAFER Award FY18.pdf](#)

Councilmember Joe Hafner motioned, seconded by Councilmember John Street, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:128. All Voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long and Joe Hafner

Absent: 3 - Charles Coleman;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-128-2019

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Director Cecelie Cochran said, good evening everybody. We are based here in Jonesboro, but we also cover Bay, Bono, and Brookland as well. I just wanted to let you all know, just give you an update that the temporary crosswalk at Johnson Avenue and State Street is up and running. I want to recognize our Engineering and Street Departments here in Jonesboro for their quick work on it. It is up and running. I would just like to encourage you all if you haven't been out to see it, go out there and use it. And, if you are driving past there, please be watchful for the pedestrians. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said, thank you very much Cecelie.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long and Joe Hafner

Absent: 3 - Charles Coleman;David McClain and LJ Bryant

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk