



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:45 P.M.

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

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 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent 1 - Bobby Long

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-19:067](#)

Proclamation by Mayor Perrin to Mark Young, President of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce and staff, for Chamber of Commerce Week

Read

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

[MIN-19:098](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019

Attachments: [City Council Minutes 10012019.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

[RES-19:130](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY PROJECT: TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 18 AND QUALITY WAY

Attachments: [Preliminary Cost Estimate - Highway 18 and Quality Way.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-129-2019

[RES-19:133](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH DENVER'S REFRIGERATION FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE ATHLETIC FIELD AT THE SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Attachments: [Agreement for sponsorship, Denvers Refridgeration, Southside.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-130-2019

[RES-19:136](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ACCEPT THE 2019 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

Attachments: [JAG FY19 Award Packet.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-131-2019

[RES-19:137](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM GRANT AND JACQUELIN MCDANIEL & JENNA MCDANIEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Permanent Drainage Easement - McDaniel.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-132-2019

[RES-19:138](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALVIN CRABTREE & SON CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE PATRICK STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE II

Attachments: [Bid Tab Patrick Street Sidewalks - Phase II.pdf](#)
[Contract Documents - Patrick Street Sidewalks - Phase II.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-133-2019

[RES-19:139](#) A RESOLUTION TO EXECUTE A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN A CONTROL DEVICE

Attachments: [Traffic Control Device Agreement - Highway 18 and Caraway.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-134-2019

[RES-19:140](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH W. WILLIAM GRAHAM JR., INC., TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE JONESBORO INDUSTRIAL LEAD RAIL SPUR (COMMERCE ROAD RAIL GRADE CROSSING TO NESTLE RAIL GRADE CROSSING) PROJECT

Attachments: [Industrial Lead Rail Spur Agreement+.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-135-2019

[RES-19:150](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT WITH SC REALTY SERVICES, Inc., DBA SG360, FOR THE PURPOSE OF JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Attachments: [SG360 Janitorial Services Agreement, 2016.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-136-2019

[RES-19:151](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA), AND ACCEPT THE FY 2019 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT

Attachments: [Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant 2019.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-137-2019

[RES-19:152](#) A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2019 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FY2019 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-138-2019

[RES-19:153](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE AND ACCEPT THE 2020 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) SUBGRANT AWARD.

Attachments: [STEP FY20 Award Packet.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-139-2019

[RES-19:154](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A ONE-HALF (.5) MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE LOCAL FIREMENS PENSION PLANS

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-140-2019

[RES-19:155](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A ONE-HALF (.5) MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE JONESBORO POLICE PENSION PLANS

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-141-2019

[RES-19:156](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A 2 MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-142-2019

[RES-19:157](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO APPLY FOR A ARKANSAS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT

Attachments: [Application for AEDC Grant, Union St Park, Brief Narrative.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-143-2019

[RES-19:158](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FACILITY USAGE AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTMAS ATTRACTIONS, LLC FOR JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Attachments: [Agreement, Christmas Attractions LLC.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-144-2019

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

[RES-19:129](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH KHARIS GRANTS AND SERVICES, LLC UNDER THE MICROENTERPRISE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE (MBA) PROGRAM TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG).

Attachments: [KHARIS Grants and Services, Agreement, Microenterprise program, FY-19 C](#)

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

with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: R-EN-145-2019

[RES-19:131](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HUB HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER, INC. FOR THE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAM.

Attachments: [HUB Homeless Resource Center, Agreement, FY-19 CDBG+.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: R-EN-146-2019

[RES-19:132](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. FOR THE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAM.

Attachments: [Hispanic Community Services Inc, Agreement, FY-19 CDBG+.pdf](#)

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman recused himself from voting on RES-19:132 because he is on the Board of Directors for the Hispanic Center.

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: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

Recused: 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-147-2019

[RES-19:134](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH TREASURES KIDS DAYCARE AS A MICROENTERPRISE BUSINESS ASSISTANCE (MBA) PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT OF THE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG).

Attachments: [Treasures Kids Daycare, Agreement, Microenterprise program, FY-19, CDBG](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: R-EN-148-2019

[RES-19:135](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR THE CDBG PUBLIC SERVICES PROGRAM.

Attachments: [West End Neighborhood Association, Agreement, FY-19 CDBG+.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: R-EN-149-2019

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-19:054](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO NAME THE EASTERN ARTERIAL FROM I-555 TO HIGHWAY 49 THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL DRIVE AND NAME ANY UNNAMED PORTIONS OF SAID ROAD DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE AND TO ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Attachments: [Letter to the Public Works Committee pdf.pdf](#)
[Emma Agnew 10152019](#)
[Sandra Combs 10152019](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:054 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, at the committee meeting, we discussed the addendum of Commerce. Did you add that to it? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, yes. It was confusing what you all discussed. Do you just want me to read it? Would that be better? Councilmember Moore said, let's just read it and I want you to highlight it. Councilmember Gene Vance said, the title actually says close to what we were talking about. Let her read it. Ms. Duncan said, let's vote on the by title only.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:054 by title only. All voted aye.

City Attorney Carol Duncan said, the title says, "AN ORDINANCE TO NAME THE EASTERN ARTERIAL FROM I-555 TO HIGHWAY 49 THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL DRIVE AND NAME ANY UNNAMED PORTIONS OF SAID

ROAD DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE AND TO ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” To answer your question, in Section 2, it talks about Commerce Drive. Councilmember Moore said, that is correct. I just wanted to make sure for the people on the council who were not present at the committee meeting that Commerce Drive would remain Commerce Drive, but it would have memorial highway signs placed. In effect, it would be the Martin Luther King Memorial Highway on the named portion and then the unnamed portion would be named Martin Luther King Drive. Ms. Duncan said, right. Mayor Harold Perrin said, that is correct. The memorial highway signs will be erected at the beginning and the end through ARDOT through the regulations. The other part that the city would be putting up would be the other Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive which again, that would be at every intersection from I-555 to Highway 49.

Councilmember David McClain said, I have a couple of questions so I am clear. Would you have a memorial drive sign from I-555, I am turning off of I-555 and I will see Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Highway? Then, the section that is Commerce, which how long of a section is that road? Do we know? Mayor Perrin said, I don't know the exact section, how long it is. But, that would take Commerce all the way down to Pacific. Councilmember McClain said, right. Mayor Perrin said, the city limits ends at Pacific. From Pacific on, it is in the county. But, again, we would be getting that from the County Judge, asking him for a letter on that. From that point on, there would be a sign that would, in my understanding, would be called Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Councilmember McClain, the second question I have is, from I-555, you will see it? Also, where we have Commerce Drive, would it be next to the signs on Commerce Drive or are we going to leave it off of Commerce Drive? Mayor Perrin said, Commerce Drive will stay Commerce Drive there. The I-555 sign would be as you exit off of I-555. Councilmember McClain said, right. Mayor Perrin said, if you are coming in from Memphis, then you would see that sign as well as the other way. Councilmember McClain said, right. Mayor Perrin said, the big signs. Councilmember McClain said, right. Mayor Perrin said, then you get on Commerce and you take Commerce all the way down to Pacific. At Pacific, there would be another sign that would be put up that would say the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Councilmember McClain said, okay. Mayor Perrin said, on the other end of Highway 49 if you are coming from Paragould or whatever, it would say, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway. Ms. Duncan said, but there is one section that is not Commerce Drive in the city limits, correct? Mayor Perrin said, that is correct. Ms. Duncan said, it is unnamed and that would be Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Mayor Perrin said, that is correct. Councilmember McClain said, okay. Mayor Perrin asked, does that clear up your questions? Councilmember McClain said, I am trying to make sure I understand correctly. Mayor Perrin said, well, we can draw that out for you. Councilmember McClain said, yeah. Mayor Perrin said, I can get the Engineering Department to do that and that won't be a problem so you will see exactly every intersection and I would be happy to do that.

Councilmember McClain said, ok. And, another question. In Section 2, where it says for the purposes of postal designations, If I am not mistaken, the post office will continue to deliver if we change the name of Commerce Drive? If we leave it the same, they will still deliver, correct? Mayor Perrin said, on the memorial highway, Commerce Drive will remain Commerce Drive. So, they will be delivering that at Commerce Drive. If you have an industry on Commerce Drive, that is facing Commerce Drive, then your address would still remain that. Now, once you get down to the section that is not in the city limits, that would become the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Anything that is ever put on that would have the address of that. And, then when you get to the other end, it goes back to the memorial highway. Councilmember McClain said, okay. Mayor

Perrin said, I know that is confusing and I think it would be better if I got you a map. Councilmember McClain said, yes. Mayor Perrin said, I even kindly asked them to sketch me out one on paper, but we can do a better job than that and get you the exact of where it is at. Councilmember McClain said, I would like to know if it is an issue and we are saying that the issue is mailing, I would like to know the stretch that we are talking about. We are not talking about a long stretch of road. I really don't see an issue with changing a section of road that is not too long. I know that it has come up that we don't like changing names, but we have changed names of roads before. At the same time, I feel like we should look at the section we are talking about and figure out what to do and go from there. I don't think it is a long stretch. Mayor Perrin said, right. There is nothing there now. It is a field, basically what I am talking about. Councilmember McClain asked, the section that you are talking about that is not named? But, I am saying the Commerce section, how long is that? I mean how long are we talking? Are we talking two miles or is it a quarter of a mile? If you can get me an answer. Mayor Perrin said, we will get that and we will show you the distance on the map. How's that? Councilmember McClain said, that is fine. Mayor Perrin said, I will be glad to. Councilmember McClain said, okay. I know Craig is in the audience and I know that Mike is making a note now. So, we will get that for you all. We can shoot that out electronically tomorrow. Okay. Councilmember McClain said, okay.

Patti Lack, 4018 Forest Hill Road, asked, what happens to someone that puts it into their GPS? Who is going to be responsible for changing that if they come into Jonesboro because that is going to confuse people too? Mayor Perrin said, my understanding is and I may have to be corrected on that, but my understanding is that our Engineering Department can send that to those and correct me if I am wrong Craig, but we send that up there. They don't update those as quick. I was in Memphis the other day going some place and I logged in, the address had not been changed. I followed it, the navigation, but I didn't get off to where I was going because I was in the wrong place. We can forward that up to that and notify them. Okay.

Emma Agnew, 1215 Dupwe Drive, said, I am president of the Craighead County NAACP. First, I would like to thank the council for the time and energy that has gone into the naming of a street in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I would like to make four points. First, the Unity Coalition did not unify anything and it was a waste of time. We worked diligently, giving up time from our businesses and jobs, only to have the Public Works Committee not even vote on our proposed ordinance, but to change it. The current ordinance could have been done without a Unity Coalition, as the proposed arterial has already been promised in a resolution that states the first street built would be named in of honor Dr. King. Currently, no one knows or has been able to tell me when the arterial will be built, which, without the renaming of Commerce, makes this ordinance no more significant than the resolution creating an overpass. At such time a date is determined by the Highway Department to begin in earnest on the arterial, we reserve the right to reconsider, at that time, the new arterial to be named in honor of Dr. King if no other opportunity has presented itself. We request that this ordinance be tabled indefinitely. We have waited too long for this Council to do the right thing only to let this ordinance pass without expressing our dismay and disappointment with this entire process. Therefore, we respectfully request that the record reflect that the Craighead County NAACP does not support or accept this as a respectful resolve to the naming of a street in honor of Dr. King and request that it not move forward, but that you table it indefinitely. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said, thank you Ms. Agnew.

My name is Sandra L. Combs, P.O. Box 2686, State University said, I was a member of the Unity Coalition Committee charged with making a recommendation about naming a street in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the slain civil rights

leader who wanted justice for all regardless of race, creed, religion, class, gender, politics, education, financial status and more. I was and still am a strong supporter of naming a Jonesboro street in Dr. King's honor. Initially, I supported renaming Johnson Avenue for King but there was so much hostility, so much hatred, so much bigotry, so much name calling, racism, and threats of a recall election by an anonymous few that I succumbed to the pressure of going in another direction. During our last Unity Coalition Committee, I favored Aggie Road, especially after talking to a A-State official and faculty members, but I voted for Commerce Road because I thought, just like Johnson Avenue, the few cloaked anonymous opponents would start an institutional warfare and I didn't have the resolution erroneously taken as an ordinance on my side. I could not win. So, I thought Commerce Road was a good compromise. Then I read that the ordinance approved by the Public Works Committee wasn't what we voted on and I felt lied to. I felt hoodwinked. I felt swindled. I voted for Commerce Road. I didn't vote for a memorial road on Commerce Road. I felt cheated. I felt disrespected. I felt played for a fool. I felt that I wasted my time trying to compromise and listen to people who had already decided not to name a street in honor of Dr. King, holding tight and hiding behind a resolution that is not an ordinance. A resolution is that is not a law. Then I asked myself, "Why have an advisory committee when their recommendations are ignored?" My answer was because I live in Jonesboro and the cloaked anonymous few have the power. Nevertheless, I stand here ashamed that I participated in this farce of a process. I'm ashamed that there aren't enough people brave enough to say, a resolution is not an ordinance, a resolution is not a law. I am ashamed that there aren't enough people brave enough to say right is right and that changing an address where the post office said they would continue to deliver regardless of the name is not important enough to honor a man who wanted Justice for all. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. can have a national holiday in this great nation. He can have a U.S. postage stamp in his honor. He can have world history record that he won a Nobel Peace Prize. But he cannot, he will not, he shall not have one whole street named after him in Jonesboro, Arkansas. I am ashamed.

Garry Tate, Manchester Drive, 2300 Manchester, said, I also served on that committee. I don't remember any name calling. We did have some heated discussions at times. They have complained about kicking the can down the road and to stop this ordinance is basically kicking the can. At the last council meeting, one of the people who spoke said something about you know having a street sign up there, you know, with Dr. Martin Luther King's name on it. When I drive down Washington, Jefferson, or Monroe, I am looking for an address. I have never thought about it, you know, being named after presidents. The next ordinance that is up. The way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King is through education. The Freedom Trail with the plaques with the education about Dr. Martin Luther King, I think, is an excellent idea. This ordinance that is before us right now with 2.7 miles of the new construction will be named Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and the balance, which I think is about 3.2 miles would be a memorial highway. As much as the council has been accused of kicking the can down the road, today is the time to stop kicking the can and approve the ordinance. Thank you.

Held at one reading

[ORD-19:055](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO NAME TWO SEGMENTS OF THE JONESBORO MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL SYSTEM IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND TO ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Attachments: [Letter to the Public Works Committee pdf.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember David McClain, to

suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:055 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

[ORD-19:057](#) AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 14:038 ADOPTING THE 2010 ADA STANDARD CODE BY REFERENCE

Attachments: [COJ ADA Complaint Guidelines+.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:057 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

[ORD-19:060](#) AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR SHJ HOLDINGS, DBA CURRY LEAF INDIAN CUISINE

Attachments: [SHJ Holdings dba Curry Leaf Private Club Application REDACTED](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:060 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

[ORD-19:062](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4301 E. JOHNSON FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-3 BY RHODES DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC

Attachments: [Staff Summary - City Council Application rezoning plat Rezoning Plat Planning Preliminary Layout USPS Receipts Warranty Deed](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:062 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND 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

Held at second 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](#)
[Application](#)
[MAPC Minutes from 08.9.16 for 1402 Highland Drive](#)

Held at second reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[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](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: O-EN-057-2019

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Perrin reported on the following items:

I think you all have received the financial reports there to look at if you have any questions on those.

I do have just a few comments on some other items.

Phase three of Craighead Forrest Park, the bike and pedestrian trail, should be completed by the end of this month.

We had a softball tournament last weekend celebrating the pink. There were over 30 teams. Several teams came into Jonesboro from out of town. The concession stand area netted \$12,285.62.

This week, the City of Jonesboro, is hosting the 2A State Tennis Tournament at Allen Park. If anybody wants to see some good tennis, go out there during the day. That is 2A schools here in town.

On October 29, 2019, Joe Mack Campbell Sports Complex will be holding and conducting the Cross Country program.

At Monday's meeting, it was reported that the Street Department, this year has already cleaned out and mowed and done 62 miles of our ditches in Jonesboro. We try to hit 70 miles per year in Jonesboro. We are certainly on target to hit that.

In regards to the Veteran's Village, City Clerk Donna Jackson and I have closed on all properties with the exception of one which is a vacant lot. It is tied up in a legal deal that Lender's Title is working on. We should hopefully get that cleared up in the next two weeks. However, we are going to go ahead and start demolition on the houses, probably this month. We are getting confirmed bids on the demolition. We did get our asbestos report back. There were only two of those that were hot. They were minor on the asbestos. There was a trailer on that and that has already been moved on that. So, hopefully, we will have demo started this month. Hopefully, we will get it all cleaned up before the end of November. The architect is still working on the blueprints. So, hopefully, we can go out for bids on the village sometime, I am hoping, in December. Possibly, it may be January depending upon how fast the architect gets that completed.

The street on Bowling Lane that was put in for the Nettleton School District, which only had one way in and one way out at the Kindergarten and Elementary School, will be completed by the end of this month which is very much a safety deal which will allow us to be able to get our cars in and out of that school in two different ways.

The Highway 18 overpass, I am amazed at the speed of how they are working on that. In fact, we drove by there today and even on Watt Street, the pilings are already going up on that overpass. That will be open before, obviously before the large one. I can't give you an exact date of when that would be open, but I would hope by the later part of November or December of 2020. We should be able to get emergency vehicles and stuff from Highway 18 to get out to the Industrial Park. So, they are absolutely moving on at a fast speed.

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, Mayor, the only thing I have is to remind folks that we have a ASU ballgame Thursday and Bill Campbell, since I don't see him, I am sure he would advocate that people take the JETS bus. I am sure that they will be running. Michael, do you know what time they are going to start? JETS Director Michael Black said, 4:30 p.m. Councilmember Street said, 4:30 p.m. from the parking lot on Church and Cate.

Councilmember Chris Gibson said, Nominating and Rules met earlier today. I would like to suspend the rules and walk on resolutions 19:159 and 19:160. The reason behind suspending the rules and walking these on tonight, the first one is for the Advertising and Promotions Commission and we have several grant awards that we need to go through and we need to get these two new individuals named. The second is to the Residential and Housing Facilities Board and they are in the middle of a large bond issue that we need to act quickly on as well. Councilmember Chris Moore said, second. All voted aye.

[RES-19:159](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:159 by title only. All voted aye except Councilmember David McClain who recused himself from the vote because he is taking the place of Councilmember Joe Hafner on the A&P Commission.

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: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Joe Hafner and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

Recused: 1 - David McClain

Enactment No: R-EN-150-2019

[RES-19:160](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:159 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Gibson said, he is already on the board. He has only served for a short period and that is the reason for the reappointment, just for clarity. Mayor Harold Perrin said, that is correct.

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: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: R-EN-151-2019

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I just have one item. Over the weekend, some of the adjoining property owners to the City, Water & Light Park on the corner of Cherry and Culberhouse called me. They are asking that we put a time limit or a closure time on that park, maybe at dark. Evidentially, Wednesday night, one of them got their house shot in a confrontation from over there and they said there have been people out there at all hours of the night from midnight on and they are asking that we establish a time to close that park. I went by there today. I thought at one time there was a sign on that fence that said the park was closed, but the sign is no longer there. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I was thinking that we had a designated time for all parks, but I will have to check. Councilmember Moore said, I thought it was 10:00 p.m., but I didn't want to misspeak. Ms. Duncan said, we will double check. Councilmember Moore said, what they are asking is that if we do have a designated time, to put up a sign so JPD can enforce it when they call and if we don't, to establish a designated time. Mayor Perrin said, it is my understanding that all parks, I think, has that time limit of 10:00 p.m. I may be wrong, but we will get the new sign up tomorrow. Councilmember Moore said, that will be fine and like I said, I went by there. I thought there used to be a sign hanging on Culberhouse, but it is not present anymore. Mayor Perrin said, that same park that you are talking about to the West End has purchased cameras. They are putting those cameras up and tying it into our system here. So, that is going to be good as well as the Jonesboro Police Department. Councilmember Moore said, I will let them know. That is all I had. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said, thank you. Ms. Duncan said, if not, I will get an ordinance written. Councilmember Moore said, if not, present it and I will follow through. 10:00 p.m. is what I thought and I think that should be maybe for all parks. Mayor Perrin said, I know it is on the Miracle League and stuff because I go by there at night to make sure and make sure it is locked and everyone is out and all of that. Councilmember Moore said, I have seen people at Earl Bell on the tennis courts and over at some of those late at night too. Maybe we just need to look and have an ordinance for all city parks. Mayor Perrin said, well, as they patrol on that shift, on second shift, they can go by and check those.

That is no problem.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, said, I need your help. It is concerning rezoning signs here in the city. There are two places in the city that signs need to come down because there is nothing that is being rezoned on it. There are a couple of signs out by Sage Meadows and they have been up there since April of 2018. There are two rezoning signs right there at the entrance. I saw them yesterday and I looked at the ordinance and I forgot my piece of paper. Those signs need to come down. That is one place. The other place is on Harrisburg Road and it is right across the street from Central Baptist Church. We came here, a group of us, won the rezoning from that property rezoning going from residential to commercial. And, that was back in July. The three signs are still up on that property. I know I contacted Mayor Perrin and he directed that to Derrel. He said that there is a possibility that those people are going to rezone that property. Well, those signs have been up for 2 ½ months now. Those signs need to go down. If the people win in the MAPC, they need to be taken down a week after. And, then, after all of you, it gets to be read for three readings and they approve it or disapprove it, those signs need to come down because the people that are driving there don't know whether it is being rezoned or not. And, as of today, that property is not being rezoned and those signs have been up for almost three months. I know that Derrel made a change in the rules that the signs need to be taken down within 90 days, but they really need to be taken down within at least a week and then too, maybe a good way to do that is charge the developer more money, maybe like \$500 to put those signs up. And, then they need to have those signs back down and then they get their money back. I think the price of it is like \$25 or \$50. That is not a real incentive. So, it is unfair to the citizens of that area because we don't know whether or not that property is going to be rezoned or not right now. So, they need to be taken down on both of those. Plus, you can use them someplace else. So, I need your help on that. Okay. Mayor Perrin said, thank you, so noted.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk