



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, July 2, 2012

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

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

SPECIAL CALLED FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-12:045

Presentation by Everett Evans to Mayor Perrin for the Purple Heart Highway

Mr. Evans thanked Mayor Perrin for his support with the Purple Heart Highway designation. He noted Jonesboro is only the third city in the country with this designation and the first in the State of Arkansas. Mayor Perrin added State Representative Butch Wilkins helped the City acquire the designation.

This item was Read.

COM-12:046

Presentation by Sue McDaniel of the Child Advocacy Center to Mayor Perrin

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Ms. McDaniel thanked the Mayor for his support of the Children's Advocacy Center. She stated the recent basketball fundraiser earned \$19,000 for their organization. She presented the Mayor with a signed basketball. Mayor Perrin thanked Ms. McDaniel for the commendation and congratulated the Center on their new facility.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

MIN-12:051

Minutes for the City Council meeting on June 19, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-12:083

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM CONTRACTS FOR CITY YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sponsors: Community Development and Grants

Attachments: [2012 City Youth2.docx](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-094-2012

RES-12:085

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR FOUNDATION OF ARTS

Sponsors: Community Development and Grants

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-095-2012

RES-12:086

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR JURHA (Jonesboro Urban Renewal & Housing Authority).

Sponsors: Community Development and Grants

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-096-2012

RES-12:087

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR MIDSOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS

Sponsors: Community Development and Grants

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-097-2012

RES-12:088

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Sponsors: Community Development and Grants

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-098-2012

RES-12:089

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Sponsors: Community Development and Grants

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-099-2012

RES-12:090

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC

Sponsors: Community Development and Grants

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-100-2012

RES-12:091

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR LIFE SKILLS INC

Sponsors: Community Development and Grants

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-101-2012

RES-12:092

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT FOR

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Sponsors: Community Development and Grants

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-102-2012

RES-12:103

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE WINTHROP ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION FOR A TWO-YEAR \$100,000 NON-MATCH GRANT TO FUND THE NORTH JONESBORO NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE.

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-103-2012

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-12:032

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE CITY SALARY & ADMINISTRATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ADD A NORTH JONESBORO INITIATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE COORDINATOR IN THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Grants and Human Resources

Attachments: [N Jonesboro Initiative Comm Ser Coord](#)

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Grants Administrator Heather Clements explained this is a new position that will be paid for 100% by the Rockefeller Grant and supplemented by CDBG funds. She further explained this position will help implement the North Jonesboro Neighborhood Initiative.

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

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-027-2012

ORD-12:035

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE CITY SALARY & ADMINISTRATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ADD A REHAB PROJECT COORDINATOR IN THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Grants and Human Resources

Attachments: [Rehab Project Coordinator.pdf](#)

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Ms. Clements explained this position will be replacing the current Project Coordinator position under CDBG. They needed someone with more technical experience to implement the home rehabilitation projects to low and moderate income families. The job description was adjusted accordingly. Councilman Woods asked if this position will work with the contracts to make sure the projects are implemented correctly. Ms. Clements stated one of the programs CDBG implements is the rehab project and each year they allocate a certain amount of funds to deliver rehab services. They were also just certified to receive house funds, so they need someone to help implement the assistance as accurately as possible. Mayor Perrin added the City can now apply for up to \$500,000 a year of housing funds, which will free up some CDBG funding. Councilman Gibson questioned whether the salary for this position is the same as the previous position. Ms. Clements answered yes.

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

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-028-2012

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING****ORD-12:033**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3701 EAST JOHNSON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY GRAYSON INVESTMENTS

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[MAPC Record of Proceedings](#)
[Appeal Letter](#)
[Letter to City Council - Opposition](#)

Mayor Perrin explained since this is just the second reading, so all discussion will be held until the third reading at the next meeting.

This ordinance was Held at second reading.

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin discussed the following items:

July is Parks Month

He met with Mr. Jim Stark of Vector Disease Control on June 28th. Mr. Stark asked that 24-hour notice be given to the company for special event spraying. The company flew the plane on June 28th and will fly it again tonight. Councilman Coleman stated the trucks seem to drive fast in northern Jonesboro and he has been getting complaints about it from residents. Mayor Perrin noted he will contact the company about it tomorrow. The company's computer system will reflect how fast the trucks are driving.

The pool center opened today. \$714 was made at the gate, with another \$300 made at the concession stand. There were 300 visitors today. He encouraged everyone to visit it. There will be a state swim meet at the pool center on Friday.

They are conducting a recycling study. They have found out of the 28,000 households in Jonesboro only 10% recycle. They are going to try and get the numbers up on recycling.

The incinerator burned 4,487 tons for the first six months this year. The revenue was \$26,000, with the City making \$22,000 after fees at the landfill.

The ward meetings have been completed. He listed the concerns that were presented. Code enforcement and streets/road were the top two concerns. 77 people turned in comments. Attendance was lower, but that was probably due to issues being addressed better than in the past.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street stated he likes the new blue bags and thinks residents will appreciate them as well.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and add RES-12:105, RES-12:106 and RES-12:109 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-12:105

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TOWNSHIP BUILDERS, INC. FOR THE JONESBORO PHILLIPS DR. STREETSCAPING - JOB NO. 2012:18

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Specifications.pdf](#)
[Bid Tab.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Nay: 1 - Chris Moore

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-106-2012

RES-12:106

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICES (NRCS) TO RELIEVE HAZARDS REPRESENTED BY FLOODING IN APRIL/MAY 2011

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-107-2012

RES-12:109

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE VACATING AND ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF MCCLURE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN FLINT'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Engineering and Planning

Attachments: [McClureStreetAbandonment Documents](#)
[Plan_McClureStreetAbandonment](#)
[Engineering_Planning_Letters](#)
[McClure_Burke_Aerial](#)
[Ordinance](#)

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-108-2012

Councilman Street noted the mosquito spraying trucks move fast in his area as well. He added the company has told him that the computer tells them how fast they have to drive.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to add

RES-12:111 and RES-12:112 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-12:111

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A BLUE AND YOU FOUNDATION GRANT FOR THE NORTH JONESBORO NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

Sponsors: Grants

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-104-2012

RES-12:112

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO RECEIVE FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE GRANT PROJECT AS OUTLINED IN THE GRANT AGREEMENT

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [FAA Grant Agreement for 2012](#)

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-105-2012

Councilman Moore asked for a report showing the cost of the recycling program to order to ensure the City isn't paying more to recycle than it would cost to just dispose of the trash. Mayor Perrin explained ADEQ will be redrafting their laws concerning landfills. A lot of cities are using drop boxes instead of trucks picking up the recycling .

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Employee Representative Chairman Larry Jackson questioned how "Obamacare" will affect the City employees. He then noted how thankful the employees are for the new public works facilities and credited Councilman Johnson for helping to move that project along. Mayor Perrin answered he is not sure how Obamacare will affect the employees, but his best guess is that the insurance premiums will increase due to no pre-existing conditions and the insurance companies wanting to have reserves. He added he will have Human Resources look at that issue. Mayor Perrin stated on July 24th the Municipal League and AHTD will be in town to tour the new public works facilities. The Municipal League has indicated they are not aware of another city that has all of the functioning parts in one area like Jonesboro has now.

Ms. Laura Pew, 907 Walnut, discussed mosquito control. She explained she has a thyroid condition that is affected by the mosquito spray Vector uses. She further explained she heard about an organic oil that is used to get rid of mosquitoes. She noted the mosquito chemical spray used by Vector can cause thyroid failure. She stated the organic oil is sold at the website www.mosquitobarrier.com.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk