



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, June 19, 2018

5:30 PM

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### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:30 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** 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

#### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

*Councilmember Joe Hafner asked that RES-18:082 be removed from the consent agenda. Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to adopt the consent agenda without RES-18:082. All voted aye.*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

[MIN-18:057](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 5, 2018

**Attachments:** [Minutes05-Jun-2018.pdf](#)

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

[RES-18:078](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO NAME THE CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK LEVEE THE RALPH MATTIX LEVEE

**Attachments:** [Bob Gibson Letter.pdf](#)  
[Charles Frierson Letter.pdf](#)  
[Craighead Forest Park Brief History.pdf](#)

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

[RES-18:087](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEADOWS CONTRACTORS, LLC. FOR JONESBORO THE SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX ENTRANCE ROAD PHASE 1A (2018:27)

**Attachments:** [Contract Documents 2018 27.docx](#)  
[Bid Tabulation](#)

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

[RES-18:089](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ABILITIES UNLIMITED OF JONESBORO, INC. TO PERFORM RECYCLING SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY

**Attachments:** [Recycle Processing Contract 7-1-18.docx](#)

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

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

[RES-18:082](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PARTNER WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2016-2020 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) JONESBORO AREA PARTNERING PROJECTS

**Attachments:** [Attachment A](#)  
[Attachment B](#)  
[Jonesboro Partnering Agreement and Resolution - revised 5-3-18](#)

*Councilmember Joe Hafner stated the reason he asked for this to be pulled is that he thought it was important to clarify a couple of points. Number one, this \$7.8 million is the same \$7.8 million that the council voted to approve back in 2016. So, it has already been accounted for in the budget and it is reflected in the budget. I think a little bit of it has already been spent too. The second thing I wanted to clarify is if you compare the spreadsheet in the agenda that shows about \$51.4 million in projects, compared with the \$94.8 million projects showed back in 2008, my first thought was did we lose \$40 million. I spoke with Alec Farmer and I spoke with Mayor Perrin. I just want to clarify that we haven't lost it. Some has been pushed out to 2021-2022 projects which isn't reflected on this spreadsheet since it cover 2016-2020. So, we haven't lost money. Some of the money has actually been reallocated a little bit, but it is the same money that the council approved back in 2016. We are still getting \$90 million for our \$7.8 million. Is that correct? Mayor Perrin said that is correct. This is not new money and maybe the advertisement or the article in the paper might have thought that this might be a whole new deal, but that is not the case. I appreciate you bringing that up.*

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said I know I am kind of like a little bug that keeps*

on hitting Harrisburg Road and I think, once again, it goes back to that I live out there and I think it is really important. I saw the article in the paper and it lists Harrisburg Road still down on the line to be coming up. I haven't seen anything. We have had a couple of people get in touch with Brad Smithee, District Engineer at the Arkansas Department of Transportation. He didn't say really too much about what is going on. I just hope that the public is aware of when things start working out there. But, I think with this city and that article, with the city having funds that are low and the state having funds, is that might be one project that we kind of put to the side. We definitely need help out there. We need right-hand turn lanes and we need a center turn lane. I don't know how the five-lanes is going to go at Forest Hill Road. I have to say that this something that kind of bothers me in a way. Someone was talking to Brad Smithee and we found out that it was the city that approached the state to widen Harrisburg Road. It wasn't the state that requested or said that it was a need. So, it might be one of those roads that we kind of put off and maybe put that money towards other roads that would make the Jonesboro traffic flow a little bit better. We definitely need help out there, but when the time comes, I hope that the city lets that area know what goes on and how we can make it kind of keep the beauty of it because that was one of the issues that we had when the \$2 million extension came up. I think we can just use it for a little bit better project. We found out that the traffic on Stadium Blvd. was really 19,000 cars. So, they have increased from 666 cars to almost 800 cars every hour that you have. I hope you all take that into consideration when that time comes up.

Mayor Perrin said there are a couple of things that I need to respond to. One, I did approach the Highway Department in order to make that extension because I firmly believed in the safety of that to extend that up there. Two, the engineering firm, Fisher & Arnold, is working on the plans as we speak to continue. That process will continue. Just as soon as they can get it done, then we will start construction on that project. I just talked with City Engineer Craig Light this last week and he had talked to Fisher & Arnold. As soon as those plans are done, then we will put that out for bid and they will go ahead and go forward on it. You will be notified. Everybody in that area will be notified before they start construction. So, we will do a press release on it and all of that, but I wanted to make sure you that you understood that. Ms. Lack said I understand that, but I think some of the issues that we had talked about with the \$2 million was the safety of the school buses, with kids crossing over Harrisburg Road to get to the bus or to the JETS bus stop, in consideration of those people's houses at the end of the street, I think that was a lot of the big issues. So, I think there is a way to do it and I think there is a better way to do it. I hope you all take into consideration what was all said at that \$2 million vote.

Mayor Perrin said first of all, the \$2 million stays in reserves. Number two, the plans will be drawn just exactly like they were in the very beginning. They have started now. We have turned them loose to Fisher & Arnold. Plans will be done very quickly. Ms. Lack asked when will the public be able to see that? Mayor Perrin said that sure, you will be able to see that. Anything we do here, you can see it. But, I am just saying, that as soon as we get the plans done, then we will have those plans and will be glad to give you a copy of them. But, then they will go for bid. The Highway Department has full control of this. We do not have anything to do as far as putting that out for bids. The Highway Department will put that out for bids. Then, they will get a contract and start construction as soon as possible. Ms. Lack said my bottom line is that I think there are better ways to spend government money and city money. Mayor Perrin said we are only spending the money that was allocated in the STIP Plan for the project. Ms. Lack said right. Mayor Perrin said that is all that we are spending. The \$2 million is out. We are only spending what was allocated. You are getting exactly what you asked for. That is going to be a five-lane road which will end at Forest Hill Road. Ms. Lack

said right, what I am saying is to make it work out better instead of just ending it right there. Mayor Perrin said we are trying to do everything we can because it is going to be a serious intersection when you take five-lanes down to that road and stop. Ms. Lack said right. Mayor Perrin said it will be extremely dangerous, but I have talked to City Engineer Craig Light about that and we may have to pull some curb back and some things of that nature and we are going to do it every way we can to make it safe. Ms. Lack said ok, well, we will be watching. Mayor Perrin said sure. I bet you will. Thank you. Ms. Lack said thank you.

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

### **RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED**

[RES-18:096](#)

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A 7.5' FEET WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT BY MATT AND LORI CHANDLER

**Attachments:**

[Lot 4 Abandonment Petition.pdf](#)

[Lot 4 Abandonment Resolution.pdf](#)

[Lot 4 Abandonment Ordinance.pdf](#)

[Lot4Replat-AbandonDrawing.pdf](#)

[Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-Att-Response.pdf](#)

[Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-CenterPoint-Response.pdf](#)

[Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-CWL-Response.pdf](#)

[Easement Release Prairie Meadows-Bono.pdf](#)

[Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-Ritter-Response.pdf](#)

[Lot4PrairieMeadowPh1-Suddenlink-Response-Signed.pdf](#)

[Planning and Engineering Letter](#)

[Petitions.pdf](#)

Mayor Perrin requested a motion to move the Council meeting from Tuesday, July 3, 2018 to Thursday, July 5, 2018. If this motion is made, this Public Hearing could be held on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 5:20 p.m.

City Attorney Carol Duncan said the Arkansas code 19-3814 referred to in RES-18:096 can't be right.

City Clerk Donna Jackson stated that we need a separate motion to change the meeting from July 3, 2018 to July 5, 2018 and include the committee meeting.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to move the City Council meeting and the Public Works Committee meeting from Tuesday, July 3, 2018 to Thursday, July 5, 2018. All voted aye.

Councilmember David McClain asked if this was just to set the Public Hearing. Mayor Perrin said that was correct.

Ms. Duncan asked if Ms. Jackson would remind her, they would fix that statute

number because she knows that is not correct. Ms. Jackson said ok. Ms. Duncan said we will get that fixed tomorrow so that is correct when we come back.

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### *ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING*

[ORD-18:035](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT

**Attachments:** [AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT.pdf](#)  
[Alcohol Private Club Application\\_Holiday Inn\\_Kazi\\_Redacted.pdf](#)

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson said as a point of order we should be going ahead and having a motion and a second for these before we start discussion.*

*Councilmember Bobby Long said during the discussion I would like to ask Mr. Kazi some questions. As he is coming, I would like to make a few statements. This procedure is new not only to the city council of Jonesboro, but all other council's around the state who have non-profits wishing to obtain private club licenses. All non-profits holding a private club license can dispense alcohol as a reserve pool or a private locker. In this way, these establishments can, in essence, and in all legality, sell and dispense alcohol in a dry county. A new part of the process was introduced not long ago which returned the initial approval of the private club application to the city in which the establishment was going to operate and sell alcohol. The first document listed as required in the state of Arkansas' application for private club permit under bullet point 4 section A reads, "Pursuant to ACT 1112 of 2017, all new private club applications must be submitted with an ordinance from the governing body of the county or municipality in which the private club wishes to be located, approving the application."*

*Many were hesitant of the new responsibility, but I for one, was ecstatic. The onus of responsibility of whether to approve or reject a private club application should rest initially with us and hold great influence as to the final approval from the state. For too long that responsibility was outside the direct influence of the communities that are affected, good or bad, by these establishments, but now, that responsibility rests where it should and that is with us. The responsibility should be handled with the gravity it demands.*

*To get more insight into how the state sees this partnership with the councils working and to get a better understanding of the requirements of these private clubs, I called the state ABC board on June 6th and had a very lengthy discussion with the ABC Board Attorney Michael Harry.*

*In discussing the different rules, regulations, and requirements that owning a private club permit entails, it becomes very evident that many of the questions I will be posing to the applicant are not only relevant, but essential to the overall success and purpose*

of the process. As Mr. Harry stated, "these are not only fair questions, but they are questions that should be asked." The questions that I will be asking are not "trick" questions. They are, however, designed to give me a better understanding on whether or not the applicant is fully aware of the requirements of operating a private club under a non-profit and are they currently complying with or are they currently capable of complying with these requirements.

I am not against these non-profit establishments seeking private club licenses. I do feel that if one is going to operate a private club under a non-profit and be the recipient of the benefits of them, that they should be able to demonstrate a working knowledge of what they are, how they operate, the regulations they are subject to, and know how their non-profit operates within those parameters. That is what my questions are hoping to establish. I have a few questions for Mr. Kazi.

Mr. Kazi, what is your policy and procedure on maintaining a membership book with addresses? Mr. Naziroddin Kazi said that we are a hotel. So obviously, we are going to have all of our guests already entered in a database at the hotel and then we will have secondary registry. They call it a point-of-sale system. So, they will have that book next to the point-of-sale system to sign up people. That will be how they are able to purchase alcohol. Councilmember Long asked if there would be two separate books, one for the hotel guests and one for the members. Mr. Kazi said that not all hotel guests are going to be drinking. You cannot automatically just sign them up. The person has to want to sign up. Councilmember Long asked will two separate books will be kept, correct? Mr. Kazi said yes. The hotel is one side and then we have the bar and restaurant. On the bar, there is a separate point-of-sale system. Councilmember Long asked if both parts of the establishment are under the non-profit, right? Mr. Kazi said no, it is just the restaurant, the Grilling Inn.

Councilmember Long said, since a private club is a non-profit and would I be correct in assuming that you understand what is required of you to run a non-profit since you have ran once since 2016? That is when it was established, right? Mr. Kazi said yes. Councilmember Long asked, what is the name of your non-profit? Mr. Kazi said that it is Shark Holdings, LLC. You have to remember that we have multiple businesses like we own five hotels here in Jonesboro and we just purchased the old Holiday Inn. In our constructions, we have a lot of LLC's. Councilmember Long said Shark Holdings, LLC is the name of the non-profit and is has been in existence for two years. Part of that non-profit though, as with most non-profits, is that they exist to fulfill an identified need in the community which is verbalized in their mission statement. Mr. Kazi, what is the mission statement of your non-profit and what need have you identified in Jonesboro that your non-profit wishes to address?

Mr. Kazi said our mission statement is more personal. It is not generic. I grew up not drinking my entire life. I grew up going to a Baptist church in Mountain View, Arkansas. Drinking and alcohol was never in my thought. We had the opportunity to bring the Holiday Inn back to Jonesboro and part of opening the Holiday Inn is that you have to have a bar and a restaurant. The restaurant wasn't an issue, but the bar was a huge issue with our family. We had in-depth personal discussions of do we want to move forward or do we not move forward. We finally came to a point. We have guests from all over the world. If Jonesboro wants to continue to grow, we are going to have to start catering to these guests who drink. Like if you are Catholic, there is nothing saying that you cannot drink. You just can't get drunk. So, we don't want to segregate them out so we are opening up our personal views to a more nationalistic view. Councilmember Long said that still doesn't answer my question. My question is what is the mission statement of your non-profit and what need have you identified in

Jonesboro that your non-profit wishes to address. Mr. Kazi said with that part, the need is the D.A.R.E Program. The D.A.R.E Program is getting a funding cut so they need money. That is one of the local charities that is going to get money. I have supported the D.A.R.E. Program for at least five years prior to this. Then, we have a new charity called "Stop the Bleeding." I don't know if you are aware of that or not, but Robert Speer can tell you more about that.

Robert Speer, 4116 Raider Road, said thank you for allowing me to address you all. When Mr. Kazi and I were talking about a non-profit organization for the part that is required for a private club, I brought up to him, "Stop the Bleeding" Foundation. You all know that this is a home grown foundation that was started here by Dr. Spencer Guinn, Toby Emerson, and other people in the community to provide first-aid kits to all law enforcement officers, first responders, paramedics. They are \$85 a piece to outfit each person. Also providing for schools that are \$600 or more. A lot of schools in Craighead County and in Jonesboro have been provided with this. So, we are always looking for funding for "Stop the Bleeding." It is no charge for people to attend our classes that are given mostly every month. We have roughly 50 people at each class. So, I asked Mr. Kazi if he would be willing to use us to donate any profits from his establishment to this worthy cause that affects everybody sitting in this room. I hope it is never used on anybody in this room, but it could be. I appreciate your answers Mr. Long. I am like Mr. Kazi. I think it is a worthwhile cause and it is something that has to be done for him to open a great establishment as the Holiday Inn is. Are there any questions? Did I explain myself well enough? Are there any questions about "Stop the Bleeding" or what it provides for the community?

Mr. Kazi said our other charity is St. Jude's and that is a personal choice. Councilmember Long said there were three charities that Mr. Kazi had chosen to give to. How does selling alcohol improve the community of Jonesboro, further the mission of your non-profit, which I still don't think you gave me the mission statement of the non-profit, and meet the communities needs that your non-profit has identified? How is that going to help? Mr. Kazi said well, we are bringing one of the top three national brands to Jonesboro and that puts Jonesboro on the map. Councilmember Long said I am not saying the Holiday Inn per say. My question is how does selling alcohol improve the community of Jonesboro, further the mission statement of the non-profit. Mr. Kazi said to have the Holiday Inn, you have to have a bar in the hotel's restaurant.

Councilmember Chris Moore said I think what Councilmember Long is asking you is are you giving money to the charities. Will you be donating a percentage of your profits to the three charities that you mentioned? Mr. Kazi said all of the profit that comes up will be split three ways from the alcohol sales. Councilmember Long asked, how or can you ensure that guests that are drinking alcohol are drinking it only in the presence of private club members? That is a requirement. Mr. Kazi said it is in there. Councilmember Long asked, how can you ensure that those people who are drinking alcohol are only drinking alcohol in the presence of the private club members? Mr. Kazi said there is an area inside of the hotel where the bar is at. We don't have alcohol by the pool or anything like that or would we have open bars or anything like that in which you might see in a convention.

Councilmember Long asked, do you understand that any citizen entering your establishment can and should report any perceived violation to Melinda Brown with ABC Enforcement at 501-682-8174? Mr. Kazi said yes, and they should. If there is something wrong, it needs to be reported. Councilmember Long said that is all, that is all that I've got. Mr. Kazi asked if anyone else had any questions.

*Bob Hester, 7096 CR 333, said I may seem like a broken record, but the same arguments to deny this permit is the same as denying any and all of them. So, this may be deja vu all over again, but I am not going to go through the whole thing. I am not going to hold you as near as long as before. I am going to go through the main points that I went through before. You have all the details and the information on that handout that I gave you before. I went through most of it when I was up here before. All I am going to do is hit the eight main points and elaborate on a couple of those. Here are the eight reasons why this permit should be denied and I believe any permit should be denied in Jonesboro or any place where the people have voted against alcohol. These are all based on undeniable facts as in the handout that I gave you before showed.*

*The eight reasons are as follows: 1) The private club law is illegitimate and a mockery. 2) Alcohol is not an economic development tool. 3) There is an added danger and crime with more clubs. What kind of price could you put on the two lives that were lost. We know for a fact that they were lost as a result of alcohol being sold in a private club and that is not to count all of the other stuff, some that we know about and some that we don't, but what kind of price could you put on those two lives? 4) There is not adequate enforcement by ABC. This is very important. ABC currently has about the same amount of enforcement officers that they had 20 years ago and probably for a long time. I received an email and I think I covered this in the material before, but I received an email from a retired enforcement officer several years ago and he said with the number of enforcement officers and the number of permits that they had at that time, they could not adequately enforce those regulations. He said it was impossible to do. They couldn't do it and that was 3,500 permits ago. There have been 3,500 permits issued since that time. Now, how on earth are they going to do that? We all know that is impossible. So, we don't need any more of these that can't be regulated because these that we have are not being regulated. It is an impossibility. 5) It is not the will of the people to have alcohol in Jonesboro. We know that by the vote and as long as the votes that way, if it goes the other way, you know, I wouldn't be here. 6) There is no chance to stop these at ABC in Little Rock, and I told you before about spending \$7,500 and going in a circle. We paid an attorney to oppose one of these at the ABC. We felt like we had a good case. We did have a good case, but they sided against us, naturally, like they always do. We appealed it to the appeals court. We paid the attorney again for that. They didn't side against us. They remanded it back to the ABC. They made us go through the same whole process again and made the same decision all over again. And, there we were, spent \$7,500 and went in a circle and got nothing from it. We can't stop these at the ABC. It is virtually impossible. That is why you all are so important if you all will take up the responsibility.*

*7) Jonesboro is already more than adequately served with permits. This is the one I want to elaborate on a little more. Just briefly anyway. As you know, one thing that the ABC board can consider when deciding whether to grant a permit is whether the area in question is adequately served. And, of course, the area in question is Jonesboro, here tonight. Adequate means sufficient or enough. Are there enough of them already? Are we sufficiently served? Can everybody, on any given night, that wants to drink, go out and get alcohol right now without adding an additional permit? So, the question is, is Jonesboro adequately served with private clubs? Are there enough to serve the public? The answer is absolutely. I don't think anybody can deny that. There are about 53 private club permits currently active in Jonesboro. That is not exact, but I am sure it is close. At least 18 have gone out of business since 2004 which is a pretty good indication that we are more than sufficiently served. You can check the next statement out for yourself. On any given night, including Friday and Saturday nights, of the currently active permitted places, none are full to the point of someone having to stand*



*in line and are being turned away on any night of the week including Friday and Saturday nights. Remember, all of these permits are exactly the same type. They are not based on cuisine. You can't have one because you have a pizza place or one because you have Italian or because you serve Mexican. There is just one kind of private club permit. We have 53 of the exact same kind of private club permits in Jonesboro that are active. Now, all of these are private, non-profit permits, but how private are they? Unless I am mistaken, you can come from Timbuktu, Washington, D.C., Washington State, New York, Chicago, China, South America, anywhere in the world, come into Jonesboro, wonder into one of these places, order all the booze you want, drink as much as you can. They are supposed to keep an eye on whether you get drunk or not, (We all know that people get drunk in these places.) walk out and never set foot in Jonesboro again. So, how private is that? It is private to everybody in the world. Anybody and everybody can come into it if I am not mistaken and I don't think I am. That is the way it is. There are supposed to be processes and things, but again, these things are not regulated because they can't regulate them. Are they non-profit? I am sure we are all convinced that these restaurants are not making a profit on this alcohol. So, I am sure we are all convinced of that. In other words, no one is lacking a place to obtain or drink alcohol in a private, non-profit club in Jonesboro. Jonesboro is absolutely adequately served or actually over-served. Now, what can be done about this?*

*I hope I don't offend anyone tonight. I don't intend to, but I am just going to lay it on the line. What can be done to stop this injustice of ignoring the people's vote and forcing alcohol on the public. Forcing alcohol on the public against their will. 8) Act 1112 gives you (the city council) the right and the power to stop this wrong. The very purpose for Act 1112 was to take the decision from ABC and give it back to the local representatives as it should be. I told you about Eddie Joe Williams, the Mayor of Cabot, who went down to the ABC and I was there when it happened, how they insulted him and everything like that. When he became state senator, he got this law passed so the people could have some say, not five unelected bureaucrats, decide what the people in Jonesboro should have. That was the very purpose for this act to give you guys who are elected by the people some way to deal with this. Since facts show that Jonesboro is more adequately served by private clubs, the council could deny this permit. I believe you could deny this permit based on that fact alone, that it is adequately served, although there are these other reasons. If you say your ordinance does not, and I was here before when you talked about your ordinance and all that, if you say your ordinance does not allow you to deny these permits based on the adequacy fact or some other consideration, then this ordinance is worthless and we need a new ordinance because every time this comes up, you will simply be rubber stamping the ABC. Actually, what you do is stamp paperwork, send it to ABC, and they will grant the permit. That is the way the whole process will work. That is the way it works now. They go down there and grant them regardless. Each time this comes up will be an exercise in futility, a waste of time for all involved, your time, my time, and anybody else and do absolutely nothing to protect our community from alcohol or protect the people's vote. Using this Act 1112 should not be considered a burden to this council. And, I know some of you think it is because I was here. As I said, I was here before. It should not be considered a burden to this council, but an opportunity to represent the people who voted this county dry by a 2-1 margin in the 70's. It has not changed the vote. Someone tried to get it on the ballot a few years ago and they were not able to do it. This county should have and should remain alcohol free until the vote of the people vote it the other way. So, I ask you, when does the will of the people matter? Does it matter?*

*I would like to conclude with a couple of anecdotal stories and these may not make*

sense to you. I had a cousin, Lavon Crawford, the Mayor may have known him and some of the others may have known him. He owned the bowling alley for several years. When he was a young man, with his first business, he owned a service station on Gee Street. I think it was a Texaco, if I remember right, that was a long time ago. He had a fella come in and apparently this person had just moved in, either moved back or moved in from a wet county or somewhere else in the state where alcohol was readily available. He was complaining about how hard it was to get alcohol or maybe not get alcohol. My cousin just casually said to him, you know it is kind of nice not having that stuff around. Well, this fella came back at a later time, I don't know if it was a few weeks or a few months, and he said, you know it is nice, kind of nice not having that stuff around. I have a friend who has told me about his aunt and uncle that retired from up north and came back down south and they were heavy drinkers. They were complaining about not being able to obtain alcohol very easy and consequently, she said they didn't drink nearly as much. You know, that is a good thing. It is a good thing for them and it is a good thing for our community and our society. I believe that we can all agree that the less alcohol that people drink, the better off all of us are. I tell these stories because I think they indicate the prevalence of alcohol sends a message to the young and old alike, especially the young, that alcohol is an acceptable product and nothing is wrong with drinking it. The more prevalent it is in the city and county, the more it is consumed and that is just logical. We know that is true and that is not a good thing unless you consider the tax dollars more important than moral standards, safety, doing what is right. The question before you today is, will you allow this permit to be granted contrary to the will and vote of the people or deny it since Act 1112 gives you the opportunity to deny it. I ask you to do the right thing and deny it or give good, clear reasons why it should be granted. I would like to be given some reasons why it should be granted. Thank you very much. I hope I didn't offend anybody. I didn't intend to, but that is the way that I feel about it. I don't think I said anything that wasn't true. Thank you for allowing me to be here and if you have any questions, I am sure that I have all the answers. Nah. If anything comes up about the arbitrary and capricious thing that was talked about before, I have some comments on that.

James Hines, 508 Ridgecrest, said I have a question to ask because I am confused. One of the groups that this non-profit wants to give to is D.A.R.E. There must be two D.A.R.E. programs or something. What is the one program that they are talking about giving money to? What does D.A.R.E. mean? I think it means Drug Awareness Resistance Education program. Surely, they mean some other program. Because if they don't, it is like saying, let's fight drugs by selling drugs. Folks, we are not going to influence a lot of young people into not using drugs if they find out that the group that is telling them to is being financed by the sale of alcohol. They are going to see the people doing it as hypocrites. Folks, we need to live up to the fact that we are supposed to be fighting a war against drugs. Really, we are not. We have given into the drugs. But, we are never going to convince young people that they shouldn't use drugs with a cigarette in one hand and a glass of liquor in the other.

Russell Shalimar, 3320 Preakness Drive, said, forgive me for my appearance, I just came from work. I would be very much in favor of having this private license offered to this non-profit organization. I think it is noble of them to setup such an organization and be interested in running it so that the profits could be distributed to many noble causes in the area which I think will definitely benefit the community and youth within the community. I think that alone should be a significant reason for it, especially for the revenue that would be generated. I think there is a larger question at stake here, two perhaps. The first being the potential financial benefit for the community in terms of jobs. Of course there have to be people to run a restaurant for you to have a restaurant. It is not exactly a giant vending machine. Which, I am sure that we are all

*in favor of additional jobs for people which can provide a living wage or additional finances or income. And, those persons are going to end up paying taxes which are ultimately going to end up in the coffers of the city which can only benefit us, as well, as we continue to feel the pressure of internet sales on us slowly lowering sales taxes which fund the vast majority of everything that we do here and all of the fine projects that we have in this city. And that, I think, also alone, would make it meritorious to be able to continue with program. The final one that I think is most important is to continue having a change in the view of people and how they look at Jonesboro. I think our hotels are one of our finest ways of being able to reach out to people outside of Jonesboro and to be able to demonstrate who we are and who we wish to become. Jonesboro is probably the only shining star in the Delta right now. Something that we have taken extraordinary pride in and our Mayor has been able to greatly promote for us in which I am very grateful for. Thank you. When people come from outside of Jonesboro and you might be able to tell from my accent that I am not from around here originally. It comes as a bit of a shock that it is difficult to obtain just a simple drink. I enjoy an occasional drink myself as I am sure that the police can attest. I have never been arrested. I have not done anything criminal. Hopefully, I do not have such hideously perverted morals to be considered a disgrace by the people of this community. With that said, hotels are one of the finest places for people to come from outside of this community to observe what is important to this community, what kind of businesses they could run here, what kind of relationships they could enjoy. Being able to come down from their hotel room where they have limited mobility, limited access to transportation, and being able to have a meeting over a drink is very normal and smooths over, perhaps, a lot of rough edges whenever you are having a negotiation. The fact that there are many places in town now where folks are trying to get a drink and are told that they have to travel to a destination and join a private club seems strange and seems backward and Jonesboro is anything but backward. I have to fight to tell people that I care about who I want to have move and live in this community. Jonesboro is a place on the rise. It is a place where business is extraordinarily important, where we are willing to do what it takes in order to be able to be a shining star for not just for the area, not just for the region, but for the entire Delta area and for the United States. We are slowly climbing up the ladder in terms of fine places for people to be. It is a point that I take extraordinary pride in as I continue to live here as I have for the past few years. But, I think, again, that this is an admirable and laudable thing. I think there is a lot to be gained in image, in terms of financial standing of the community, and also for the non-profit organizations which will benefit from it. I thank you very much. I will take any questions that you may have. Mayor Perrin said thank you.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, 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

**Nay:** 1 - Bobby Long

[ORD-18:038](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TRANSFER OF LOCATION OF PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT

**Attachments:** [City Ordinance Transfer of Location.pdf](#)  
[Private Club Alcohol Transfer Permit - Casa Maya II, Inc - 2018 REVISED.pdf](#)

*Adam Bodeker, Perkins Law Firm, 1115 S. Main Street, said he represents Casa Maya II. He won't take up the council's time, but he wanted to introduce himself and clarify*

*that this is just for a transfer of location and not for a new permit. If he can answer any questions, he would be glad to do that.*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[ORD-18:041](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2018 BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [PLackEmail06042018.pdf](#)

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

## **8. MAYOR'S REPORTS**

*Mayor Harold Perrin reported on the following items:*

*Mayor Perrin said that he has a few things to cover, but it won't take him long.*

*Our Street Department is doing a great job. They have already striped 65.45 miles so far this year, and it is just now in June, which is good I think for this time of the year.*

*I received a letter from the Northeast Arkansas Board of Directors of Realtors. Parks and Recreation Director Danny Kapales spoke at their meeting. They were very complimentary of his presentation in the future of the Parks and Rec on what he discussed. It says, "I received numerous comments on your presentation of future ideas for the city's Parks and Recreation. As realtors, we want you to know that we are behind you 100%." Again, that is on the Quality of Life for Jonesboro and I think that is what we are all here for. So, Danny, thank you very much for your presentation at the Board of Realtors.*

*This past Saturday, Chief Rick Elliott, myself, and Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman spoke on Juneteenth. We had a great crowd there. I know that Senator John Cooper also spoke. I can't remember who all did speak that day, but there were several there. It was a great crowd. Everyone enjoyed having the event.*

*Tomorrow, Chief Financial Officer Bill Reznicek, City Planning Director Derrel Smith, and myself, along with several members of the Board of the Land Bank Commission will be going to Little Rock. We will be attending the Little Rock's Board meeting. They have also agreed to stay with us after that and talk about from the beginning to where they are at and how they got there on their Land Commission. We are very appreciative for Little Rock to do that. We will come back and report that to you at the next meeting.*

*This last week, Risever had their groundbreaking. Interim Chief Operations Officer Roy Ockert was there. I was in Little Rock with several councilmembers and the City*

Attorney. It is my understanding that he was very impressed. He is going to have a very big promotion on that when it is completed. We appreciate a new industry in town. It is my understanding that the employment of that will be somewhere in the area of 200 people. Salary range will be good for Jonesboro. They have gotten some great, large contracts for some big companies in the area.

Our Legislative Audit is still going on. Everything that I hear is still good. Once we get that, I will ask for permission for Councilmember Joe Hafner to attend with me in the exit interview along with Chief Financial Officer Bill Reznicek. Normally, that doesn't happen in cities, but I always ask that the Chairman of the Finance Committee attend that meeting so he can report back along with us to the full council.

The Battle of the Badges Red Cross blood drive, E911 Director Jeff Presley said to remind everyone of that. It will be occurring here in Jonesboro.

Our JETS Saturday service alone was over 130 riders which I thought was good. 181 had used the summer youth program. I think that is excellent because the kids can ride on that. They can buy a pass for \$10 to ride the entire summer. They can go anywhere in town, all over town and shop or whatever they want to do. I think that is good.

Our City Stars basketball program should start. I believe it is either this week or next. I think it is next week. Parks Director Danny Kapales said that it started last night. Mayor Perrin said there are 700 kids that are playing in our City Stars basketball program. It will run for seven weeks.

We also got approval from ArDOT and the Metro Plan in Little Rock to do the study on Johnson Avenue for pedestrian crosswalks. As that proceeds, I will go ahead and bring that to you along with the Chairman of our MPO which is councilmember John Street.

On our recycling carts, we have sold 4,827 carts and 6 dumpsters. That is right around the corner. Our new recycling will start on July 1, 2018. City Attorney Carol Duncan said her cart was delivered yesterday. Mayor Perrin said that is good.

Someone wanted me to remind everyone that the Producers which is opening this weekend at the Forum for the Foundation of Arts. I understand that is going to be a good comedy. If any of you all would like to attend that, it would be good.

Also, on your agenda, it shows the attachments that you all have already been sent on all of the financials. If any one of you all have questions about the financials, feel free to give a call to Bill Reznicek or I and we would be happy to answer those. I have asked him to go out for a three years projection on that, to look at that, and our required reserves and see what our balances would be based on what is projected. Then, come back, and we will take a look at that. Once that is all complete and done, I want Mr. Reznicek to make a presentation to the full council on that. He will be working with myself and I know with our Chairman of our Finance Committee, Councilmember Joe Hafner, on that spreadsheet for three years out.

[COM-18:039](#)

APRIL 2018 FINANCIALS

**Attachments:** [04-2018 Sales tax.pdf](#)  
[04-2018 State Turnback Report.pdf](#)  
[2018 April Franchise tax report .pdf](#)  
[2018 April Rev. Exp and Changes in FB.pdf](#)  
[April 2018 Deposit Collateralization.pdf](#)  
[April 2018 Expenditure Report revised.pdf](#)  
[April 2018 Hotel Tax Comparison .pdf](#)  
[Required Reserves April 2018.pdf](#)  
[Revenue Report April 2018.pdf](#)  
[April MDnA April 2018.docx](#)

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[COM-18:041](#) Financial statements for the Jonesboro Airport Commission for May, 2018

**Attachments:** [JAC Jonesboro Airport Financials 5 18.pdf](#)

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## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Councilmember John Street said we had a good meeting at the Municipal League Annual Conference. I want to congratulate, for those of you who don't know, Mayor Perrin was selected as First Vice-President of the Arkansas Municipal League for this year which will mean that he will automatically assume the presidency of that commission next year. 500 our 501 cities are members. It is going to bring a lot of attention to Jonesboro. It will give him a chance to spotlight the good things going on here. He does that quite regularly anyway. This is even a better opportunity. There will be a lot of people come here because of his presidency. It is a great opportunity for Jonesboro to shine. Congratulations on that Mayor. I know you put in a lot of hard work. Mayor Perrin said thank you. I appreciate that.*

*Councilmember LJ Bryant said as an extension of Councilmember Street's comment, I think the Municipal League said that Mayor Perrin may be the first person from Jonesboro to be President of the league. It is a big deal and I know that Councilmember Chris Gibson received an award as well at Municipal League so congratulations to Councilmember Gibson. Councilmember Gibson said thank you.*

*Councilmember Joe Hafner said he had a couple of things he wanted to say. First of all, we did not have a Finance Committee meeting last week because there wasn't anything on the agenda. So, at next week's meeting, Chief Financial Officer Bill Reznicek will be making the presentation on the cost savings that I talked about at the last meeting. The other thing I think is important and we have talked about a little bit because we have a lot of stuff going on in the city and the Mayor and I talked a little bit about today, I want to make sure we have a plan we are following and not just kind of flying by the seat of our pants. As the Mayor said in this Vision 2030, he says you have to have a plan of where you are going in order to get there. I know they have been updating this Vision 2030. I think Community Development Director Tiffny Calloway and some others have been updating it. I would like to request that we get periodic updates about what progress we are making, what challenges we are facing, because I want to make sure that whatever we do, whether it is through grants or programs or whatever, that we are following a plan and we are not just flying by the seat*

of our pants. Hopefully, by doing this, and maybe by having some improved communication with Jonesboro Unlimited, Momentum Jonesboro, and the Chamber of Commerce, trying to get everybody on the same page. I think we still have a lot of silos going on and it is hard to get stuff done like that. Last month or in April when we approved the \$400,000 to the economic development commission, one of the things they are supposed to do is give us periodic updates, like quarterly updates. Mayor Perrin said right. Councilmember Hafner said we are almost to the end of the second quarter. So, it would be nice for sometime maybe in July or early August to have an update to the first two quarters so we know what is going on. We have to improve communication, I think. Mayor Perrin said we will ask Mark Young. In fact, I will probably be with him on Friday for a little while and Mark knows about that so we will get him to give us a report probably at the next council meeting. Bill, if you will help me do that, we will get him here on July 5th and do that. He would be happy to do so. Councilmember Hafner said thank you.

Councilmember Bobby Long said congratulations Mayor and congratulations Chris. Mayor Perrin said thank you. Councilmember Chris Gibson said thank you.

Councilmember David McClain said Nominating & Rules met today. I would like to request that we suspend the rules and walk on a couple of items, RES-18:093 and RES-18:097.

[RES-18:093](#)

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

Councilmember David McClain motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to suspend the rules and walk-on RES-18:093. 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:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[RES-18:097](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO ESTABLISHING THE WOLVERINE PROPERTY DOWNTOWN CORRIDOR COMMITTEE AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Councilmember David McClain motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to suspend the rules and walk-on RES-18:097. All voted aye.

Councilmember Joe Hafner said I would like to say that is a great step and I think that can really set the tone for redevelopment down here. Thank you for doing that.

Councilmember Chris Moore said that he would abstain from the vote.

Councilmember David McClain said the only comment he had was the same comment he had at the Nominating & Rules Committee. When it comes to these committees, I ask that we give consideration for diversity and not just by age or race, but I ask that we look at everything. I know that you mentioned that you were looking at drafting a resolution or an ordinance of some sort to help us create that. Mayor Perrin said so noted. Councilmember McClain is talking about a resolution Little Rock, Arkansas passed in talking about youth and younger folks taking a part in city government and trying to get those folks to run for office, to serve on boards and commissions. I've got

*that and we are looking at that now. We may make some changes to that and we will go ahead and get that through. So, good comment. Councilmember McClain said thank you.*

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

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Chris Moore

*City Attorney Carol Duncan asked can I answer one question before you move on. It came up a couple of meetings ago about quorum and whether you could lose a quorum after you establish a quorum. I believe that was asked at a meeting I had to miss. After some research and some discussion at the Municipal League, I do believe the answer is yes. So, I think if there is a situation where you have a bare minimum quorum and someone has to leave, at that point, you would lose your quorum. So, no more votes could be taken at that point. So, keep that in mind for the future. If somebody steps out of the room for whatever reason, I think you lose your quorum for voting purposes if you are right down to the number. Mayor Perrin said ok. Ms. Duncan said thank you. Mayor Perrin stated that was for the minimum. Ms. Duncan said yes. Mayor Perrin said ok.*

*Councilmember Chris Gibson said that the Public Services Committee met tonight. At our September meeting, I would like for Parks and Recreation Director Danny Kapales to do a presentation and JETS Director Michael Black to give an up on JETS as well. It will be at the second meeting in September.*

*Councilmember Ann Williams said the subject of impact fees first came up in January at a meeting here. I think Mr. Blackburn had inquired about that. I just wanted an update on what is the status of our consideration of that. I had understood at that time and subsequent discussion of it that, this is something that we would seriously have to look at because of the need for this. In fact, it might be inevitable that we might need to look at impact fees. Mayor Perrin said that yes, the administration, in fact, I asked Planning Director Derrel Smith to do that. He has received information from about seven different cities who have impact fees. He has a spreadsheet on those. We found out that impact fees are put on various things throughout the city. So, it varies. Not all of those are the same at all. Then, the revenue we try to generate from those impact fees that offsets if you didn't have one. So, I would be glad to let Derrel Smith give a report at the next council meeting on that spreadsheet. Derrel, I know you have it. So, we will be glad to do that. Councilmember Williams said this is something that has been implemented some time ago, both by Fayetteville and I think Conway as well. I think they have found that they are glad that they did it. Mayor Perrin said right. It is a one-time charge, but it is again, based on those things and there are exceptions to some of those, particularly schools, hospitals, and some of those things. We do have the spreadsheet and they have been working on it for several months. I am glad that you brought that up. We will bring the spreadsheet and give you a copy of it and then, he can just go through there. Councilmember Williams said that is great. Thank you very much. Mayor Perrin said you are quite welcome.*

*Councilmember Chris Moore said congratulations on becoming First Vice-President.*



*Next year, maybe, we will have a convention, a Municipal League Convention coming to Jonesboro. I don't think, that since I have been on the council, that they have ever even had a meeting here. I am sure that hasn't passed your radar. So, thank you. Mayor Perrin said thank you.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said I have three things I need to say. With this clock here, I can tell you that to some people it is really intimidating. I think it is hard enough for people to come up here and to look at all fifteen of you and give you eye contact and talk about what you feel and what needs to be done with our city. You all make such important decisions. In fact, all of the decisions that happen to us. I think one of the goals of the city council should make people to feel welcome. I think when I see this clock, (I have four minutes and 25 seconds.) is that if there are 20 of us giving a public statement in the five minutes, that would certainly take a lot of time. I think this clock right here is I am paying more attention to that right now than probably what I am about to say next on that. So, I don't know about this clock. I didn't get a lot of positive feedback on my facebook page that we started. (With that, I have four minutes.) Here is one that just worked out tonight, the walk on agenda. I've gotten so many comments from people saying that it is not really fair to have walk on agendas. People look at the agenda for meetings on Jonesboro.legistar.com. They read it in the paper. If by chance, and I have been attending the meetings for the last year, if it was something that was really important to someone that didn't know that it was going to be on the agenda and now it is on the agenda right here is that they didn't get a chance to say anything or come up to the podium so that isn't fair to that person. I don't know how we stop those walk on agendas because from my understanding is that if you want to be on the agenda, it has to be at 10:00 on Thursday and then you have the final say until 4:00 and then it is posted on the Legistar. I think that is how people plan on whether they want to come or they want to get a group together and say something or they oppose something. I don't know how we can stop the walk on agendas because I just don't know if it is fair to the citizens if they don't see it on the agenda or in the paper. My final thing, and this is a fun thing, based upon, and I have two minutes and 39 seconds, is that I thought the video of all of the baseball at Joe Mack was excellent. I think Joe Mack has always been available. I don't know if we have to run as large of tournaments because I know when my son was playing, even if you have 30 teams here, you know, that is such a nice facility that you have. With that being said, is that on my facebook page and I have a lot of friends that have been asking people what they want in Jonesboro to bring people back here, that want to come back because they say Jonesboro is an awesome town. I have gotten a lot of comments and in two weeks I will share it with you. I know, Chris Moore, you are on that new committee. There is a lot. I have got pages and pages of suggestions of what Jonesboro needs and a lot of them are awesome. But, one of the things that I noticed is that a lot of the comments were is that we have to worry about the crime here. That is what a lot of people have said. When I thought of that, I thought of Dr. Coleman. You wrote an article. I think it was on June 10th. It was an excellent article about the north side of town. The thing is that when people come to Joe Mack, and if you are coming in from Red Wolf Blvd. and you have got that on your GPS, you have to drive down Johnson. Johnson is kind of a scary place at times. And, you look at the crime that is happening. I think on June 13th, I think you all read in the paper that there was a gentleman from the Chinese restaurant that had five bullet shots in his car. He is doing ok. I talked to the owner of the restaurant. In that article, I noticed that 15.3 acres that was donated to the city in your area. I noticed that there were youth sports and a community garden. Those are two things that had been suggested by these people on this. You know, you wonder if that would have happened years ago, whether*

*the north side would have been having as much crime and problems and all that. I think what we have to do is that it doesn't matter what address that we have, but we have to clean up our town and we have to worry about our crime. I don't know whether it is what age group it is on the north side of town, but you look at the youth and if they don't have anything to do, that is when they get into trouble. I think we really need to focus our attention on the north side of town and clean that up because if that new park area is going to come right there between the university and downtown, then we really need to clean it up. And, that is it. My time just ran out. I know, I practiced. I am going to practice some more, but those are what you need to consider. Mayor Perrin said thank you.*

*Robert Speer, 4116 Raider Road, said I don't think I will need the clock. I want to talk about something I am very proud of as being a citizen of Jonesboro and that is the Sanitation Department. For about a month, my trash can lid was broken. Being hard headed, I just put the lid on and they dumped the garbage and unfortunately, garbage would fall out on my yard and those nice men that were running my route would always get out and pick the garbage up and put it back in their truck. I'm thinking they are probably saying I wish he would call and get a new garbage can. So, I called and from experience in working in state government, I thought, maybe by Christmas, I would get a new garbage can. I made that phone call that morning and when I came back from lunch, not only was my garbage can at my house, but it was placed right where the old garbage can was where they picked up. So, I would like to salute the Sanitation Department for being jolly on the job. If you drive around the streets, they do it everywhere. If they mess up a load unloading your garbage, they will take time to get out and pick it up even with automated arms on the truck. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said thank you. We do have some great employees for the City of Jonesboro. I have always said that and again, I think I would not have been able to have been elected, as I have said that before, as First Vice-President if we didn't have a great team and a great staff here. They are a family and we work together and we cry together and we do a lot of things together. We have had some tragedies this week. Two of our employees lost a son, a daughter-in-law, and a sister all in the same accident. That was a pretty hard blow. We will get through it and we will certainly comfort them and we will extend our sympathies to them and do anything we possibly can for those families. Again, I just wanted to share that. So, thank you Robert for your comment.*

*Anna Williams, 604 Mardis Drive, said I don't know since you have already mentioned this, if you are going to allow me to talk about it or not, but I only have two things I would like to ask questions about and if not, you can tell me and I only have my five minutes. If I could ask you to wait until I am finished speaking before you reply. One is that I would like for the council to update us which has been discussed on the information on these two things. One is to do with the impact fees. I know you mentioned that, but I did some reading online and research. One of the cities in our state, Conway, for instance, have had impact fees since 2003. We are way behind on this. Fayetteville has had impact fees even longer. This is a source of revenue for the city and it is time we do something to get this going. Reading back on council meetings, this was discussed five or six years ago. Here we are today in the same situation. Think of the money that could have been generated in the last fifteen years. It is way past time to get this going. Another issue that I would like to bring up and I don't know if this is even a possibility regarding these properties that are 40 ft. lots that are no longer usable. Why could this not be used for smaller homes for people to have homes instead of increasing this apartment dilemma that we have in this town? If they were approved at one time for 40 ft. and the younger people don't want these big houses anymore, why can't we consider using those properties and generate some tax revenue. The city doesn't need property donated to them to maintain for no good*

*reason. So, it is just a couple of things I would like you all to think about. Mayor Perrin said we met this morning and we have two ordinances being worked on now so that people can take that on the width of that and do the tiny homes and things of that nature that will be coming back up. Ms. Williams said wonderful. Mayor Perrin said we realize what the future holds on that. We are working on that now through the Planning Department. You will see that coming forth. Ms. Williams said thank you. I appreciate your time. Mayor Perrin said thank you.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Harold Perrin, Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donna Jackson, City Clerk**