



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Mayor Harold Copenhaver was in attendance

Present 6 - David McClain; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent 1 - Bobby Long

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-22:055](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 21, 2022

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-22:034](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE CHAPTER 10 ARTICLE I SECTION 10 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD SUBSECTION 13 PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES ON THE HANDLING, DISPLAYING, OR GIVING AWAY OF ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Councilmember Chris Moore said, can you tell me what brought this on and what this is all about? Larry, if you could tell me what you're trying to accomplish and what your goal is here. Animal Control Director Larry Rogers approached the podium and stated, every spring and summer we have problems with people selling animals or giving away animals and stuff in the parking lots. Then, if they don't give them all away or sale them, they leave them there and then Animal Control ends up with them. Also, by people doing the spare of the moment thing by taking a free animal, the next day they don't want it anymore so Animal Control gets that animal. The other part on the rides and such, we have so many calls on individuals having pony and horse rides, and in

this heat out here and on parking lots there are a lot of citizens that are worried they don't have the proper water, shelter and anything like that. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, or the proper insurance if someone gets hurt. Mr. Rogers said, no safety equipment for the children. They are just putting them along on the horses. Councilmember Moore said, that basically gives you a way to regulate that business. Mr. Rogers said, yes it does. Councilmember Moore said, it's funny you brought this today. Just this morning, there was someone at Parker Park selling animals on city property. Mr. Rogers said, it was stopped.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-22:109](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ALLOCATE \$250,000.00 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS FOR ENHANCED MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Attachments: [Jonesboro Aerial Proposal Letter](#)

Councilmember Chris Moore said, is it your understanding Brian, that we are going to have more flyovers and we are going to use part of the money on research? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and stated, correct. We have discussed this with Vector Disease Control and we will find out what all approvals are needed, but I sent April something a little while ago from Vector, that this would be a purchase order that we can amend before it goes to City Council if they need to reflect that. It will be \$151,000 to Vector for seven additional applications. Right now, we are currently scheduled for eight. So, it would basically double our applications, about 90,000 feet of additional spraying. At the same time, we are working with ASU on some research. I don't know if this is a problem that we can spray our way out of or if we need to look at some long-term solutions. The Mayor has met with some entomologists from ASU and we're going to continue those conversations. I am also working with VDCI and we are reaching out to some additional people. We just want to leave that window open for any research that comes about. The immediate action is that ASU is applying for a grant on their end which would be \$54,000 that would study aerial efforts to reduce the mosquito population and some new chemicals, less harmful treatments, and also ways to reduce the breeding population areas for mosquitoes. I am excited to see where that goes. I believe we all want to see a reduced mosquito population. This is funding those efforts that we are looking into. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I agree with Councilmember McClain, that we need a scientific study on our problem along with an application of a chemical. So, with the \$250,000 grant, do you anticipate \$151,000 for additional aerial sprayings and the \$91,000 difference going to match on ASU's grant? Mr. Richardson said, well actually, the \$151,000 would go directly to VDCI, billed separately from our current contract, for the seven additional sprayings. The estimation that ASU has on their match is \$54,000. We are talking with VDCI and some other vendors about some targeted drone applications and ditch applications and waterways. That may or may not happen this year. And if not, the money would just roll over into next year's program. We just wanted to make sure we set aside money to be able to dedicate for future research and hopefully in reduction of mosquitoes. Councilmember David McClain

asked, is anyone from Vector here? Mr. Richardson said, they will be at the Council meeting on the 2nd. Councilmember McClain said, I guess my biggest thing is making sure that we are monitoring our levels now and then how we measure success. How do we measure that and how do we tell if the extra aerals are really effective? I have no problem spending the extra money, but making sure that we are monitoring what the success looks like. Mr. Richardson said, I think that is important because the only way we are really going to know what works is by trying certain things. That was one of the important conversations we had with ASU. Let's monitor as we go and see if there is really any reduction. VDCI is also going to do the same thing. So, not really an observation from citizens on if you have less or more mosquitoes, but we need some scientific data to go along with it. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, on those follow-ups with Arkansas State University, the grant application will actually be for a full year funding for the entire department for individuals to study our processes and how we need to improve those processes. That will help Vector as well and now technology is improving to where drone technology can be used for more targeting in the near future. Councilmember Moore said, this is like the past. ASU conducted a third party validation of the traps. ASU would run the traps and record the data and Vector or whomever would run them. I would hope that continues in the future under this new plan. Chairman Mitch Johnson said, they are pretty thorough with traps. I've had one in my yard since before I was on Council. I know they have them out there and they monitor them. This is great that we have a third party coming in. The important thing is that everyone has come to the table. I am sure there is always new technology out there that we could always utilize.

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

[RES-22:110](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 710 Cate Ave. Parcel # 01-144184-29400. OWNER: Samuel Siegel & William Tanner Siegel

Attachments: [710 Cate Inspection Report](#)
[710 CATE MAP](#)
[710 Cate Pre-Condemnation Notice](#)
[710 Cate 1](#)
[710 Cate 2](#)
[710 Cate 3](#)
[710 Cate 4](#)
[710 Cate 5](#)

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

[RES-22:111](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1014 S. Culberhouse St. Jonesboro, AR 72401 Parcel # 01-144192-21300 OWNER: Charles Edward Noell Jr.

- Attachments:** [1014 S Culberhouse Pre-condemnation Notice](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse Inspection Report](#)
[1014 S. CULBERHOUSE MAP](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 1](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 2](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 3](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 4](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 5](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 6](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 7](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 8](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 9](#)
[1014 S. Culberhouse 10](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

[RES-22:112](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1107 ½ Cartwright St. Jonesboro, AR 72401. Parcel # 01-144073-10200 OWNER: Arthur Henry

- Attachments:** [1107 1.2 CARTWRIGHT Inspection Report](#)
[1107 1.2 Cartwright Pre-condemnation Notice](#)
[1107 1.2 CARTWRIGHT](#)
[1107 1.2 Cartwright 1](#)
[1107 1.2 Cartwright 2](#)
[1107 1.2 Cartwright 3](#)
[1107 1.2 Cartwright 4](#)
[1107 1.2 Cartwright 5](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

[RES-22:113](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1305 N Floyd St. Jonesboro, AR 72401. Parcel # 01-143123-01500 OWNER: County View MHP LLC

- Attachments:** [1305 N FLOYD Inspection Report](#)
[1305 N Floyd Map](#)
[1305 N Floyd Pre-condemnation Notice](#)
[1305 N Floyd 1](#)
[1305 N Floyd 2](#)
[1305 N Floyd 3](#)
[1305 N Floyd 4](#)
[1305 N Floyd 5](#)
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[1305 N Floyd 13](#)
[1305 N Floyd 14](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

[RES-22:114](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1403 Oakhurst St, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401. Parcel: 01-143133-23700 . OWNER: Kevin and Tonya Lyles

- Attachments:** [1403 Oakhurst Inspection Report](#)
[1403 Oakhurst Map](#)
[1403 Oakhurst Pre-condemnation Notice](#)
[1403 Oakhurst 1](#)
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[1403 Oakhurst 16](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

[RES-22:115](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 4820 Morton Dr. Jonesboro, AR 72401 Parcel # 01-144233-04300 OWNER: Louis & Linda Nelson

- Attachments:** [4820 Morton Inspection Report](#)
[4820 Morton Map](#)
[4820 Morton Pre-condem Notice 1st \(USPS lost\)](#)
[4820 Morton Pre-condemnation Notice 2nd Attempt](#)
[4820 Morton \(1\)](#)
[4820 Morton \(2\)](#)
[4820 Morton \(3\)](#)
[4820 Morton \(4\)](#)
[4820 Morton \(5\)](#)
[4820 Morton \(6\)](#)
[4820 Morton \(7\)](#)
[4820 Morton \(8\)](#)
[4820 Morton \(9\)](#)

Chairman Mitch Johnson said, I was contacted this afternoon by Brian saying that this property owner has taken this property down so there is no need to forward this. We can postpone indefinitely if I could get a motion.

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember David McClain, to postpone indefinitely RES-22:115. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I just want to say that I am encouraged by the number of condemnations that have been coming across our desk and I'm glad to see the Mayor and Code Enforcement actively pursuing those. Chairman Mitch Johnson said, I would like to echo that. I contacted Code Enforcement about an issue myself and Scott got right back with me, got me a solution in no time. I, personally, had a good experience from the first phone call to the last one. I'm really pleased with the process as well. Mayor Harold Copenhagen said, we are pleased too.

7. Public Comments

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, approached the podium and said, I'm not sure if this is the right committee or not, but when I saw you were voting on the ordinance about the animals being sold here in Jonesboro, I just wanted to put a plug in your ear. I know you think the budget is way far from now, but it's not. I hope what we can do is put a little bit more money into the Animal Control budget for next year. One, for this being now, the horseback rides are usually done on weekends and from my understanding there is no one at Animal Control that could go and monitor that. The other reason, some of the groups here in town, they are volunteers mostly and by donations by the public and some of them have restrictions on what they can do on weekends when there's a problem with like dog fights or maybe a loose dog that maybe Animal Control should be there. Maybe, if we could get someone part-time or someone on-call on the weekends for the city to help out. When the Humane Society goes out, they are doing it because they want to and if it's in the city maybe we should be responsible for that call. Is that when the budget comes up that we give Officer Rogers more money? I think he would like that, but also I think we all care for our pets and we don't want to see them laying on the road from Saturday to Monday.

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long