



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Thursday, February 19, 2015

5:30 PM

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FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 4:30 P.M.

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

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NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

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

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Councilman Burton left at 6:01 p.m. during the State of the City Address.

Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent 2 - Chris Moore and Rennell Woods

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Rennell Woods

MIN-15:017

Minutes for the City Council meeting on February 3, 2015

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-15:016

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE ACTIONS OF JUDGES, CLERKS AND ALTERNATES FOR THE CITY WATER AND LIGHT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

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This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-023-2015

6. NEW BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-15:003

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 105, OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A NEW TECHNICAL CODE TO BE KNOWN AS THE 2014 ARKANSAS ENERGY CODE AS WELL AS ALL FUTURE EDITIONS WHICH MAY FOLLOW; AND FOR DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE IMMEDIATE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC

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Sponsors: Inspections

Attachments: [2014 arkansas energy code for new building construction supplements and a](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

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

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Rennell Woods

Enactment No: O-EN-006-2015

ORD-15:010

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 AND C-4 TO C-4 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5441 AND 5443 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY DAVID AND DEBORAH HARTSHORN

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Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Rennell Woods

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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ORD-15:004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RS-7 AND FROM R-1 TO RM-8 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1621 NORTH PATRICK STREET AS REQUESTED BY DENVER DUDLEY

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Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Opposition Email](#)
[Support Email](#)

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

Mr. Garry Tate stated he doesn't have a problem with the rezoning as long as if Mr. Perry doesn't get his refinancing then the zoning goes back to R-1 zoning. He added the street also needs to be fixed. City Attorney Carol Duncan stated the City Council cannot put those types of restrictions on the zoning. Councilman Vance noted the zoning has a limited use overlay that will stick with that property no matter who owns the property. All future owners will only be able to build what is detailed on that limited use overlay unless they get it rezoned by the City Council.

Ms. Carolyn Tinsley stated her opposition to the rezoning due to the safety hazards with Patrick Street. She explained the road is not wide enough and does not have ample lighting. She recommended fixing the street before rezoning the property, which will add more traffic. She further discussed the plans for the property. She asked that the drainage and road issues be fixed before the property is rezoned.

Mr. Jason Marshall, representing the developer, spoke concerning the rezoning. He discussed the rezoning and the plans for the property. He noted the density from the development is less than what is allowed there under current zoning. He explained the area has been identified by governmental agencies as in need for this type of housing, which is why Patrick Street was chosen for the development. He further explained the developer has agreed to build sidewalks on the property for pedestrian use from one property line to another. He also agreed to put in a JETS stop in front of the development. Mr. Marshall added the North Jonesboro Initiative approves of the development, as well as the MAPC.

Councilman Vance stated special attention needs to be given to Patrick Street for improvements. He explained it is very apparent that due to the pedestrian usage the Council should commit to at least get some temporary sidewalks on Patrick Street. He added Patrick needs to be widened and that should be in the city's near-future plans. Mayor Perrin agreed, noting he has talked with the Engineering Department about Patrick Street so they are looking at it.

Mayor Perrin also noted the ordinance does not have an emergency clause. Councilman Street amended his motion to include an emergency clause on the ordinance.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Frierson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed with the emergency clause. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Nay: 1 - Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Rennell Woods

Enactment No: O-EN-007-2015

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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COM-15:010 Jonesboro Airport Commission financial statements for month ended January 31, 2015

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Sponsors: Municipal Airport Commission

Attachments: [Financial Statements](#)

Next week they will be meeting with the Airport Commission to look at grants.

This item was Filed.

COM-15:012 State of the City Address presented by Mayor Harold Perrin

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[2014 State of the City Address](#)

This item was Filed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street thanked the Mayor for his State of the City Address. He stated he is pleased with the growth of Jonesboro and it couldn't be done without the volunteers from the city. He also commended Street Superintendent Steve Tippett for his work during the recent sleet/ice storm.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place ORD-15:008, ORD-15:009 and RES-15:015 to the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-15:008 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE SECTION 2-576 TO ADD INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUDIT SERVICES AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Sponsors: Finance

Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading.

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 Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Absent: 3 - Chris Moore;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-008-2015

ORD-15:009

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF REPAIRS ON CAT D5 DOZER.

Sponsors: Finance

Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading.

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

After adoption of the ordinance, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Absent: 3 - Chris Moore;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-009-2015

RES-15:015

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE AIDD GRANT FOR WEST COLLEGE AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Agreement](#)
[Award Letter.pdf](#)
[Requirements.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Absent: 3 - Chris Moore;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

Enactment No: R-EN-024-2015

Councilman Dover asked everyone to remember Ed Way's family in their prayers. His presence in the community will be missed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mr. Garry Tate stated he would like to see greater enforcement of the city ordinance that requires household waste to be bagged, as he has received several complaints about plastic bags, such as those Walmart uses, being blown around and littering property. He asked that citizens be sent a letter or something else be done to cut down the litter in the city. He noted Patrick Street has a lot of litter down the sides of the road, as well as Belt Street. He asked that something be done to help with litter control.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Absent: 3 - Chris Moore;Rennell Woods and Todd Burton

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk