



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent 2 - Chris Gibson and David McClain

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, Good Evening Council. I wanted to stand before you this evening because I think that it is very imperative that you understand some accolades that have been addressed to partners in the community and to our city as a whole. The Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association selected Jonesboro Parks and Recreation for three awards. Program of the Year, this is huge. We have all seen it. We have all been a part of it through our lives and it has always been an event that is ongoing in this community. It is the Mountain Dew Grand Slam Classic Youth Softball Tournament. It reaches another milestone when it is in its 40th year here in our community and it is at the Southside Complex. This is the longest running youth tournament in Arkansas. The Tournament attracts girls ages from 4 to 18 from multiple states and average 85 teams a year. The three-day event is beneficial not only for young players, but also for Jonesboro hotels, restaurants, and businesses. So, I would like to recognize our softball coordinator Karla Marroquin and the Southside Superintendent Casey Estill as they are here to receive the award. (Recognition of Karla Marroquin and Casey Estill)

The next award is the Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA) Presidential Citation which has not been presented to anyone in the state in over twenty years. As many of you know, you have known Mrs. Turman for many years, Sharron K. Turman. This is appreciating her hard work in making the Harold Perrin Miracle League Park a reality. She is now retired and she works as a softball coordinator and she was at the city from 2011-2018. Let's honor Sharron this evening and she has received this huge citation, a presidential citation. Congratulations. We have a lot more to come from Mrs. Sharron and I am excited about that. (Recognition of Sharron Turman)

Finally, we have the champion team of the year. This was given to the Northeast Arkansas Trail Organization or NEATO as we call them. It is a non-profit, made up of volunteers who focus upon advocacy, maintenance, and developing trails for all of Northeast Arkansas. (Recognition of Jeff Potts and Joe Barrett)

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember LJ Bryant asked that RES-21:274 be removed from the agenda. Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Charles Frierson, to adopt the Consent Agenda with RES-21:274 removed. All voted aye.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Chris Gibson and David McClain

[MIN-21:098](#)

Minutes for the City Council meeting held on November 2, 2021.

Attachments: [MINUTES](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-21:222](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 814 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [814 Creath Avenue - Offer and Acceptance](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-213-2021

[RES-21:227](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH JONESBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Attachments: [Encroachment agreement-signed by JPS](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-214-2021

[RES-21:228](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BAILEY CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROJECT (2021:25)

Attachments: [Agreement](#)
 [Bid Tab](#)
 [Exhibit A](#)
 [Exhibit](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-215-2021

[RES-21:229](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 409 N FISHER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-10500, OWNED BY PAUL GAMBILL

Attachments: [409 Fisher10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-216-2021

[RES-21:230](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 ALLEN, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-30100, OWNED BY KENNY COLEMAN

Attachments: [500 Allen10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-217-2021

[RES-21:231](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 816 HOOVER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-14800, OWNED BY ROBERT WHITAKER

Attachments: [816 Hoover10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-218-2021

[RES-21:232](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 MULBERRY, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144074-09600, OWNED BY LEON JONES

Attachments: [200 Mulberry10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-219-2021

[RES-21:233](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 S ALLIS, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-40800, OWNED BY MICHAEL DUANE DARLING

Attachments: [200 S. Allis10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-220-2021

[RES-21:234](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 204 WOODROW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-23400, OWNED BY NEWEL COOTS

Attachments: [204 Woodrow10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-221-2021

[RES-21:235](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 405 STATE STREET, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144171-03500, OWNED BY CHARLES E NOELL JR.

Attachments: [405 State10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-222-2021

[RES-21:236](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1014 S CULBERHOUSE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144192-21300, OWNED BY CHARLES E NOELL JR

Attachments: [1014 S. Culberhouse10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-223-2021

[RES-21:237](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1020 HOPE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144173-04400, OWNED BY GARY TOOMBS

Attachments: [1020 Hope10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-224-2021

[RES-21:238](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1101 FRENCH STREET, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-12300, OWNED BY DAVID A. MARSHALL

Attachments: [1101 French10262021](#)
 [1101 French letter10282021](#)
 [1101 French council letter11012021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-225-2021

[RES-21:239](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1201 GLENDALE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144212-15800, OWNED BY MURL COUCH

Attachments: [1201 Glendale10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-226-2021

[RES-21:240](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1305 OAKHURST, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18700, OWNED BY DLAN FRANKLIN LLC

Attachments: [1305 Oakhurst10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-227-2021

[RES-21:241](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1314 TURNER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144191-32500, OWNED BY TIMOTHY A HUSKEY

Attachments: [1314 Turner10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-228-2021

[RES-21:242](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1328 W. HUNTINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18100, OWNED BY DKI LLC

Attachments: [1328 Huntington10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-229-2021

[RES-21:243](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1813 DUNCAN RD, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143121-00110, OWNED BY PAULA & JUAN ALEMAN

Attachments: [1813 Duncan10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-230-2021

[RES-21:244](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2009 CLARK, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-07800, OWNED BY ANN HOUSE

Attachments: [2009 Clark10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-231-2021

[RES-21:245](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2501 MARY JANE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-24200, OWNED BY KENNETH L & DENA BROADWAY

Attachments: [2501 MaryJane10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-232-2021

[RES-21:246](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3403 MEADOR, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144281-37200, OWNED BY SHAMELIA HUNTER

Attachments: [3403 Meador10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-233-2021

[RES-21:247](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3404 DERBY, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144331-05500, OWNED BY NDO LLC

Attachments: [3404 Derby10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-234-2021

[RES-21:248](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4304 RACE STREET, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-19900, OWNED BY CHARLES CRAIG CONYERS

Attachments: [4304 Race10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-235-2021

[RES-21:249](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4312 GLADYS, JONESBORO, AR 72404, PARCEL 01-134032-11700, OWNED BY JIMMY ODLE

Attachments: [4312 Gladys10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-236-2021

[RES-21:250](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6601 E JOHNSON, JONESBORO, AR 72405, PARCEL 01-144014-00900, OWNED BY JORDYN-COLE INC.

Attachments: [6601 E. Johnson10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-237-2021

[RES-21:267](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 1121 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 1121 Creath Avenue](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-238-2021

[RES-21:268](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 721 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 721 Creath Avenue](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-239-2021

[RES-21:269](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 719 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 719 Creath Avenue](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-240-2021

[RES-21:270](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - Creath Avenue](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-241-2021

[RES-21:273](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3901 WILLOW ROAD, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD MITIGATION

Attachments: [Signed Offer and Acceptance - 3901 Willow Rd](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-242-2021

[RES-21:278](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 616 E OAK, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144191-17500, OWNED BY JOYCE SCARBOROUGH

Attachments: [616 E. Oak10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-243-2021

[RES-21:279](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 837 HUNTINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-26001, OWNED BY NINE BLESSINGS LLC

Attachments: [837 Huntington10262021](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-244-2021

RESOLUTION REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

[RES-21:274](#) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE 2021 BUDGET, ESTABLISH AN EQUIPMENT DEPRECIATION FUND AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AUTOS FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS

Attachments: [Auto Schedule](#)

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, I appreciate you guys pulling this. I did a little research on this. In fact, I did some research a couple of years ago. I want to make a couple of statements and have some questions answered. At the top where it says purchases will be made through state bids and in Section 3 it says the purchase of

autos from state bid dealers is authorized. So, has this already been approved? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, no. Ms. Lack said, I know you guys approve it here, but the wording of will and is authorized, I am a little confused on those two words. Ms. Duncan said, no, it has not been approved yet. That is what they are authorizing. Ms. Lack said, okay, so did the City of Jonesboro just go to one dealership or did we do some competitive bidding for these 48 vehicles? I see it is a state bid. Ms. Duncan said, state bid is competitive bidding. If it is under the state bid contract, they have already done the competitive bidding and we are allowed to purchase on that without bidding. Ms. Lack asked, so they go out and look at vehicles. Ms. Duncan said, the state does it. Ms. Lack asked, do you say what kind of car you want? Ms. Duncan said, they already have a list and you just purchase through the state bid contract. Ms. Lack said, oh, well, that is kind of nice.

Councilmember Bobby Long said, to just add to that, these state bids are at triple net. A lot of times, plus a little bit. So, it is a price far below what the normal retailer could go and get. Ms. Lack said, okay. I believe, I think I remember a couple of years ago, the city doesn't pay sales tax, correct? Is that correct? Sales tax on cars. Mayor Copenhaver said, I will have to find that out. That is correct. Ms. Lack said, okay, good. One thing that I did and this was two years ago and I know that they inventory of our fleet of cars and this does include fire engines and every car that we have here is that I requested a car report, a fixed asset audit report and just by chance I had it left on my computer. On this report here, it shows that the City of Jonesboro, two years ago or almost two years ago, had 430 vehicles that we owned on there. That is a lot of vehicles that we have and I understand that they are all mixed in between all of the departments. So, when I saw this request of the automobiles on that, I decided that I was going to look at and I just gave random looks of different departments of how many cars each one of the departments had. And, one of them, I just took Code Enforcement. On this report, it showed that two years ago, we had five of them and they want three of them now so that is going to be eight. And, today, I asked how many employees are in the Code Enforcement Department and I was told that there are six. So, we are going to have eight cars. So, my question is, what is the city going to do with those left over vehicles in that department?

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, I will address that point blank. This administration along with Finance, that is exactly what we are doing, we are addressing the issues because our inventory is aging so when we purchase a car, we also want a car to go out of the inventory as well. So, we are working with each department and addressing the vehicles that they need, not necessarily the ones they want, but that they necessitate. It is also important that we revitalize our fleet at this point and time because it is aging. Many of our police vehicles are ten to fourteen years of age. We still have them on the lot. We lost three last week to accidents. It is an ongoing occurrence, but I can assure you and the community that this administration is addressing and I, an old insurance agent, I do not want an abundance of vehicles in our fleet. But, we have to have a fleet that is good and in working order. Ms. Lack said, absolutely. And, the Police Department, I don't have a problem with. I guess what I am trying to look at is that looking at each one of the departments, you know, even like the Engineering Department I looked at. And, on the report, it had ten cars that we had on the report two years ago and they are asking for twelve and there are twelve employees. So, I guess my question is that with the number of cars that we have with each one of the departments, are these cars being taken home by the people in the departments on a daily basis or a weekend? Do they have an expense report? I also learned that if you take a car home, you have to report it on your W-2 form. So, those are just some of the questions that I am kind of curious about. Are they keeping the cars here and then they drive their own car here and then they use them while they are

working or do they use them all weekend long?

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, yes. Councilmember Joe Hafner said, I think on the take home, it is not just if you take it home, it is if you use it for personal reasons. I know, like police, they take home cars but I don't think they drive it to the grocery store on the weekends. Ms. Lack said, right. Councilmember Hafner said, there is more to it than just taking it home. It is not that simple. You have to use it for personal reasons and that is when the IRS tables and stuff come in, but, I mean, there are several layers to the onion. I think a lot of time is spent by the departments and the department heads going through this. Mayor Copenhaver said, we are really pulling this together and tightening the stirrups so to speak. Ms. Lack said, I appreciate that. Mayor Copenhaver said, in that, Steve is there anything else that you would like to add to that why we are on this subject? Finance Director Steve Purtee nodded his head no. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, thank you. Councilmember Chris Moore said, and I don't know and it may go to Ms. Lack's questions, but we just had an auction three weeks ago and we had a variety of city vehicles that were being disposed of. So, the vehicles on your list from two years ago, we are not adding the new vehicles and keeping them all. Is that what you are getting at? Ms. Lack said, I guess that is what I am asking. I feel like we have a lot of vehicles and I understand that there is going to be a shortage and I appreciate the tightening the budget part of it because even with used cars now they are selling for more. We have a lot of cars that we could make a little bit of money on. I guess when you look at the amount of it, it is just a concern I think that citizens have when looking at the dollar amount, but if we are tightening up the budget and we are looking at the cars, that is what we need to do. So, it was just a question that needed to be addressed. Councilmember Moore said, I also have to say that I was at the auction. Ms. Lack asked, did you buy one? Councilmember Moore said, no, they were pretty despicable. By the time the city was done with them Patti, the city had gotten every mile out of them and I don't think that there was a single one that was auctioned off that didn't have some mechanical problem. They pass them down and use them until they are just about, well, they are beyond serviceable on most of them. Ms. Lack said, okay, well, I just wanted to make sure and I realize that and I appreciate you using the money the way that we need to and not spending it just on the wants part of it. So, thank you.

Mayor Copenhaver said, and well, again, to add to that, we had a lot more requests than what is on this page. And, we went to the departments and said we need to know truly why and what your need is for that vehicle and how to address that moving forward in your department. So, again, we have addressed all of that here. The availability and timing of this is important because vehicles that we asked for earlier in January, we still have not received. We are just now receiving some. And, so, with the availability of this, we are able to move forward saving taxpayer dollars instead of moving into next year when the vehicle prices could be higher. Ms. Lack said, sure. Alright, I appreciate it. Thank you. Councilmember John Street said, Mayor, just something to add, a lot of people don't realize that a lot of our departments get called out at night for various reasons. So, they may take that vehicle home, but if the Street Department has to come out in a flood to do something or block off a road because a culvert washed out or the Engineering Department has to go out to fix a traffic signal that has been damaged or struck by lightning or something, so many of our different departments have to have a vehicle to go out to take care of these things after normal hours. Mayor Copenhaver said, well said, well said, thank you. Councilmember Joe Hafner said, just to be clear too, Legislative Audit was checked with concerning the establishment of this equipment depreciation fund and they were perfectly fine with it. I know it is a new fund, but Legislative Audit did check off on it. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you Mr. Councilmember.

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Chris Gibson and David McClain

Enactment No: R-EN-245-2021

6. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING

[RES-21:271](#)

A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A HEARING ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST FOR RIVER ADVERTISING, 2701 PAULA DRIVE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Attachments: [Letter of Request for Appeal Hearing on CU](#)
[Application](#)
[Narrative](#)
[Site Plan](#)
[Staff Summary - 2701 Paula Drive](#)
[Aerial View](#)
[Photo - Current View from East](#)
[Photo - Current View from West](#)
[Photo - Location](#)
[Adjoining Property Owner Notification](#)
[Certified Mail Receipt](#)

Councilmember Joe Hafner said, can I ask a question on that for clarification? So, if we vote to hear this appeal, will we be hearing specifically the amended motion that they denied about the 12'x48' sign or will we be hearing the original? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, yes, it would be an appeal of the denial so I guess it would be the amended motion that they agreed to. Councilmember Hafner said, because the original request was for a 14'x48' sign which they said is industry standard. So, I am just kind of wondering. Ms. Duncan said, it would be what MAPC voted on. MAPC voted on the amended request per the applicant. So, the appeal would be from the amended request. Councilmember Hafner said, so, if we, perhaps, overturn the appeal, they would still have to do a 12'x48' sign instead of the standard sign. Ms. Duncan said, yes. Councilmember Hafner said, interesting, okay. Councilmember Chris Moore asked, also while we are talking about the technical aspect, an appeal of the MAPC would typically have not overturned unless someone can show a defect in the decision. Ms. Duncan said, right. Councilmember Moore asked, did the proponents file with their request for a hearing the reasons for the appeal? Because just to hear an appeal on an appeal's basis without a reason, seems to be in error. Ms. Duncan said, it is attached to the record what all they filed, but I don't know. Councilmember Moore said, I would think that a proponent would have to present the reason for appeal. As Charles has said in the past, we would have to have a reason to overthrow the MAPC decision. Councilmember Charles Frierson said, and to get to that point, we need someone from MAPC telling us why the aspects and why they turned it down and we don't have that

very often. Ms. Duncan said, well, you will have the minutes from the MAPC meeting explaining why. Councilmember Frierson said, well, minutes are one thing. Who knows whether they are totally reflective of what happened. Ms. Duncan said, well, we hope they are. They are the minutes. Councilmember Moore said, let's just leave it as this. Mayor would you ask the proponent to send out a request for. Ms. Duncan said, they sent a letter explaining their appeal. It is attached in the record. If you look at their letter, it says the current zoning of the land is C-3 which by definition allows billboards and then they go into their explanation as to why. I mean they don't really say why they think why MAPC was wrong, but they say why they say they should be allowed to have it. Councilmember Moore asked, is it on Legistar? Ms. Duncan said, yes. Councilmember Moore said, okay, well, I would expect that they would have to make the case of how the MAPC erred at the meeting or else the MAPC decision would stand. Ms. Duncan said, right. Councilmember Moore asked, is it on Legistar? Ms. Duncan said, it is on Legistar. Councilmember Moore said, alright, I will look at it. Thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, full documentation, pictures and aerial photos as well on this are on Legistar. Councilmember Moore asked, was that at 5:20 p.m.? Mayor Copenhaver said, 5:20 p.m., yes sir.

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Chris Gibson and David McClain

Enactment No: R-EN-246-2021

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-21:051](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD TO PROVIDE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR 2022

Attachments: [ER App - Med](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-21:051 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, motioned to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, I would like to make a comment and I do appreciate the hard work of Dewayne Douglas and our Human Resources Department. And, Steve, as well, from our Finance Department in moving forward with this. This was a group effort. The original quote came back at 18 ½ percent for the city, that is based off of claims, as many of you all are aware. And, we worked very diligently to work with a solution for this. We got it down to 3 ½ percent and in this market that is very uncanny and we are very proud of what we were able to achieve. So, let me show you the impact. The city's total premium with Blue Cross Blue Shield is \$6 million a year. The city pays 71% of that which is \$4.3 million. But, the net result to each employee, if you are an individual, the result is \$2.55 a paycheck and as a family, it is \$5.47 a paycheck. So, we hope that we have done a good service to our employees because they are a key asset to our community and this is one of the big benefits and the

reasons why they are working here. I appreciate your support council by approving this.

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Chris Gibson and David McClain

Enactment No: O-EN-046-2021

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-21:043](#) AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Held at second reading

[ORD-21:047](#) AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ACTIVE NETWORK, LLC. FOR HOSTED REGISTRATION SOFTWARE FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [10.26.2021 Activenet Jonesboro - ANet_V1_6.30.21](#)
[10.26.2021 ActiveNet Jonesboro City of Sole Source Letter 08-18-21](#)
[10.26.2021 Active Net Breakdown](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-21:048](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 62 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES LEVYING A FOUR PERCENT (4%) GROSS RECEIPT TAX ON THE RENTING, LEASING, OR OTHERWISE FURNISHING OF HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Attachments: [Citizen Comment](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-21:050](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4600 E NETTLETON AVENUE

Attachments: [Minutes - Rezoning RZ 21-14 - 4600 E Nettleton](#)
[REZONING PLAT](#)
[Application](#)
[Arial View](#)
[Certified Mail Receipts](#)
[Mailing Receipt](#)
[Neighborhood Statement](#)
[Rezoning Sign Photos](#)
[Staff Summary](#)
[Warranty Deed](#)

Held at second reading

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority at Arkansas State University put together a big effort for tomorrow which is Purple Rain Day. We are asking everyone and anyone to wear purple for awareness of March of Dimes in an effort to prevent birth defects and infant mortality. November is a prematurity awareness month and tomorrow is a World Prematurity Day. The March of Dimes is one of the most honorable non-profits we can support. So, I commend the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta and ask everyone to join them tomorrow in wearing as much purple as possible to raise awareness for this cause.

This week I learned of the retirement of another non-profit leader in Jonesboro, Nanette Heard is retiring as Executive Director of United Way and this ends a long period of service in which Nanette, as many of you know, has served the United Way and she has almost become a synonymous name in Jonesboro. She is a wonderful lady and has served up to twelve years as their Director and almost two decades working with an organization in our city. We will definitely miss Nanette, but we are wishing her the best in her newfound venture and retirement.

Last week, ARDot Director Lorie Tudor came to town. We had great conversations and this is important on moving our community forward through the next decade. Alec Farmer and I visited with her for countless hours. We also went around the community showing her updates to jobs that we have on-going in the community, but jobs that we want to accomplish in the future. We wanted to show her the vision of Jonesboro moving forward. So, it is all about connectivity to the rest of the state. We had some great discussions and we saw Ms. Tudor and her response. And, she loves the future growth of this community and what we are investing and willing to put forth as a partnership with ARDot moving forward.

Finally, a gentleman approached me this week and in recent months about offering a potential new green space at a deeply discounted price to the city. While we haven't had anything to announce because it hasn't gotten to this stage, it has generated some speculation, premature speculation, but, none the less, a mix of praise and concern from some of the residents where the property is located. We have held a couple of informational gathering sessions with some concerned neighbors. But, we want to have more broader meetings with residents after Thanksgiving to determine whether it is a worthwhile or appropriate fit of a city investment. Right now, it is a puzzle. It doesn't have any of the pieces put together, but we are doing our due diligence to look at all of the sides of the issue as we would for any offer of this type.

Fire Chief Kevin Miller and I met with members of the ASU Chancellor's Leadership Class last night at Fire Station One. We had a great visit and the class had a lot of questions and ideas about both the Fire Department and the city as a whole. We hope to see more of them in the future. And, I want to say that Chief Miller did an excellent job in his presentation and he connected well with the community and they did have a lot of questions and it was good to see. They want to get involved with the Fire Department and help promote them.

Riceland Foods, this past weekend, I enjoyed their celebration of 100 years of Riceland Foods out at Embassy Suites. We visited with many area farmers. Many of you that are in this room know that they have been in this community a long time. We are proud of Riceland and it is one of the biggest economic drivers in our community in Northeast Arkansas.

As we get ready for Thanksgiving, there are a few things that I want to say that I am especially grateful for. We had a few First Responders injured on the job this past month and I am thankful to say that they will make full recoveries. We appreciate their service. I am thankful to be Mayor of such a supportive, benevolent and caring city, as well as, a family that supports my commitment to do this job. I am thankful for the incredible staff of the City of Jonesboro. And, especially this year, thank you all to our medical professionals as they have shown remarkable strength and stamina during the hardest times of modern history.

[COM-21:050](#)

SEPTEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attachments: [Financials Overview September 2021](#)
[Schedule of Changes in F.B. and Required Reserve Report September 2021](#)
[Schedule of Revenue vs. Expense September 2021](#)
[Schedule of O&M Departmental Overview September 2021](#)
[Schedule of Fixed Asset and Cap. Imp. Detail September 2021](#)
[Deposit Collateralization Report September 2021](#)
[Sales Tax Report \(Combined\) September 2021](#)
[State Turnback Report \(Combined\) September 2021](#)
[Highway Sales Tax Report September 2021](#)

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I will just say briefly, Mayor, I thought you all did a good job with the auto schedule and thought that made a lot of sense. Thanks for bringing that to us. And, I will say too, and I know I visited with Brian and you Mayor and other folks that you know I hope we can take a good look at bike lanes. I road in Searcy today. I rode in Conway through their downtown here in this last week or two and I know as we have kind of all talked it doesn't cost all that much money and can do a lot of good while we work on some of the bigger pieces of the puzzle. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I would just like to recognize Tony Thomas and his daughter. I saw them on tv. She had a full ride scholarship. I would like to congratulate them on that. I know he is excited. Mayor Copenhaver said, he is. Councilmember

Moore said, thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Chris Gibson and David McClain

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

April Leggett, City Clerk