



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, June 5, 2012

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

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

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

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

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

#### 3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

**Present** 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**COM-12:035** Centerpoint Energy check presentation by District Manager Terry Rollins to Mayor Harold Perrin and Grants Administrator Heather Clements

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

*Mr. Rollins presented the City with a \$2,500 check to help with fire protection grant funding for combustible gas indicators.*

**This item was Read.**

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

##### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

**MIN-12:043** Minutes for the City Council meeting on May 15, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

**A motion was made that this Minutes be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE**

**RES-12:064** RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ADOPT A REVISED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Human Resources

Attachments: [Clean Handbook 2012](#)  
[PROPOSED HANDBOOK REVISIONS](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-077-2012

**RES-12:069** A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH CHICK-FIL-A FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A OUTFIELD SIGN AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Chick-fil-A](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-078-2012

**RES-12:070** A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH DAIRY QUEEN FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A CONCESSION STAND SIGN AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Dairy Queen](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-079-2012

**RES-12:076** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANTS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FY 2012 BYRNE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INNOVATION PROGRAM TO ENHANCE THE NORTH JONESBORO NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE BY ADDING A CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY TO THE REVITALIZATION EFFORT.

Sponsors: Grants and Police Department

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-080-2012

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**COM-12:036** Request by Grayson Investments to set an appeal hearing regarding the denial by the MAPC to rezone property located at 3701 East Johnson Avenue to modify the existing C-3 L.U.O. to provide for additional uses

**Attachments:** [Appeal Letter](#)  
[MAPC Report](#)  
[MAPC Record of Proceedings](#)  
[Plat](#)  
[Proposed ordinance](#)

The appeal hearing was set for June 19, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

#### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

**ORD-12:025** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE CITY SALARY & ADMINISTRATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ADD A TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ENGINEER IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Sponsors:** Engineering and Human Resources

**Attachments:** [Traffic Operations Engineer](#)

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

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

*Councilman Dover asked for details regarding the position. Mayor Perrin explained they have been talking for some time about traffic signalization. The City recently purchased the hardware and software for signalization. They felt like the City needed an engineer to sync the lights and any additional signalization for the City. He noted the City is growing very rapidly and needs a traffic engineer on staff. Councilman Moore questioned whether the position will be held by a professional engineer. Mayor Perrin answered yes.*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-019-2012

**ORD-12:026** AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT FROM RITTER COMMUNICATIONS OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

**Sponsors:** Information Systems

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

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

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-020-2012

**ORD-12:029**

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MEMBER OF THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Finance

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

*Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Woods who abstained from voting.*

*Councilman Frierson asked for clarification regarding the ordinance. Mayor Perrin explained this ordinance and the ordinance next on the agenda acknowledge two Council members who have relations to agencies that receive funds from the City of Jonesboro. He noted this ordinance is for Councilman Woods, who serves on the Advertising & Promotions Commission as well as working for City Youth Ministries. The next ordinance is for Councilman Coleman, who formed a non-profit organization that will receive grant funding.*

*After passage of the ordinance, Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Woods who abstained from voting.*

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

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

**Abstain:** 1 - Rennell Woods

Enactment No: O-EN-021-2012

**ORD-12:030**

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A MEMBER OF THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Sponsors:** Finance

*Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

*Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Coleman who abstained from voting.*

*After passage of the ordinance, Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by*

*Councilman Gibson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Coleman who abstained from voting.*

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

**Aye:** 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

**Abstain:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-022-2012

**ORD-12:031**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXECUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT TO BE ISSUED TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

**Sponsors:** Finance

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

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

*Mayor Perrin explained every year the City gets a letter of credit from the bank due to the methane gas at the landfill. He noted the letter of credit is just for liability purposes.*

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

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-023-2012

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING*

**ORD-12:028**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2217 WEST PARKER ROAD AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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

*Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. Councilman Vance noted this is the rezoning*

*the Council agreed at the last meeting to read at three separate meetings. Councilman Moore withdrew his motion. Councilman Street withdrew his second.*

**This ordinance was Held at second reading.**

#### ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

**ORD-12:027**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1925 SOUTH MAIN STREET AS REQUESTED BY SOUTHERN BANK

**Attachments:**    [Rezoning Plat](#)  
                          [MAPC Report](#)  
                          [Application](#)  
                          [Concept Plan Layout](#)  
                          [Supporting documentation from Jonesboro School District](#)

*After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt 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 by a unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-024-2012

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

*Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:*

*Fire Station #4 is up and running. They will be putting disaster recovery equipment in there.*

*They were notified yesterday the City will be receiving \$100,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation. The City has been working on the grant for two years with the assistance of Councilman Coleman. He thanked Councilman Coleman for his hard work. The funding will go towards the North Jonesboro Initiative.*

*81 softball teams were present for a tournament at the Southside Softball Complex this past weekend. The gates and concession stand took in \$43,758 over the weekend.*

*He thanked the Jonesboro Police Department's bike patrol for riding around and speaking with the people around town. He received numerous compliments about that.*

*The YMCA pool renovation is on schedule. They are shooting for July 2nd completion.*

*A few years ago, Senator Bookout helped the City get a \$75,000 grant to set up a studio to make videos for Channel 24. The City received a Telly Award.*

*The bridge on Bridge Street will close on June 19th and be out until November. The*

*Matthews bridge is out and will be back open before school starts.*

*Bids for Barnhill Road improvements will go out this weekend. The road and shoulders will be widened. EDA grant funding will be used to make the improvements.*

*Mr. Jack Turner has worked on the City website and it is now able to be translated into different languages, such as Spanish or Chinese.*

*He met with Legislative Audit yesterday and the Council will be pleased with the audit. Councilwoman Williams will join him for the final interview when Legislative Audit comes back. He commended the Finance Department for their work.*

## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and add RES-12:079 and RES-12:077 to the agenda. All voted aye.*

### **RES-12:079**

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE AND ABANDON ROLAND STREET (A 50' ROAD RIGHT OF WAY) AND LOGAN STREET EAST OF ROLAND STREET (A 50' ROAD RIGHT OF WAY) AS PETITIONED BY JONESBORO REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS CO., INC.

**Sponsors:** Planning and Engineering

**Attachments:** [Roland-Logan Closing Documents](#)  
[Abandonment Drawing](#)

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-081-2012

### **RES-12:077**

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR AN ORIGIN AND DESTINATION STUDY

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

**Attachments:** [Agreement of Understanding Origin & Destination Study](#)

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-082-2012

*Councilman Street reminded everyone of the Ward 4 meeting Thursday night, June 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the Earl Bell Community Center.*

*Councilman Johnson thanked the Mayor for the tour of the new public works facility. He commended the Mayor for his effort in getting the project done.*

*Councilman McCall asked for a status update regarding the portion of Matthews Avenue near the Marion Berry Overpass that is currently closed off. Mayor Perrin explained ASU is using Jacobs Engineering in Little Rock. They are redrawing the Matthews extension and needed additional right-of-way from the Country Club. Construction shouldn't take that long. They hope to have it open by the end of August.*

*Councilman Fears reminded everyone of the Bikers Classic that is starting this Thursday, June 7.*

*Councilman Gibson asked for an update concerning the double right-hand turn lane at Johnson Avenue and Highway 49. Mayor Perrin stated the Highway Department is in charge of that project, so he is unsure when it will be completed.*

*Councilwoman Williams discussed the Fisher Street railroad crossing. She noted it is very hazardous with no arms. She added there are spikes sticking up in the crossing. She stated that crossing will be used more when Bridge Street is closed. Dr. Coleman also stated city law says trains can only sit at an intersection for 15 minutes, but trains sit at that intersection a lot longer than 15 minutes. Mayor Perrin explained they have contacted the railroad companies concerning the length of time trains sit on the tracks and block intersections. He stated they will also talk with the railroads concerning the condition of the intersection.*

*Mayor Perrin referred to the Matthews Avenue question that was brought up earlier and added they have requested the landscaping be done on Caraway where the road is blocked off. Right now there are only concrete barriers and they would like to get the landscaping done. Councilman Moore then questioned who mows the grass on the north side of the tracks near Matthews and the tracks. Mayor Perrin answered it is his understanding it is the responsibility of ASU, but he asked for clarity from ASU because the grass got too high.*

*Councilman Coleman announced a presentation on June 13th at 11:00 a.m. to commend the supporters of the community gardens. He invited the Council to attend the presentation. He noted Councilman Moore donated a lot of work to put in water lines.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Ms. Amanda Vick, 6601 S. Caraway, discussed the community centers. She explained she has volunteered to coach volleyball for City Stars and Junior Olympics. She further explained she and her players have been harassed by some of the other players at the community center and has discussed the situation with Parks employee Brad Welbourne and Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler, who stated the situation would be taken care of. She then stated she recently got a call from the Parks Department telling her she would have to pay \$35 to play volleyball and put up a net at the community center because basketball is the dominate sport. She questioned who decided basketball is the dominate sport and why she has to pay to play volleyball. She added she was told there was no room for volleyball, but there is a volleyball court.*



*Mr. Huffstetler explained the community centers are open on a first come, first serve basis. He noted basketball is the dominate sport in the state of Arkansas and there are people waiting from opening until 3:30 every day to play on the basketball courts. He further explained they can't go in and ask those kids who have been waiting all day to leave so a volleyball net can be put up. He noted if a sport other than basketball is going to be played on the court, then reservations have to be made. He added the amount that is charged is a policy that was set by City Council long before he started working for the City. He stated Junior Olympic volleyball, as well as other associations, have reserved the gym to play there and they paid every time they used the courts.*

*Ms. Vicks explained she would like all kids to have a safe place to go. Councilman Woods asked if he could visit with her before she leaves the meeting.*

*Ms. Carol Ferguson, 1849 Green in Bono, stated she appreciates City Youth Ministries. She explained Ms. Vicks is her daughter and she has enjoyed watching the kids playing sports. She noted a lot of kids' parents don't have the money to reserve courts in order to play. She further discussed expanding the sports offers to kids in the City in order to give them any chance to play.*

*Councilman Johnson asked if there is a place in the community centers that can accommodate a volleyball court. He also suggested if there isn't a place at this time that when the YMCA building is renovated a court be made there. Mayor Perrin stated he will meet with Mr. Huffstetler and come back with information.*

*Councilman Gibson noted Ms. Vicks stated there are two basketball courts and one volleyball court set up in the facility. He questioned why the volleyball court isn't being utilized for volleyball. Mr. Huffstetler explained it is his understanding the net will extend from one side to the other on the courts, which will block other courts. He noted even when basketball is being played there is a curtain separating the courts so the players can have privacy on each side. Mayor Perrin added the YMCA building also has only one court.*

*Ms. Madison Hardin, 1762 CR 318, explained she is a volleyball player with Ms. Vicks and expressed concern about not being able to practice. She noted she can't play Junior Olympics, so Ms. Vicks is helping her get better at volleyball.*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

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Harold Perrin, Mayor                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:**

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Donna Jackson, City Clerk                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_