



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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

Absent 1 - Chris Moore

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-15:035](#) Update from Executive Director Kristi Pulliam of the Foundation of Arts

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Ms. Pulliam was not in attendance. The presentation will be held at a future date.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

[MIN-15:059](#) Minutes for the City Council meeting on June 2, 2015

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

[RES-15:085](#) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND FLASHING BEACON LIGHT

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-078-2015

[RES-15:086](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM JONATHAN DODSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Permanent Drainage Easement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-079-2015

[RES-15:088](#) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 713 SOUTH CARAWAY ROAD FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: JETS

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-080-2015

[RES-15:090](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2015 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LOCAL SOLICITATION JAG (JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT) GRANT

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [MOU Letter with County.docx](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-081-2015

[RES-15:092](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH JONESBORO RADIO GROUP FOR RENTAL OF SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [jonesboro radio group 4th july contract.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-082-2015

[RES-15:093](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF JONESBORO MAYOR TO RELEASE THE

LIEN ON PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED: LOT 2, OF BEACONS AND BRIDGES FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, REPLAT OF LOTS 6, 7 AND 8 OF WATKINS SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET "C" PAGE 193 IN THE RECORDS OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY RECORD.

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Commit A.pdf](#)
JBcopier@lenderstitle.com [20150602_104727.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-083-2015

6. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-15:056

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 409 N Fisher t. Owner Paul D Gambill (Deceased) Hier Joshua Gambill.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [County Data 409](#)
[Inspection report \(2\)](#)
[100_5096](#)
[100_5097](#)
[100_5098](#)
[100_5099](#)
[100_5100](#)
[409 Fisher Case File](#)

No one spoke concerning the condemnation.

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-084-2015

RES-15:057

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 700 Cate, owner Samuel A. Rosse III.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [County Data Rosse](#)
 [Home Ice inspection report](#)
 [Home Ice case file](#)
 [025](#)
 [021](#)
 [030](#)
 [022](#)
 [023](#)

Dan Hancock, a Little Rock attorney representing Mr. Rossee, explained he has spoken with the City Attorney's Office and the Code Enforcement Department concerning this condemnation. Based on the situation with Mr. Rossee, he accepted service on him with respect to the condemnation proceeding. Mr. Rossee is currently in the Bureau of Prisons in Atlanta, so he needs extra time confer with him as to how to proceed with the condemnation. Mr. Hancock reported that there have been significant improvements made since the first violation, but issues with the structural integrity need more time.

Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner stated he has spoken with Mr. Hancock. The external issues with the property have been addressed. Their main concern is the structural integrity. Mr. Hancock has received an engineer's report from Dr. Parsons as to the structure of the building.

Councilman Woods asked for clarification as to what they mean by problems with the structural integrity. Mr. Tyner explained they had Dr. Parsons, a structural engineer, look at the structural components of the building. Dr. Parsons noted some deficiencies that caused some concerns. The walls are bowed out and have been deemed insufficient. There's issues with the flooring and the items that are holding the building up.

Councilman Dover asked what Mr. Hancock's client's use for the building. Mr. Hancock explained ultimately it will be repaired and returned to its previous use. Or, it will be otherwise disposed of. One of the issues is there are some items stored in the building that would need to be removed and some items that remain from it being an ice plant. The remnants have monetary value.

Councilman Johnson asked if the property is secure from a security standpoint. Mr. Tyner answered Ms. Segal has chained the doors and has put up a temporary fence. Since Ms. Segal put up the fence they have not been able to access the property. To the best of his knowledge, it's secure.

Councilman Street asked what the opinion is as to allowing more time. Mr. Tyner stated after speaking with the City Attorney's Office he doesn't see a problem with allowing an allotted amount of time so Mr. Hancock can speak with Mr. Rossee and determine his wants for the building.

Councilman Vance then questioned how long Mr. Rossee would have to purchase a building permit if the condemnation continued. Mr. Tyner explained under their guidelines Mr. Rossee would have 30 days to buy a permit and get started. After that, the decision to extend the permit would be left to the building inspector.

Councilman Gibson asked how long of an extension Mr. Hancock would like. Mr. Hancock answered he would like four weeks.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman

Charles Frierson, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily until the second Council meeting in July. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

RES-15:058

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 517 & 517 1/2 W. Matthews, Owner: Antunette Bynum Gordon, Minnie Walls (deceased); heirs: Adrienne Bynum, Briana Mitchell, Brian Mitchell, and Brittany Mitchell.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [517 W. Matthews inspection report](#)

[County Data Gordon](#)

[517 W. Matthews case file](#)

[024](#)

[025](#)

[026](#)

[027](#)

[028](#)

[029](#)

[030](#)

[031](#)

[032](#)

[033](#)

No one spoke concerning the condemnation.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-085-2015

RES-15:059

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 1918 N. Culberhouse #5 & #19, Owner: Derek and Erika Foyt.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

- Attachments:** [Foyt inspection report](#)
[County Data Foyt](#)
[1918 N. Culberhouse #5](#)
[1918 N. Culberhouse #19](#)
[002](#)
[003](#)
[004](#)
[006](#)
[007](#)
[009](#)

No one spoke concerning the condemnation.

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-086-2015

RES-15:075

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 410 Ridgecrest Owner: Cleo Black (Deceased) Hiers Cindy (Black) Jones & Rick Black

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

- Attachments:** [County Data 410 Ridgecrest Cir](#)
[Inspection Report 410](#)
[Case File](#)
[100 4486](#)
[100 4487](#)
[100 4488](#)
[100 4489](#)
[100 4490](#)
[100 4491](#)

No one spoke concerning the condemnation.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-087-2015

RES-15:084

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 4004 E Highland Dr, Owner: Kevin K. Kissee

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [County Data 4004](#)
[Inspection Report](#)
[Case File](#)
[100 4980](#)
[100 4981](#)
[100 4982](#)
[100 4983](#)
[100 4984](#)
[100 4985](#)
[100 4986](#)
[100 4987](#)
[100 4988](#)
[100 4989](#)

No one spoke concerning the condemnation.

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-088-2015

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-15:028

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE TO THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Inspections

Attachments: [Email of Support](#)
[Opposition Letters](#)

Mayor Perrin explained they have received a significant amount of feedback concerning the ordinance. They feel the ordinance is lacking in areas such as enforcement and the administration of the code that should be included before adoption. Based on discussions with the City Attorney's Office, as well as with other discussions held at the public hearing last week, he asked the Council to table the ordinance until October 6th. They will make the necessary changes and come back with a good ordinance that address the issue that have been identified as needing to be worked on.

Councilman Street asked if this would go back to the Public Safety Committee. Mayor

Perrin explained he plans on adding more people to the working committee and having them review the code. Public hearings will also be held before it goes back to the Council. He will also be sure to include the Council in the progress of the ordinance.

Councilman Dover questioned when the additional members of the committee will be appointed. Mayor Perrin stated he should have those ready before the next Council meeting. He further explained he wants the ordinance to be very clear so everyone knows what is being adopted.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Charles Frierson, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily until October 6. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-15:029

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 2814 WOOD STREET AS REQUESTED BY JET PROPERTIES

Attachments: [Withdrawal Letter](#)
[Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Letter from Cathedral Baptist Church](#)

Mayor Perrin stated he received a letter from the applicant requesting that the ordinance be withdrawn.

Councilman McCall asked if the ordinance was brought if it would have to go through the process again. Mayor Perrin answered yes. Councilman Burton asked if there's a timeframe in which the process can be started over. Councilman Street stated six months.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

The street state aid program bids came in last week at \$199,000. Jonesboro was approved for \$250,000 from the State of Arkansas Street State Aid Committee. This will give the city the money for an overlay across all five lanes of Caraway Road down to Phillips Drive. With the extra money, the city will do an overlay on Fairpark Blvd to Race Street and then from Race Street to Bernard. The overlay on Bernard will start tomorrow.

He visited with Police Chief Rick Elliott to start a litter control campaign. As he rides around the city at night, it appears to him the city has a litter problem that needs to be taken care of. The city's quality of life is very high and they would like to keep it that way.

Next week is the Municipal League's summer conference. There are a lot of great workshops lined up.

They have started working on improving Union Street. They will be putting in several things around City Youth and down Union Street. They are continuing to enhance the downtown area.

Work is continuing at the new parking lot at Joe Mack Campbell Park. The county is loaning the city trucks to help with the work. Work should be done before the Cal Ripken World Series in August.

Sage Meadows Road is being worked on by the county. The county will do the road work while the city pays for the materials. This will provide residents with a second way out of Sage Meadows.

The Race Street widening project will start next week. He will be speaking with the Highway Department tomorrow to see if funds can be transferred in order to finish the project this year.

City Engineer Craig Light and Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols have met with Bridgefarmer concerning the overpass on Highway 18. They received the contract and the company is ahead on the design work and obtaining right of ways. They have also already been working with the railroad companies.

COM-15:037

Airport Commission financial statement for May, 2015

Sponsors: Municipal Airport Commission

Attachments: [Financial Statement](#)

This item was Filed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street asked what the timeline is for the Parker Road extension from Strawfloor to Washington. Mayor Perrin stated he will be discussing that also with the Highway Department tomorrow. It's his understanding the plans are at the Highway Department and have asked for permission to start obtaining right of ways.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-15:094 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-15:094

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE FOR PROPERTIES INVOLVED IN THE ROUNDABOUT PROJECT ON AIRPORT AND AGGIE ROADS IN JONESBORO

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman

Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-089-2015

Councilman Woods questioned a condemnation that was on the agenda earlier in the meeting. He asked if all of the children of the property owner were contacted. The property owner was killed several years ago. Lt. Todd Nelson stated all of the people who they were required to contact have been contacted.

Councilman Woods commended Parks Director Wixson Huffstetter for being listed as one of the 12 most influential people in the state in a magazine recently.

Councilman Woods thanked the Mayor for holding the public hearing last week and thanked the citizens who sent emails concerning the property maintenance code.

Councilman Gibson asked if all the submissions concerning change to the rules and procedures have been received and sent out to the Council members. City Clerk Donna Jackson answered yes. Councilman Gibson asked that all of the Council members review the submissions and he will set up a follow-up meeting at the next Council meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Watkins, a resident of Jonesboro, thanked the Council and the Mayor for working diligently to have a better, cleaner Jonesboro. He provided the Council with pamphlets concerning rental property.

Gary Buck, 2005 Edgewood, stated there is a problem with discipline in schools. He questioned whether the city could do something to encourage parents to take responsibility for their children, such as newspaper articles or billboards.

Tommy Baker, 1404 Crepe Myrtle, asked who is responsible for the ditch in that area. There are limbs hanging over his fence from that ditch. He would like the ditch to be cleaned out and the limbs cut. Mayor Perrin stated they will send someone out in the morning to look at the area to determine who is responsible for the ditch. If it's the city's responsibility, the ditch will be cleaned out and the limbs cut. Councilman McCall explained in years past that ditch has been cleaned out by prisoners performing community service, but it's been a while since that's happened. Mayor Perrin stated they are still using prisoners to clean out the ditches and have already cleaned out several this year.

Dan Pasmore, Highway 351, asked about the floodplain in the Fairview Subdivision. Mayor Perrin explained the city has not gotten the necessary paperwork from FEMA. The city can't do anything until they get permission from FEMA to move forward.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk