



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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

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FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

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In the absence of Mayor Perrin, President Pro Tempore Moore presided over the meeting.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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Ms. Abbey Cartwright of Southwest Church of Christ led the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-17:031 Land Bank MOU Discussion - Craig Light

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Attachments: [Map](#)

City Engineer Craig Light explained on the staff level they met with some representatives of the City of Little Rock to discuss their land bank. They presented to the Engineering Department a map which was their starting point for creating a land bank a few years. The Mayor asked them to prepare a similar map for

Jonesboro. It is a representation of vacant properties in the city, both residential and commercial, based off records from the county. See attached map. There's about 2,800 vacant residential lots and 650 vacant commercial lots. They also plotted active tax liens for things such as mowing. There's 139 active liens in the city. They also mapped the condemned or demolished homes since 2009 where the city condemned or the property owner demolished the structure. There's about 330 condemned properties.

Mr. Light stated this is a starting point for them to continue to explore the possibility of a land bank for Jonesboro. They're looking at how they can take the areas where there's a large concentration of vacant lots or condemned properties and revitalize them or get them to be redeveloped into single-family residential. What Little Rock has done is to create a land bank where they have a full-time staff that manages that, including the buying and selling of properties, financing mortgages. They do a lot of things to help redevelop the vacant lots in areas that they have identified as being hot spot areas. Little Rock has been doing it for about nine years now.

He further explained Little Rock presented them with their ordinances and rules for their setup. They're just now digesting that information. They hope to come back to Council with a plan for Council to make something similar in Jonesboro. The Mayor wanted him to present the map so the Council members can begin looking at those areas that have a high concentration of vacant lots, demolitions, liens and other problem areas.

Councilman McClain asked for clarification as to how the city would acquire the properties. Mr. Light stated the way Little Rock does it is if they have a lien on a piece of property, then they can foreclose on it. Ultimately, they acquire the property through foreclosure or from the property owners who deed it over to the city in lieu of foreclosure. They also receive donations from land owners so the owners can write them off as a tax deduction. They acquire property through a lot of different mechanisms. If there was an area they wanted to see redeveloped, they could purchase property outright for redevelopment. Jonesboro would outline all of those provisions in ordinances that would be adopted. There's a city board – the Residential Housing and Health Care Facilities Board – they are looking at to see if they could play a role in this process. They could possibly be the lead in the process. There's still a lot of discovery to do. Right now, they're looking at coming up with a plan to redevelop those properties. This could facilitate lower cost single-family residential homes being developed, which he thinks Jonesboro has a shortage of.

This item was Filed.

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; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

[MIN-17:053](#) Minutes for the City Council meeting on May 2, 2017

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:042](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS

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Attachments: [Copy of Community Service Worksite Agreement.pdf](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:050](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM MARK WEBB (WOODFIELD PROPERTIES, LLC) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

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Attachments: [Permanent Drainage Easement](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:051](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY TO IMPROVE EXISTING PUBLIC PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

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Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Exhibit B](#)
[Jonesboro Ped Agreement](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:053](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE JONESBORO JETS

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Attachments: [JETS Agreement](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:056](#) A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CRAIGHEAD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS AS IT RELATES TO THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE (JAG) AWARD THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Attachments: [Memorandum of Understanding - Craighead County - JAG](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

RES-17:058

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXECUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT TO BE ISSUED TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (ADEQ)

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Attachments: [Line of Credit for ADEQ](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-17:023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2017 GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN ORDER TO CREATE A PART-TIME SALARY LINE ITEM AND REMOVE A FULL-TIME POSITION FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

Chief Financial Officer Suzanne Allen explained the payroll clerk quite not long ago, so she moved someone from the Collections Department to fill the spot. To give them more flexibility, they would like to remove the empty full-time position in Collections and replace it with two part-time positions. They can then utilize them to fill in when needed. They will also save money in benefits. In addition, if Ms. Coble is out then one of the part-time positions can fill in to answer the phone. It will allow them to cross-train in other department such as Human Resources. One of the people they have offered a job to has HR experience. It is budget savings.

Councilman Dover asked if the positions have started work yet. Ms. Allen stated they hired one person part-time, but she is working full-time at this time. They have another person in mind to hire, but she won't be available until the middle of June. Councilman Dover questioned whether there is a hurry on this.

Councilman Frierson motioned to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. Councilman McClain asked why. Councilman Frierson stated he doesn't see a reason to wait. Councilman Long seconded the motion. Councilman Dover questioned if the Council waits until June if that would be sufficient. Ms. Allen stated the other person they're looking to hire won't be available until mid-June. But, they do have one part-time person working full-time. Councilman Dover asked if that position

has anything to do with this ordinance. Ms. Allen explained she is filling that position, but will go part-time in June when they add the other part-time position.

Councilman Long stated they are removing a full-time position and replacing it with two part-time positions saving on benefits and salaries. Ms. Allen agreed. She noted the two part-timers are being hired in at a grade lower than what is being replaced. They will be saving \$8,000 this year, primarily in benefits but some in lower salary.

Councilman Street noted the ordinance doesn't have an emergency clause so it wouldn't go into effect for 30 days anyway.

All voted aye on Councilman Frierson's motion.

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

ORD-17:025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO ADD \$54,220 FOR TRANSMISSION LINE STRUCTURE RELOCATION FOR PARKER ROAD EXTENSION JOB 100807

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

Councilman Dover asked for clarification on this ordinance. He noted this is for a bill that's almost two years old on the Parker Road Extension project. Mr. Light explained they did the Parker Road project a few years ago and, as part of that, Arkansas Electric Cooperative relocated a power line at the cost of about \$54,000. They didn't receive a bill for that work until this year. It was not included in the budget to pay it. They contacted the Highway Department to see if it could be covered with federal funds used to pay for the project, but all the federal funds on the project have been expended. The city is responsible, per contract, for all remaining bills.

Councilman Hafner noted there were discussions about doing it for free. Mr. Light agreed, adding two years ago Mayor Perrin spoke with someone higher up in the Arkansas Electric Cooperative about doing the work and not billing us for it. Shortly after, the work was done and the city didn't receive a bill. But, he thinks it had more to do with someone retiring from the company and the bill just being pushed aside.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings.

Councilman McClain noted that when the Council waives the second and third readings, they should be stating why. He doesn't have a problem waiving it, but think the reason should be stated.

Councilman Dover amended his motion to include that suspending the rules is due to the fact that this is a two year old bill that the city is just now receiving. Councilman Street seconded the amended motion. 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: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

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RES-17:054

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A 15 FOOT DRAINAGE EASEMENT ACROSS 4221 AND 4225 VILLA COVE AS REQUESTED BY BRIAN AND LINDY CARTER

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[Utility Letters](#)
[Engineering & Planning Dept. Letter](#)

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: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

RES-17:055

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A 15 FOOT DRAINAGE EASEMENT ACROSS 4209 VILLA COVE AS REQUESTED BY TONY AND KIM FUTRELL

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[Engineering & Planning Dept. Letter](#)

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: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-17:019

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND ADOPT ORDINANCES RELATING TO DOWNTOWN PARKING IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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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: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

ORD-17:021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO PD-RM, MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3911 SOUTH CARAWAY ROAD AS REQUESTED BY RONNIE HART AND KAREN WINTERS

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Attachments: [Amended Staff Summary](#)
[3911 S Caraway Application Amendment.pdf](#)
[3911 S Caraway Plat.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary RZ 17-08 3911 South Caraway Road - Council.pdf](#)
[Braxton-Traffic Impact Analysis-April 12, 2017.pdf](#)
[Quit Claim Deed.pdf](#)
[Site Plan.pdf](#)
[Front Elevations.pdf](#)
[Rear Elevations.PDF](#)
[Receipts from Notifications - USPS Receipts.pdf](#)
[Rendering of Project.pdf](#)
[South Baptist Church Letter.pdf](#)
[Updated Access Analysis](#)
[Opposition Presentation](#)
[Opposition Video](#)
[Parker Opposition Letter](#)

Councilman Gibson stated in light of the opposition that has come out in the last week and in order for them to be able to perform due diligence, he would like to temporarily postpone this ordinance until the next Council meeting.

Attorney Nate Looney, 1605 Garland Drive, spoke representing some of the property owners in the area. He stated they appreciate the extra time in order to do due diligence and look into this rezoning. He noted there are several people who made the trip tonight to the meeting. He asked them to stand up to be acknowledged.

Attorney Jim Lyons, representing the applicants, stated they have no objections to

postponing the rezoning.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

ORD-17:022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO C-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3701 E. PARKER ROAD AS REQUESTED BY DAVID BEDNAR, CAROLYN MEYER, AND ELIZABETH MOORE

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Attachments: [3701 E Parker Application for Amendment.pdf](#)
[3701 E Parker Plat.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary.pdf](#)
[Warranty Deed.pdf](#)
[Power of Attorney.pdf](#)
[Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)
[Aerial View of Location.pdf](#)
[Receipts from USPS from Notifications.pdf](#)

Councilman McClain asked if this was behind the Caterpillar business. It was answered yes. Councilman McClain then asked if they were changing the zoning in order to expand. City Planner Derrel Smith stated he doesn't know if it will expand, but they will have it for commercial use in that area. Councilman McClain questioned if he knew why they wanted the rezoning. Mr. Smith answered no. He reiterated they asked for commercial zoning. It follows the growth map. Councilman Moore noted the potential use is not a consideration in rezoning because it goes with the property, so it may or may not materialize.

Terry Bare, representing the owners, explained they want to use the area for storage for their heavy equipment. They don't plan on building at this time. It will simply be for storage. Councilman Hafner noted the application says it will be a gravel parking lot. Mr. Bare further explained if you've been by the area there's a great deal of equipment at the adjacent property they use to store things temporarily.

Councilman Long stated he received a call from a resident who lives in the subdivision adjacent to Caterpillar. It seems that whatever they did behind the building in the corner could be causing runoff. Mr. Bare answered they have a detention pond back there. Councilman Long further stated something has happened to cause problems. He had asked the Mayor to look into it to see what is causing it. He wanted to make sure their plans don't exasperate the issue because now they're looking at grass. If they put gravel on it and heavy trucks, then it could cause more runoff.

Councilman McClain added that is what is causing concern for him. A resident at 3800 Gamblin contacted him. Their home had flooded for an unknown reason, but he expressed concern about the area around him being built up more. Mr. Bare noted the developer who purchased the property has been asked to build a new detention

pond along the southern border of the property to try and eliminate flooding in the area, which will be included in the site plan when it's submitted.

Councilman Moore noted the site plan will be presented to the MAPC. Mr. Bare stated he's unsure if the site plan will have to go to the MAPC because he doesn't know if it was a stipulation.

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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This weekend the Sanitation Department will be helping with the Scenic Hills cleanup. He asked everyone to come out and help.

Quality of Life had a condemnation be presented to the Public Safety Committee. Four titles searches have been completed in order to start condemnation. They're moving forward with condemnations. Quality of Life is actively working on problems in the city.

Kids in the Park will be taking place this weekend at Craighead Forest. Communications Director William Campbell clarified the event is being held at University Lions Park, not Craighead Forest. It's the first time Jonesboro has taken part in the event. Lots of different departments will be involved. They're going to have frozen custard and other things for the kids. It will be Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

COM-17:032

Airport Commission financial statement for April 30, 2017

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Attachments: [Financial Statement](#)

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and walk RES-17:059, ORD-17:028 and ORD-17:029 on to the agenda. He asked that they be read in their entirety. All voted aye.

RES-17:059

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH AXON CORPORATION FOR THE DEMONSTRATION AND USE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS AND THE ACCOMPANYING SOFTWARE FOR THOSE CAMERAS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR

Attachments: [AXON BWC, Field Trial Offer - Field Trial Agreement](#)

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: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

ORD-17:028

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RIFLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading.

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

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to adopt the emergency clause. 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: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

ORD-17:029

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2017 E911 FUND BUDGET IN ORDER TO UPGRADE THE CURRENT MAPPING LICENSE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHING & FIELD UNITS
Councilman Johnson offered the ordinance for first reading.

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

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

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

Councilman Johnson added he's glad that some of the items are read in their entirety in order to explain the necessity of moving them forward. Councilman Moore agreed. He added he also agrees with Councilman McClain in that if the rules are going to be

suspended, then a reason should be given as to why.

Councilman Dover recognized some guests from Fox Meadow Intermediate School. Ms. Kim Priest, the Nettleton School District Gifted & Talented Coordinator, stated this year their fourth and fifth grade students have been learning about United States government on the federal, state and local levels. They also studied the presidential election. Jacob Lenderman thanked Mayor Perrin for his time with Fox Meadow and University Heights Schools to speak with the fourth and fifth grade GT students.

Councilman Hafner motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place RES-17:061 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-17:061

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2017 - 2018 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE JONESBORO HOMELESS PREVENTION PROJECT

Attachments: [2017-2018 Emergency Solutions Grant Application - Submission Jonesboro Homeless Prevention Project Narrative](#)
[City of Jonesboro 2017](#)
[ESG CertificationOfLocalGovtApproval](#)
[City of Jonesboro Federal Grant Funds 2015](#)

It was noted the submission deadline is May 30th, which is the reason for the urgency.

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: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman

Councilman Hafner stated at the last meeting he handed out a proposed sidewalk ordinance and asked for discussion about it. He's not trying to fix it overnight. A lot of good discussions are taking place. Hopefully over the summertime they can find something to address their needs.

Councilman Long asked when the last section of the roundabout will be completed. Mr. Light explained they're doing the final hydroseeding of the exposed dirt today. There's a chance it may be open tomorrow. They're trying to do substantial completion and have it this week. Councilman Long then asked if there's been any issues with the roundabout. Mr. Light answered he hasn't heard of any. Councilman Long stated he goes through there every day and it has significantly sped up traffic at that intersection.

Councilman McClain asked Chief Operations Officer Ed Tanner to reiterate some of his comments about the May Use Full Lane signs from the Public Safety Committee meeting earlier today. Mr. Tanner stated the Traffic Control Review Committee met on May 5th and discussed the May Use Full Lane signs for Craighead Forest. There were questions regarding legalities regarding regulatory versus advisory signs and enforcement. They asked the city attorney's office for an opinion about the signs.

They're going to get some more information and come to a conclusion at the next Traffic Control meeting.

Councilman Hafner stated he rides a bicycle and thinks there definitely should be some signage at Craighead Forest. But, concerning the May Use Full Lane signs, he questioned whether there's clearly marked lanes. Mr. Tanner answered no, there's not. Councilman Hafner added he's not sure if that would be the appropriate sign, then, but there definitely needs to be some signage. Mr. Tanner stated they'll take that into consideration at the next Traffic Control meeting. They typically meet quarterly, but they should be able to meet sometime in June. Councilman Moore noted with the warmer weather there's a lot of bicycle traffic. Councilman Johnson added it would be nice if the decision could be made before the next Public Safety Committee meeting in order to get it on the following Council agenda.

Councilman McClain commended the Police Department for their work to apprehend the suspects from the shooting over the weekend. He will be praying for the families involved, on both sides.

Councilman Gibson stated a few weeks ago Mark Hayes, an attorney with the Municipal League, made a presentation to some of the Council members. After that, the city attorney approached him, as chair of the Nominating & Rules Committee, about clarifying which items go before which committee. He will be meeting with City Clerk Donna Jackson about that in order to put together a working document before the second meeting in June.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Erma Hall, 201 West Allen, expressed concern about buildings going up around town that only have one exit. Councilman Moore asked if she is referring to new construction. Ms. Hall answered yes. She has a list of streets with only one exit and questioned how that can be done. She is referring to residences that have just one front door and no back door. She noted apartments on Word, Belt and Bridge all have only one exit. No one could answer her question, so she was told to come to the meeting and that maybe they could answer her questions. Councilman Moore stated since he's not a builder, he doesn't know the answer. He asked that the Mayor contact her to answer her questions.

Fire Chief Kevin Miller explained depending on the size and complexity of the apartment, you are allowed to have one entrance. You have to have more means to get out, but that could be classified as a window. He added it's quite common. Ms. Hall questioned what if someone is disabled and they're unable to climb out of a window. Fire Chief Miller answered that would fall under the tenant's choice to live in that apartment.

Ms. Hall then questioned why some of the intersections have such long wait times. She's timed the intersections at Main & Johnson, Bridge & Johnson and University & Johnson. She has to wait for two minutes at those lights. She expressed concern about people getting anxious at those lights waiting to go and causing accidents. Two minutes is too long.

Ms. Hall asked about kids riding motorcycles without helmets. Councilman Moore noted the state law does not require motorcycle riders to wear helmets.

She explained there's just some codes and laws she doesn't understand. A

motorcycle rider doesn't have to have a helmet, but if someone in a vehicle doesn't have a seat belt on they get in trouble. People don't have any protection on motorcycles. Councilman Moore added it's his understanding kids are supposed to wear helmets, but if you're over 18 then you don't have to wear a helmet.

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Charles Coleman