

## **City of Jonesboro**

Municipal Center 300 S. Church Street Jonesboro, AR 72401

## **Meeting Agenda**

## Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

#### **ELECTION OF A CHAIR**

#### 1. Call To Order

#### 2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

#### 3. Approval of minutes

MIN-22:110 Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on December 13, 2022

Attachments: Minutes

MIN-22:111 Minutes for the Special Called Finance Committee Meeting on December 9, 2022

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Minutes</u>

#### 4. New Business

#### RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-22:256 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING

THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 1400 E. WASHINGTON AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND

MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

**Sponsors:** Engineering

<u>Attachments:</u> Offer and Acceptance - 1400 E Washington Avenue

RES-22:258 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO WITHDRAW THE

CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 301 REEVES STREET, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 301 REEVES STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING

AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

**Sponsors:** Engineering

<u>Attachments:</u> Offer and Acceptance - 301 Reeves Street

RES-22:259 A RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE

BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THREE PICKUP TRUCKS FOR THE

CITY OF JONESBORO

**Sponsors:** Finance

<u>Attachments:</u> 2023 Chevy 1500 Double Cab 4WD Documents

RES-23:001 A RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL DECLARING AN EXCEPTIONAL

SITUATION AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO REPAIR DAMAGE TO

CITY-OWNED INDUSTRIAL TRACK

**Sponsors:** Engineering

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment



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# Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

#### 1. Call To Order

#### 2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Mayor Harold Copenhaver was in attendance

Present 7 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant;Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

#### 3. Approval of minutes

MIN-22:105 Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on November 29, 2022

Attachments: Minutes

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

#### 4. New Business

Chairman Joe Hafner said he was going to change the order up some. First he is going to do RES-22:255.

#### RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-22:237

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCEPT THE FY2022-2023 PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT.

**Sponsors:** Grants and Police Department

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Letter</u>

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Councilmember David McClain asked are these license plate reading cameras or what type of camera are they? Police Department Chief Rick Elliot approached the podium and said the cameras are for our city to add to our Real-time Crime Center, and then there will be some license plate reader cameras also, printers and scanners for the

cars. Then there's a remote camera setup on a small trailer we can pull to any event and it has a large tower we can raise the camera up and oversee that event. We earmarked all this when we applied for the grant and this will kind of help offset some of our expenses in our upcoming budget. It's also replacing some laptops that were aging out in the fleet. Councilmember McClain said ok thank you.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:238

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 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

<u>Attachments:</u> Affidavit of Statutory Lien 204 Woodrow

Council Notice Letter 204 Woodrow

Woodrow 01-144073-23400

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:239

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 339 N FISHER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-13400, OWNED BY RODNEY CRANFORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: 339 N Fisher

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 339 N Fisher
Council Notice Letter 339 N Fisher

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:240

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 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

Attachments: 405 State

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 405 State
Council Notice Letter 405 State

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:241

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 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: 500 Allen

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 500 Allen Council Notice Letter 500 Allen

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:242

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 WOODROW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-18400, OWNED BY ANTHONY MGBODILE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: 500 Woodrow

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 500 Woodrow

Council Notice Letter 500 Woodrow

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Fmison

RES-22:243

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 600/602 N CHURCH, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144074-10300, OWNED BY JACQUELINE STANBACK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

Attachments: 600-602 N Church

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 600 N Church
Council Notice Letter 600 N Church

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and

Brian Emison

RES-22:244

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS,
TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1024 E CRAIGHEAD
FOREST RD, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-134051-08200, OWNED BY

LINDSEY M HARRISON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: 1024 E Craighead Forest

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 1024 E Craighead Forest Rd
Council Notice Letter 1024 E Craighead Forest Rd

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and

Brian Emison

RES-22:245 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS,

TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1100 E

WASHINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144173-13000, OWNED BY

DOROTHY HESTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: 1100 E Washington

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 1100 E Washington
Council Notice Letter 1100 E Washington

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and

Brian Emison

RES-22:246 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1305 OAKHURST,

TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1305 OAKHURST, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18700, OWNED BY DYLAN

FRANKLIN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

Attachments: 1305 Oakhurst

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 1305 Oakhurst
Council Notice Letter 1305 Oak Hurst

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and

Brian Emison

RES-22:247 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1313 PARDEW,

JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144212-20200, OWNED BY MICHELLE NUTT

IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: 1313 Pardew

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 1313 Pardew
Council Notice Letter 1313 Pardew

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and

Brian Emison

RES-22:248 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 BRADWAY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: 2501 Mary Jane

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 2501 Mary Jane
Council Notice Letter 2501 Mary Jane

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and

Brian Emison

RES-22:249 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS,

TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3707 CATALINA, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144152-01000, OWNED BY DENE BARNETT

IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

Attachments: 3707 Catalina Cove

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 3707 Catalina
Council Notice Letter 3707 Catalina

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:250

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4304 RACE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-19900, OWNED BY CHARLES CRAIG CONYERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: 4304 Race

Affidavit of Statutory Lien 4304 Race Council Notice Letter 4304 Race

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:251

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT STADIUM/BUNTING, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-134044-02300, OWNED BY WEAVER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$215.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

**Attachments:** Stadium 01-134044-02300

Affidavit of Statutory Lien Stadium-Bunting
Council Notice Letter Stadium-Bunting

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

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:252

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT SUMMER PLACE, JONESBORO, AR 72404, PARCEL 01-134043-09800, OWNED BY CECILLA REYNOLDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

Attachments: Summer Place (CE22-1582,1583)

Affidavit of Statutory Lien Summer Place 01-134043-09800
Council Notice Letter Summer Place 01-134043-09800

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:253

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT SUMMER PLACE, JONESBORO, AR 72404, PARCEL 01-134043-09900, OWNED BY CECILLA REYNOLDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: Summer Place (CE22-1582,1583)

Affidavit of Statutory Lien Summer Place 01-134043-09900 Council Notice Letter Summer Place 01-134043-09900

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE CITY SALARY AND ADMINISTRATION PLAN BY INCLUDING UPDATED PAY RANGES, JOB TITLES AND GRADES

**Sponsors:** Human Resources and Finance

<u>Attachments:</u> 2023 Job Titles by Grade

2023 Non-Uniformed Employee Pay Grades & Steps 2023 Uniformed Employee Pay Grades & Steps

Finance email to City Clerk

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RES-22:255

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office and Finance

Attachments: 2023 Draft Budget

Jonesboro Budget 2023 Presentation

Finance email to City Clerk

Chairman Joe Hafner said kind of like we done in the working session, Mayor if you want to make any comments and then the committee can ask questions or make comments. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said first off thank you Chairman Hafner. I just want to say thank you again to the councilmembers that were able to make it to the working session last week. I think we had really good dialogue and detailed some of the important topics that will hopefully move this meeting along more efficiently. I also want to state, as you all are aware, that I made it my priority to stay competitive and continue to improve the city. I challenged my staff with four goals in this budget. It's investing and it's continue investing in public safety and uniform personnel, increase investment and infrastructure like streets and sidewalks, invest in our customer service, and invest in the quality space for our residents and do it in a physical responsible manner. I feel that we've accomplished this and we'll continue to look forward, but it's important that, you council, are well aware that the community needs to stay and I feel that we are very competitive but we need to remain competitive. I think this budget sets a tone as we continue to move our city forward. That's all my comments.

Chairman Joe Hafner said one thing I want to clarify because I've heard some comments about this, like this year and last year and almost every year, but I know one thing that we always talk about is our health insurance increase. This year it's 5% and the pay increase is 5% and some people think, well my pay went up 5% but my health insurance went up 5%, but people need to keep in mind that it is the same percentage but it's not the same. 5% of premiums went up not 5% of your salary. Mayor Copenhaver said Chairman we always try to educate especially through our directors to all the employees. We had that issue again last year and it's an educational process. I believe, Steve or Christi correct me if I'm wrong, the employee portion of their 5% was around three dollars. Chairman Hafner said yeah I have it right here. An individual, their increased per pay period is \$3.76 and for a family it's \$8.08 a pay period. The city pays 71%. Mayor Copenhaver said 71% of the remaining premium, that's correct.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said one thing I did ask, I talked to Brian and John, about the swimming pool that I've been trying to push for the last 10 years. I thank God that it's on the budget right now, but at the same time, since this is going to be in my ward, whatever committee is going to work on the swimming pool, I would like to be on that committee because I want to make sure we don't over spend or under spend. It's not a negative statement, I just want to make sure. I've already had citizens call me about this. One called and asked if it was a done deal and I said no we have not approved the budget yet and so they wanted to come in a different way with a petition. I said no let's just hold off until the City Council as a whole looks at it, but at the same time I request to be on that committee. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said noted. Brian if you don't mind give us a quick update.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said sure. As you recall a few weeks ago, I believe the Mayor sent out an email or just talked to some of you directly, that we had issued a RFQ for potential architectural services on that pool. Just so we could hit the ground running in 2023 and of course there is an official city process that helps determine who the most qualified suitor is for that task. I believe there is a representative from Public Works on that so I would ask you to talk to him. Councilmember John Street said for the record, I told you the other day

but to get on record I will appoint you, Charles, to represent the committee on that with regards to the swimming pool. Councilmember Dr. Coleman said thank you. Brain said as soon as we get a time scheduled to review those bid processes we'll let you know. There's also a scoring process and review and interview that goes into that. I think we all would like to see this move along as quickly as possible. Mayor Copenhaver said I would like finish and follow that up with, the dialogue that we had last week, I think it's imperative. The city, we have a lot going on and so it's important that council be aware, and so we're going to be aggressively having meetings in February and March to show of projects, where those projects, when we begin, how far along in projects, and hopefully the date of completion on those projects. Please keep in mind council, do to conditions sometimes the projects change from moment to moment. So obviously we have carry over projects from last year that we were not able to start and there is a reason for that. We're going to be very reflective and we hear your request and we want to follow through with that. Councilmember Dr. Coleman said thank you very much.

Councilmember Ann Williams said I have a question about the pool. I have looked at the cost of other places for a good quality municipal pool. It seems that might be a low figure for a quality project. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said Councilmember Williams, I wanted to let you know there has already been a lot of discussion on how to utilize the pool as well for swimming and all that. We've already addressed that in the RFQ. Councilmember Williams said and I would assume even though there's a building there that some money is going to have to be spent for changing rooms and showers there. Parks Department Director Danny Kapales approached the podium and said absolutely. When you look at pools there's always different directions you go as far as the cost. It can go up and it can go down. As far as talking to other cities that have done pools and talking to some of the architects of design, that number we hit on is kind of that midpoint when you're looking at pools of the size that we're looking at. Something that has a zero entry location, that way children can come in and not have to climb into the pool, you can actual walk into the pool, still have some lap lanes in it that way if someone wants to swim laps, it has some play area. We're also looking at using the building that we currently have there, location in back, to able to tie into that to be able to potentially use that for the bathrooms and changing areas and concession. I think that would bring some of our cost down that you would normally see if you went to an area that has no infrastructure in place. I think there's going to be some balance with that location. Plus we already have the parking lot in place, so when you look at other pools and start looking at overall cost you have to go in and build that parking lot that's already there. Councilmember Williams asked what size pool are we talking about? Danny said I wish I could tell you an exact size but that's going to come down to an actual design, but it's going to be similar to the overall size of what we have at the old YMCA area but the difference is going to be that it's going to have a zero depth entry. Whereas now, if you look at what we have at the old YMCA, you actually have to dive in or climb in using a ladder. Councilmember Williams asked so it's comparable in size to the former Y? Danny said yes it should be very similar to that size as far as the overall function, but it's going to start at a very very small depth and then go into the lap size at the other end. Councilmember Williams said I also have a question. I've observed and checked into our history, as far as that nine acres of that property on Johnson, on the north side and I think at one point that the idea was possibly to use that as a park as we acquired pieces of that and make one decent size property there. It had been considered at one time by our former CBDG director Gill Vickers as a police substation and a park, but I know recently you stated when we addressed the parks in north Jonesboro and the plans for north Jonesboro, saying if anybody had property or property available to use for parks, I immediately thought oh yeah we have nine acres right there. Which was considered

back 10 years ago for a park and I wondered why we're not utilizing that or what are the thoughts on that.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said I need to make a statement. I understand the latitude that we have property but from a cost reduction possibility, I would rather have it at Parker Park because we already have a building there that we can tie to, and if you do it on open ground that's going to cost more. Councilmember Williams said I'm just talking about parks in general because we've had a lot of discussion about the fact that northeast Jonesboro has not been particularly served as far as parks. Mayor Copenhaver said Councilmember Williams that has been in discussion for 10 plus years, so we had to look at this from utilization of what we currently had in place, and Danny already has staffing, already have bathrooms that are very costly, we already have a splash pad in that area. So for the initial onset and to keep the reduction of cost in play, it's a pretty common sense approach to use this facility, if we have enough room in that area. Now to say that for future development and with a hiring of a new landscape architect, if anybody qualifies for that, and an overall parks plan design that's in this budget, then we can look at other things as we continue down the road. Chairman Joe Hafner said Mayor I think you bring up a good point with the master parks plan that is budgeted for next year. I think that is some of the type of things that will be looked at as far as that process. Danny said I think Joe you nailed it right there. Looking at the overall master parks plan, I think that as much as I want to move forward and build as many parks as possible can and make sure that everybody is taking care of in the community. I think we also have to look at the city as a whole and look at where our assets are and look at where our gaps and deficits are and make sure that we're filling in those deficits. I think that master parks plan is going to be part of that. That tells us where those deficits are and that way we build those first and then from there we start adding on. The other piece to that is we're working with a couple of our East Lives which are our students. They're looking at our overall city and from a student standpoint, they're going to look at those deficits. They're going to look at where parks are located, they are going to look at where schools have playgrounds and they are going to let us know from a youth standpoint where they think we need to go. So we'll have that youth standpoint, we'll have the master parks plan and we'll put those together and we'll actually have an opportunity to see Jonesboro move in the direction that is planned. Not in a here is what we think today where we need to put a park, it's a true plan for the next 10 years as we move forward. We just had a park built by Habitat for Humanity on State Street, that's right in that same location that we're talking about. It's a beautiful little park that the apartment's right there have somewhere to go that they can utilize. Councilmember Dr. Coleman said another thing I think about by building a park or swimming pool, I'm looking at the fact of additional police coverage. I would like to have more parks but right now what's being done on the north side because there's more that needs to be done, but when you start adding parks and pools there's also the addition of police coverage protection and that types of things. The addition that still comes to me is Parker Park. I do feel there's other places outside of Parker Park that need different parks, but right now I want that swimming pool. Chairman Hafner said on that master parks plan, hopefully that is something that can start like in January and February and where not sitting here in September asking how the master parks plan is coming along. Danny said I completely agree. I feel we are in a position to start moving pretty quick on it, and honestly in September I feel that we should have a master park plan in our hands by that point.

Councilmember David McClain said I have a couple quick questions, not to you Danny. I know we gave 5% to our uniformed employees. I would like to see and also to help to see what other cities have done, if somehow we could get a comparison of what

some other cities our size is doing as far as pay. I don't know if Finance has looked into that already. I know North Little Rock recently brought in their starting pay as \$48,000 for officers and I think, if I'm not mistaken, a Sargent level pay here. \$55,000 is the starting for a Sargent. I would like to see a comparison and that would help me feel better about if that 5%. Is that average, is that high, is that low? Mayor Harold Copenhaver said if I may address that. Obviously when this administration took place, we continued to hear about the underfunding from uniformed and non-uniformed. In that process we worked with both chiefs, in uniform, to see where we stood on a statewide average, and to be quite honest with you, basically the city trails in all areas when it comes to pay. When we addressed that from the budget that was passed in 2016 on the step pay, that was an automatic 2% built in at that point in time. So we addressed it from the situation last year. We did the two and the additional two on the COLA and then the 1% throughout the year, so that was a 5%, first time that had been done. We also then addressed it this year, we increased starting pay as well and I think chief could attest, we have closed that gap to where we are more competitive with the higher-end communities in the state of Arkansas. Are we where we would like to be? I'm taking small bites of the apple and I'll continue to do that as long as we're able to finically do that. So my commitment has always been to public safety and I think you can see what we have done the last two years, we are committed to that and we're going to continue to close that gap if we're able to do so in a financial fiscally responsible manner. Councilmember McClain said that's why I asked the question, for our knowledge, what do we compare. Mayor Copenhaver said we have all the comparisons and I can show you on all levels where we are. Councilmember McClain asked can you share that with us? Mayor Copenhaver said I can get that to you. Councilmember McClain said the reason I'm asking is so that we are making informed decisions. Mayor Copenhaver said I would not have it in front of you if we hadn't done our due diligence on the back end. Chairman Joe Hafner said there is also the AML survey. Mayor Copenhaver said every survey will be different. Chairman Hafner said yeah and that's one thing I looked at during this process. How we compare to AML before the 5% and then after the 5%. Mayor Copenhaver said I think it would be palliative for the chief to address this.

Police Departments Chief Rick Elliot approached the podium and said to back up, the AML survey, that's once source and it's an outdated piece of material. Right now in this country there's a police crisis shortage in law enforcement. Not only here but every sheriff's department and police departments in the United States is understaffed trying to find quality people to come do this job. Basically, the hit that law enforcement has had over the last several years, the negativity, no one wants to do the job anymore, people are leaving the job in droves so this market is very competitive at this point. The past two years we've made headways, especially this past year with our starting pay increase. That put us back in the game in the market. Are there other agencies that pay more than us? Yes. Up until the state police new salary at \$54,000, we were competitive within \$1,000-\$1,500. When this pay raise went in effect in back in the spring, we were \$1,500 difference then to start then at Little Rock, so we're in the ballgame. Since then Little Rocks jumped up and North Little Rock has jumped up. Councilmember McClain said and West Memphis has jumped up. Chief Elliot said everybody's jumped up. Again, we're all in this same boat, same crisis and there are agencies doing what they have to do. The fact is, we are on this step plan, a lot of these places, when they start they're locked in. We may be a little bit lower but as time goes on our steps bring them up to that point and then moves beyond. I think when you look globally overall, I think we have a better system. We're still not as high as a lot of places, I get that. I would say that this salary plan is several years old and I think as we move forward it's probably time to look at it again globally. Including the steps, I know when they were putting the steps in place there were percentages

depending on the year. I think to be consistent across the board it would make sense. We've had two good budget years equipment wise and this year the 5% proposed, it is a big step. We're better than we were a couple of years ago, so we're moving in the right direction and I appreciate the mayor and Steve for pushing this thing forward. As the mayor said, we're not going to fix it all in one night, but obviously it's a work in progress. I think as we move forward this is something we can continue to look at. There's some officers that have been here 10 to 15 years that may not faired as far down the road on that last pay step, but I think that's something that we could look at as we move forward. I think we have open ears and I know this council supports the police department. I just think as we move forward we need to take a global look at our situation and re-look at our pay administration plan.

Councilmember McClain said let me ask a follow up, so the phases we were talking about back at the end of last year. Like Joe said this is like phase three. Are we there or are we not there. Chairman Joe Hafner said the mayor has been clear that he is not there. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said let me say there are no phases to the product. It's like I'm not going to write a check that I can't cash in the future. So it's relative on what our budget is from year in and year out on what we can do. Are we showing that we are looking and doing? Yes. We are leading by example what we're doing. To make a promise that I possibly can't keep, I can't do that to the city or the taxpayers, but I can promise you this, that we are addressing the situation and I know for a fact that Steve, myself, Brian and Tony we're always in discussion on what we can do. Chief asked us to be competitive when on starting entry level. We brought that number at a higher number then initially they asked for. We brought that number back and council approved that number. That's a 25% increase. Retention, how do we address retention? I think we're seeing the end result as in our last work meeting last Friday, Mr. Purtee addressed the retention level of our employees that have been here twenty years or more. We're in a good position there. Ok, but it's important that we keep investing. That's what I've done and that's what we continue to show.

Councilmember David McClain said I'm just trying to make sure I understand. If we have different phases that we are going to implement, where are we? Mayor Harold Copenhaver said there is not a phase, David, as far as what I perceive you're asking. Chairman Joe Hafner said are you asking that is this is a 10 step plan or what? Councilmember McClain said again, the conversation at the end of last year was that we were going to have it in phases. Phase one was the entry level, phase two was going to address the guys and girls that have been here longer. Mayor Copenhaver said but we also addressed that last year as well and then partially through the year with an additional 1% as well. It's an ongoing phase I guess, to answer your question and as our budget and revenue. We continually look at that and that's when we address it onto what part can we be fiscally responsible to make an increase, because not only is this increase looked at by uniformed it also affects our non-uniformed. It affects LOPFI, which is 23%, and it affects the individual employees as well that are not in LOPFI. So again, we have to be very cautious and do it in a fiscally sound manner and I think we have done so and we will continue to do so.

Chairman Joe Hafner said let me say this. I think we've been clear. It's been clear through the mayor's office and Finance that we're taking steps. It may not be big steps like some people want but we're taking steps. I also believe that it's going to be all of our jobs to make sure this sales tax is coming in strong. We can't fund yearly pay increase out of our surplus reserves. You have to do that out of your operating revenue. North Little Rock and Jonesboro have something in common and that is, in 2000 when they implemented their sales tax and we implemented our sales tax, we both did away with residential sanitation fees. We did away with all our sanitation fees

including apartment buildings, ASU residential halls, everybody that we service we don't charge. Where North Little Rock still charges apartments. That's how it is now, the precedence has been set. But one thing North Little Rock did back in 2017-2018, the mayor came out and said alright citizens we need to do one of three things. We need to cut services, we need to re-implement sanitation fees, or we need a sales tax increase. The residents passed a 1% sales tax increase. Which gives you more operating revenue to do bigger pay raises in one bite. Everyone knows that we support the police, uniformed and non-uniformed, and we need to keep pushing to get them caught up more to the departments, but I also understand that you can't over promise. Maybe in April or May when we have the first quarter sales tax revenues coming in, compare to budget and do what we did this year and start looking at additional changes that can get implemented.

Councilmember David McClain said and that's fine, I think we should continue to look at it. I just want to make sure, again, that I'm clear because I feel at some point we have to continue to have the conversation but at the same time everyone needs to be clear on what is planned. Whether it be we say it comes with a caveat based off of revenues that's fine, but at the same time I would like to see this is where we are, this is the plan we're going off of or this is where we plan to go. To your point mayor, before I was on council, the change was made to put in the step and a different pay plan. That is something some like and some don't like it. I think we should see clearly where we're headed, because a lot of times we get it brought up to us that this is what we're getting paid, it's not enough, this is what other people are getting paid. So for me I'm a visual learner and if I can see the top five cities that are our size so we can have a comparison. Yes some cities don't cost as much to live there but at the same time the job is the same. If I'm getting paid the same or less and doing the same job, that's what's going to determine somebody feeling like they're worth and that you value and appreciate them. Not saying that you guys don't but that's going to be the internal dialogue for someone. For me I want to know this is phase three, this is phase four, we're starting back over and this is phase one of the next pay plan. Chairman Joe Hafner said I think it's a continual evaluation situation. Councilmember McClain said and I understand that. Chairman Hafner said it's not something you can say this is step four of a 10 step phase. Councilmember McClain said but I can always change in the midst of and try to create this is where we're headed and this is what I intend, is what I'm saying. That's my point. We have \$10 million in the bank with ARPA money. Chairman Hafner said which can't be used. Councilmember McClain said that can't be used on pay for police? Chairman Hafner said let me say this, that money would not always be around and not a continual source of funding. Councilmember McClain said I get it.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said Councilmember McClain, I think your comments are duly noted. I would like to have Mr. Purtee to come up. We work on this constantly to redevelop a pay plan to make it more efficient and more effective for all of our city employees, which are 601 of them right now, and so we're addressing that on a quarterly basis with Finance, our department heads and our directors. This is important to know, and I've stated it multiple times this evening, we will continue to work on this. And if you have noticed in the budget, we have consolidated several different areas in the budget plan to make it more efficient and more effective. Police and Fire, we obviously address those in a different way than we do other departments in the city. Again, it's an overall picture. My goal has always been safety. You will see that we have spent \$28 million this year of our budget, which is almost 56% of our citywide revenue budget for safety. That is key and it remains at the top of my list. Chief and I made an announcement yesterday, we found and were able to process the ability to provide up to 1,000 hours for officers to be on the streets of our community.

It is overtime pay but that provides the resources that we have with officers that are off duty and can be back out in our community during the holidays to allow people to be safe. So we always have adjustments. We're making adjustments almost daily when we look at this. The thought and process, when it comes to a budget, is not something that comes up in a two week period. This is a six month to a nine month process, so it is thoroughly thought out. I take all your words and I appreciate them and I note those, but please note from my end, and our administration, that we're working on this constantly. Thank you.

Finance Department Director Steve Purtee approached the podium and said Committee I just wanted to make reference to ARPA funding. Basically, that's a real unique position for us. There are roughly \$11 million in those funds still available. We've committed roughly \$4.5 million of those and the line share of those to public safety as well as upgrade of some of our facilities and those types of things, very specific categories. Until we release those funds otherwise we will maintain those as a protected funding for very special projects. Those things that may not fit in the budget necessarily or some situation that might require attention, so that's a great resource for us. I would caution us on ever proceeding down the path to reutilize those funds other than how they were intended by the federal government. But again, if we do we need to doubly check to make sure we are doing that prudently in that regard. As reserve funds are, once those funds are expended they'll not be replaced again. Those are not revenue generating or from the standpoint not revenue regenerating with the regard we're not going to duplicate those again. They're one and done if you will, so I just caution us in that regard mayor. Thank you. Councilmember Ann Williams said it's pretty broad scope as far as utilization of those funds though. I know you have to be careful but it is broad. Steve said you are correct councilmember. It is broad with regard to those funds have not been audited at this point, so at this point we are going to approach it as cautiously as we can until we get that first audit then we'll see where we go from there.

Councilmember John Street said I've heard from several officers that have indicated that they were very satisfied with the progress we've made on paying benefits over the last years. This year adding to it, I know they appreciate the good faith estimate recognize that from the city. As the mayor mentioned, it's our intention, I think by council and the administration, to continue in that vein of improving the benefits and being very competitive as far as public safety. There's nobody that appreciates police, fire and public safety more than I do. The officers are very appreciative, the ones that I've talked to. They recognize our efforts. They've made a point to seek me out and tell me that. It may not be 100%, you're never going to have a 100% of everybody, but I'm talking about some that have been here a long time that didn't benefit necessarily from the earlier raises. I think we have made really good progress and I'm really pleased with it. I hope we can continue to do better, but as the mayor said, we've got to have the funds that are continually coming in to keep that going. Because once you put those pay raises out you can't take them back, you have to keep them there so you have to take that cautious approach. I think in the last couple of years we have done well. We've been blessed with good sales tax. I think the chief could even tell you, we've had officers come to us from other agencies. That was a first. We usually lost officers to other agencies. We've even had some that's left come back. I know one of the UPD officers at ASU told me he was coming to work for JPD. He actually took a cut in pay but we provide take home cars, we provide equipment that's second to none, our insurance here is excellent. I mean there's other considerations besides just a salary amount. When you're trying to be competitive you have to look at all those things, I think. I applaud the mayor and his staff, and the council, for continuing to pursue this over the years. I hope that we will stay in that vein but I think that's what

they're expecting, that we continue to make a good faith effort to proceed with improvement and being competitive.

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said Brian has been nice to answer all my emails. There's a lot of good things in the budget. You know the trail coordinator, a lot of good stuff. I'm still kind of working through my questions. I mean particularly around fire stations, bike lanes, trails and mosquitos. I've still got a list of 15 things that I'm still kind of working through. I know we've got some time on this budget, so I'm in no hurry for us to vote today. That's my opinion.

Councilmember David McClain said I have a question with that comment that Mr. Bryant just said. Are we planning to make changes or is it more of a everything's locked in and going forward? Mayor Harold Copenhaver said at this point everything's ready to move forward. Chairman Joe Hafner said we've shown over the years that if something comes up changes can be made to budget. Mayor Copenhaver said that's correct.

City Attorney Carol Duncan said that when it's a tie the chair can vote to pass a measure or you can choose not to vote. City Clerk April Leggett said and this is to recommend to council. It's not to actually pass. Carol said right, it's moving it forward. April said a voice vote would work. Chairman Joe Hafner said Aye. Carol said with that it moves forward to council on the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Ann Williams; John Street; Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

Nay: 3 - Charles Coleman; David McClain and LJ Bryant

#### 5. Pending Items

#### 6. Other Business

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said I make a motion, that starting in January the Finance Committee meet at 4pm the same day as the Council meetings. Councilmember David McClain said can I ask a question or do we have to second the motion? I'll second so we can have some discussion. Chairman Joe Hafner said I guess my question is, typically being in the off session it helps things move. If we met on the first and third Tuesdays it would take longer for things to get to council. Let me say this, Mr. Bryant would you please explain? Councilmember Bryant said sure. I would argue just from listening to several folks, I'll let them be un-named to protect the innocent, but I think both community folks know that council days are council days as far as from an attention perspective. I think, honestly, from council members perspective as well its easier. I would think from staff members, not trying to speak for the staff members, but I think it makes sense for it to be together. It would be an efficient use of time. I think it would serve the community well, most importantly. Councilmember McClain said how long have we done the second and fourth? Chairman Hafner said the second and last Tuesday of the month. This was brought up two years ago and I think at that time someone had said it had been twenty something. I can't remember. Councilmember John Street said I have been on the council for twenty years and we have always meet at this same time. So I think everybody understands when we meet and it does give you some time between finance and

council, especially when you're dealing with things you can't control. Different grants and things like that, it gives you a chance to comply with those and get them to council. If you meet that very day you might miss some grants because the Grants Department didn't get the grant in time to have the lead time that they have to subject it to the council. Councilmember McClain asked is there anything that would hinder the staff? Does that hinder you or does the date matter? I guess that's my main question. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said yeah, I apologize, I haven't really thought about this. I could see where it could create an issue. One, the director sends me or Tony an item to prepare for legislation and then we send those to the City Clerk to enter into Legistar, you know one week in advance. You could potentially be doubling the amount of resolutions that have to be prepared and submitted for finance and council to be on the same day. Obviously that kind of stuff can be worked through. I do think you would probably, out of necessity, see more walk-ons. Especially when you get into the periods of five week months. Again, I really haven't prepared this thought very much, just as soon as Councilmember Bryant made the motion, I kind of thought about it. On the third week of a five week month you could be talking about three weeks in between when a resolution is submitted and then passed, or nine weeks when an Ordinance was introduced and finally passed. It could certainly can potentially extend the process significantly. As far as wear and tear on staff it's our job to do what is necessary to advance items to government. My biggest concern would be to make sure the ordinances where presented in a timely manner to the council, so we can pass resolutions to meet the requirements of grant deadlines. I'm sure we could sit down and think of a list of pros and cons. City Attorney Carol Duncan said my biggest concern would be other committee meetings. As in, finance running over into those and having time to do those before council starts. Councilmember Bryant said yeah, I think the only one that would be close would be public services, quarterly at 4:30pm, the other ones are at 5pm. In my five years we haven't had many finance meetings over an hour. Carol said that's the only concern I would see other than staff concerns. Chairman Hafner said City Clerk do you have any issues or concerns? City Clerk April Leggett said I think I see along the same lines as Brian does. There's a process that it has to go through, and it goes through so many different hands that that takes time. You may have a longer period of time that you're having to wait to get something approved that may be a grant or something that has a deadline on it. Brain said certainly happy to put together some thoughts on that because we're just kind of unprepared to try and weigh the pros and cons. Chairman Hafner said and we do have one more finance meeting this year.

Councilmember McClain said I don't mind to amend my second, Mr. Bryant, if you don't mind to amend your motion to maybe have a conversation again and take a look at it. I'm not opposed to it, but I know when I first started we had a lot of walk-ons for different reasons. Chairman Hafner said yeah, and we try to get away from that as much as we can. Councilmember McClain said yeah. If you don't see where it would put extra burden on your staff. Chairman Hafner said are you referring your second? Councilmember McClain said I will amend it to push it to the next finance meeting. We have one more right? We have some time to look at it and think about it. Brain said yeah, ultimately our goal is to make sure that we have regular enough meetings for the public to stay involved and we can move government along efficiently. Councilmember McClain said you're not taking away the meeting you're just changing the time different. All on the same day. Chairman Hafner said at this point, mayor did you want to say anything right now? Mayor Harold Copenhaver said saying in reference to that, I think we could do our due diligence and put the pros and cons. I see as, there's a process now in place and I don't want there to be a process where we overload. I could see that potentially happening and occur. Again, I do think that is an

idea that we could look at.

Chairman Joe Hafner said as it stands right now, unless Mr. Bryant amends his motion, there's still a motion on the floor. Councilmember L.J. Bryant said I'll amend my motion and just ask that the committee take a vote on it at the next committee meeting. Chairman Hafner asked does it have to be an actual resolution written up? Is this a nominating or finance thing? Councilmember Bryant said that may be a Carol question but I would argue that it's like us making a committee chairman. It would seem like a decision of the committee. City Attorney Carol Duncan said I feel like it's probably set in your rules though, as to when finance meets so it might be a nominating and rules vote first. I think in the rules it says finance meetings will be held on the second and last. Chairman Hafner said right now he's amending his motion to have it on the next agenda and I guess by then that would give us two weeks. Carol said you could always ask to call a nominating and rules, those are all special called. If your seconder wants to call a nominating and rules. Councilmember David McClain said we already have one planned to flip it to the other side. City Clerk April Leggett said it hasn't been set yet but yes there should be one called for transition from one side to the other. Chairman Hafner said let me ask this question. There's been a motion that it be on the next agenda. Is that something we actually need to vote on? Carol said it can be on your agenda or you can just make a request that it be placed on the nominating and rules agenda. Chairman Hafner said I don't mind us having this discussion but maybe by then we will know if it's a nominating thing and then we could adjust our conversation. April said your next finance is not until the 27th. Unless you have a special called Nominating and Rules right towards the end of the month. Carol said unless y'all want to come up here New Year's Eve and have a nominating and rules meeting. I would assume that the nominating and rules is going to be the date of the next council meeting, so it might be better to put it on that agenda and have the debate there. You'll be here anyway for that council meeting so you can have the conversation that and the staff will have time to prepare any pros and cons that they have.

Councilmember Bryant said I withdraw my motion.

#### 7. Public Comments

#### 8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson David McClain, seconded by Councilperson John Street, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison



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# Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Friday, December 9, 2022

2:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

#### SPECIAL CALLED WORKING SESSION

#### 1. Call To Order

#### 2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Present 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; Joe Hafner and

Brian Emison

Absent 1 - LJ Bryant

#### 3. Other Business

COM-22:053

WORKING SESSION OF THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON THE CITY OF JONESBORO 2023 BUDGET: QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION (No motions or votes to be taken)

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office and Finance

<u>Attachments:</u> Jonesboro Budget 2023 Presentation

2023 Draft Budget Updated 12092022-CW

Chairman Joe Hafner said I appreciate everyone coming today. Today is just a working session. There will be no votes taken on the budget today. Mainly today is just a question and answer session. I will give the floor to the mayor here in a few minutes, and he will go through some of his talking points. I think Steve Purtee and them have a presentation. I want this to be a good give and take. Obviously, always be respectful. I know we will be. You know, putting the budget together for the city is a big project, and there's a lot of different needs and wants and items that have to be addressed. So, I know it's not an easy task. Just to quickly cover the duties of the mayor and the council when it comes to budget, the mayor is required to prepare and submit a budget to city council for approval on or before December 1st of each year, which he did. We got these the week of Thanksgiving. And the duties of the council is to adopt a budget by ordinance or resolution for operation of the city or town by February 1st of each year. I think sometimes we like to get it done before the end of the year. That way we don't have to do temporary appropriations and stuff like that until the budget's adopted; but anyway, having said that, I will turn the floor over to the mayor. I do ask that if you do have a comment or question, wait until you're recognized before saying whatever you want to say. We'll try to keep this going. Like I said, I want this to be a good give and take. With that, I will turn the floor over to the mayor.

Councilmember Ann Williams said I have a quick question if you don't mind. Are these

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replacement sheets or are they pages? Chairman Joe Hafner said I guess they're replacement sheets. Councilmember Ann Williams said because it appears that they're the same as what I have in my binder. Sorry, this is just a little housekeeping thing I want to be clear on.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said thank you. Councilman Hafner and committee and councilmembers that are present today also we want to make you aware of department directors that are also in the room if need be. But before we get started on the presentation, I would like to say a few words. Council, as you well know, next Tuesday, I will probably make a further statement, more in-depth statement. I was really pleased with the letter that we put on the initial two-page cover letter explaining a lot of the detail of this, what we're wanting to achieve; and again, this is budgetary numbers. They aren't obviously set in stone, but this is our projection off of what we did see over the past year and then the progress of where we want to take the community moving forward. So there is a methodology to what we applied and to our decisions, and how we think our investments are outlined in this budget to improve our city. I tasked my staff with some basic goals: continuing investing in public safety and our uniformed personnel, increase investment in infrastructure like streets and sidewalks, and invest in our customer service, invest in quality of space for our residents and do it in a fiscally responsible manner. So I believe, Council, that we have accomplished this, and I want to thank my staff and finance department for their efforts. So at this point in time, I will introduce you, many of you know Steve Purtee, that he is the director of Finance for the City of Jonesboro; and I would like him to go ahead and start the process of highlights of the 2023 budget.

Director Steve Purtee approached the podium and said thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Committee Members. What I'd like to do is just kind of start the process of our time together. Just kind of giving us an overview of what the budgeting process looks like for the City of Jonesboro. This is not a guick process. It's a process that takes numerous hours of preparation and hours of commitment on the time of all employees relative to accomplishing this. What we wanted to do was give you a timeline of some of the things that were happening kind of behind the scenes relative to our budget process. Basically we call this our budget timeline. We specifically sit down with our information from previous years and develop this calendar if you will for our budget and how that might progress through the year. You can see that the first period of time referenced on this screen indicates that in July Mayor Copenhaver approved our budget timeline. And at that point we began the official process of our budgeting for 2023. And again it encompasses a variety of things that go on through that process. As you all know, we have expanded that opportunity not only into the budgeting process itself, but doing a needs assessment for equipment and auto, some of our fleet relative to its aging condition and most things that we can take care of as resources are available. So this particular screen here, I'm not going to spend a lot of time on it. I just wanted to reference some of the key things that are occurring. We're doing assessments internally on the various things that are going on. We're doing analysis with our financial reports.

Mayor Copenhaver said Steve, if you can, just a minute. Does everybody have a copy of this? We're looking at the...that you can't see on the screen. City Clerk April Leggett said it's not coming up on the screen beneath, so they can't see it unless they turn. Mayor Copenhaver said okay, we can make a few copies here, do you think, Christy? Director Steve Purtee said my apologies. Mayor Copenhaver said I just want to make sure that we're seeing what you're seeing, Steve.

Director Steve Purtee said alright, we will continue forward. In the middle part of this

schedule, you'll see that we begin conducting meetings with our directors; and I guess at this point I'd like to appreciate all of our directors and their department staff for making this process as functional as it can be. It requires a lot of time on the part of those individuals as well. We continually ask them for bits of information, analysis of things their department needs might be, and also their specific objectives that they would be anticipating in the next coming budget cycle. In addition to that, you've got the finance staff working behind the scenes of that. What we do internally is we task different members of our department relative to different sides of the profit and loss report or the income revenue and expense reports. Christy Walls, she's our finance manager. She gives direction to all of the expenses of it and she is their coordinator of the budget. She's the one that does all of the hours and hours of work coordinating with our directors, so she does a tremendous work in that regard. And also assisting on the revenue side, Andrew Guiltner, our city accountant, he provides all of our revenue projections for us. We do those separate, because we like to do those independently. We would rather one side of the expense report not dictate the other side. In other words, we want to not blindly do it, but as systematically as we can without giving pressure on either side of that. We like this approach. It's worked pretty well for us for a couple years now, and it looks like we'll continue to do that. But briefly, here's just a kind of where we are today. We're in this late November early December time frame where we're coordinating the review and the approval of the budget at this point. What we'd like to do also is just kind of do a comparison of that key information relative to where we see our budget and some things that are transpiring. On this particular chart here, I thought the mayor's letter did an excellent job encompassing some key strategies for this budget cycle. And we just kind of highlight some of those points here. We've indicated that we're appropriating \$83 million in total expenditures for this 2023. And we always like to look at things on the operations and maintenance perspective. Relative to that, you'll see \$72 million in this budget binder relative to O&M expenditures. As I've indicated, we are also looking through the revenue side of the report. What is always predictor for us is historical data. So we will look at actual data and do comparison of that. You can see on this screen here that we're projecting \$8.8 million in revenue. This is approximately 7.5% increase over our current 2022 projections, and it looks like we're going to come in right on the numbers that Andrew was able to provide for us in that projection. We are realizing that we are also experiencing an 8% increase in current revenues over our current budget cycle as well. So we feel good about 7.4%. We think that's a very doable number. Historically, we've probably budgeted more conservative than that, but we think it's an opportunity for us to fully utilize our revenues and our resources for improvement in the community and doing things we would like to see done. Additionally, you can see on here that we did a very specific focus on attempting to expand our customer service sector. Basically, what we do is we initiate a conversation with all of our directors. They provide their personnel requests, and they included 76 various personnel requests in their initial follow-up that happened in this late-August time frame. We took that information in the mayor's office, began working on that immediately. They conducted numerous meetings relative to that data, just making sure that it made sense and was keeping in with the objectives that we wanted to set out and accomplish. Through that process, we are approving or offering to approve 43 of those, which will in turn increase our head count by 15 additional personnel that will help serve our community. Then the remaining of these were simply regrades of positions that included nine positions with 28 personnel, and again that was really just an indication of trying to align those skill sets with positions and vice versa and making sure those appropriately match up together. We deferred twelve of these requests for future evaluation, so we'll continue looking at that. And we feel as though that if we are successful in establishing our objectives for cost of living adjustments and such as that, that it will probably take care of the majority of those remaining items as well. We thought it was real important

also to kind of see what things we have done that have maybe set us on a better path for addressing some of this and not being such a budget pressure in one particular budget cycle. So what we wanted to do was, and again through your actions and the actions of the mayor's office, we've specifically focused on uniform personnel. The minimum salary for that was increased effective May of this year; and you can see that it went from an entry level position of \$34,500 to \$43,200 over that time period there. So over two budget cycles, basically the beginning of budget cycle 21 through where we are now which will be the third cycle once this is approved. We're seeing that our uniform personnel minimum salaries increased 25%. In addition to that, our upper rank uniform personnel has increased up to 12% period over period for this three budget cycle period. We are also seeing that non-uniformed employee salaries have increased 20% on the lowest grade up to 11% for the highest grade. I guess what we're saying is that this is a very aggressive attempt to right-size and make correct some of the salary deficiencies that have kind of been hanging around for quite some time. Again, I commend the mayor's office for that objective and looking into the future relative to this, and realizing it takes multiple budget cycles to accomplish some of these. But we're on our path to get this done. We think this is a good objective in that regard. Another key item, obviously you know that our budget format, we always go on a budget cycle to budget cycle. Obviously there will be some significant occurrences that might swing one budget in stark comparison to the other. I wanted to identify these three areas here. As you all know, we are going into our third cycle relative to our utilizing a depreciation fund. You'll recall that depreciation fund is very specific. It is to replace our aging fleet. It is to replace obsolete equipment; and the function of it is getting it timely enough that where we can capitalize on the markets opening up with state bid and those types of things. You know one thing we learned from the Covid cycle was that on the approval process that we were on, we were always behind the curve and being able to get in line for those equipment needs. This helps us get in line for those; and we've already placed all these orders based on your earlier approval of that depreciation fund, and we're certainly pleased with that. Over the course of the last couple of cycles, we've replaced 100 automobiles and/or motorized equipment. And this year we've appropriated \$3.7 million and that's what your actions did just a couple of months ago. One byproduct of this is that you'll notice if you've dug down into some of the later pages, and I'll reference these again, this is causing a significant change in the way we look what we appear relative to fixed assets. It appears as though our fixed asset purchases are going from \$3 million down to about \$500,000. Well, in theory they are, because we are accomplishing that in this depreciation fund. That's a good thing and that's what we wanted to do. It will take us a couple of budget cycles to get that right-sized, if you will; and so that is one thing that we're trying to point out here is just to try to bring that to attention. The other area of that is capital improvement fund. Again, this is the second budget cycle for having done that and you'll recall that we did about \$6 million previous year. This current year we did about \$4.8 million, so we've got about \$10.5 million established in our carryover funding for these projects. So, again, that takes pressure off of the budget, and you'll see that in later schedules in this as well. We think that's a good project as well. The final thing here is infrastructure improvement. Again, you know, we're seeing that basically our miscellaneous street and sidewalk improvements are up nearly 50% year over year. Those are key and critical things, and that's what we see going on in our community currently. Our pavement management program still has a million dollars in it. We're looking at some new ways to probably allocate those funds and get those resources in line for utilization, so maybe we'll have some better ideas on that moving forward. And then finally, we still have a half a million dollars continuing in this for our drainage program and those improvements as well. You know, the financial part of this, I always like to look at the reserves. Again, this is a key indicator for us. This indicates your health, it indicates your wellness; and how you would be able to a) either utilize resources for

future activities, but b) also weather storms that might come about, those types of things, on the financial sector of things. But basically in your financial reports, you'll see this information. I just wanted to touch on a couple of bullets here. Basically right in the middle of the screen here you'll see the budget O&M Surplus. That's \$16,947, so basically this budget is exactly balanced. Revenues equal expenditures. Our ending fund balance will be \$28.5 million at the conclusion of this budget cycle for 2023. Our required reserves is a calculation of 15% of budgeted general expenditures, so that calculation here is \$9.3 million. So, we're going to end up with just under \$20 million in unappropriated fund balance at the conclusion of 2023. We always like to look at the industry standards relative to what you should have. You'll see the little footnote down here that the Arkansas Municipal League recommends that we have one month of coverage. And then the government Office of Finance Association, they recommend two months of coverage. You can see that we have 3.8 months of coverage, so we're doing very well in that category; and our run rate, if you will, on a monthly basis of right at \$5 million of operations and maintenance expenditures on a monthly basis. That's that calculation there. And I meant to say ask any questions you want. As I move through these slides, we can pause at any point. So this is your forum here today to ask those questions. On this particular screen here, we like to look at our O&M revenues and see how we compare, or how the accumulation of those in respect to the total, as we've always indicated that our sales activities account for nearly 80% of our revenues. That is constricting on the backend relative to that, but it does provide a lot of opportunity and we've seen that; and we've seen that on this chart as well that year over year budget positioning is about \$6.7 or \$6.8 million difference. So that's a good thing. That just kind of again shows the health of our economy relative to sales activities and the way that we are able to utilize those funds to further the growth of our community, public safety, and those types of things. You can see that chart there. There's other categories there relative to that. One thing I did want to point out is you'll notice right in the middle of this chart miscellaneous, it appears that it went down \$484,000. I always have to remind myself. You know, when the Act 224, which was the State of Arkansas initiated a proposal whereby all law and certified law enforcement personnel would be paid a \$5000 stipend; well what that required us to do is budget a revenue component but also budget an expanse component. So this is that revenue component. That number was right at \$630,000, and so that's represented in that 2022 budget. Obviously unless the state of Arkansas does something again, we won't have that in this particular budget cycle coming up.

Chairman Joe Hafner said hey Steve, can I point out a couple things about this, and you can correct me if I'm wrong; but on the property taxes at \$3.6 million, that seems like quite a bit of revenue. But, just to clarify, that's not revenue that we can spend on O&M items. That's pass-throughs, right? For LOPFI?

Director Steve Purtee said yes, the LOPFI portion of that, it's about \$3.2 million of that is in that category.

Chairman Joe Hafner said so I don't believe we have any property taxes that are not earmarked for specific things.

Director Steve Purtee said that's correct, right.

Chairman Joe Hafner said we did prior to 2000, but when the sales tax got approved that went away. And the other thing, and I talked about this with Steve and the mayor yesterday, we're still showing the franchise fees in there. And I think as the year progresses, you know we just hired Crews & Associates for our financial advisor, and one of the things they're going to be looking at is revenue bond and the franchise fees

will be what's used to basically fund the revenue bond. So I'm hoping in 2023 we can actually get those revenue bonds in place and get projects going, so at least a portion of that \$1.5 million will probably be coming out of general revenue; but I think what Steve mentioned yesterday is I hope that, you know, I think the mayor and his staff budgeted more realistically on sales tax increases and stuff like that. I think hopefully they may still be a little bit above what they're projecting them to be as increases, so our revenue won't really go down \$1.5 million, but those franchise taxes will hopefully be used to fund needed projects. Is that correct?

Director Steve Purtee said that is correct. And again, Joe, you're pointing out that we're hopeful that the problem is that we've got sales tax revenues coming in higher than budget. The other components of this are if we did do something that utilized this revenue source for debt service, then we can always adjust the trigger if you will on our depreciation fund in the future period of next year or capital improvement carryover, those types of things that might have some timing difference in those. We've got a couple of levers we can pull in that regard.

Chairman Joe Hafner said I just wanted to clarify that even though it might not be reflected in the budget, the plan is to get the revenue bonds going next year. I mean, obviously Crews has just come on so it's still, you know, very early in that relationship.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and if I might add, Councilmember, that in that relationship, the reason for that is for our community to understand how we are looking at things fiscally responsibly and how we utilize our resources in the best area and avenues we can. We don't want to spend down obviously our reserves to a point to where we have other alternatives that we have to replenish those. So what is that happy medium and that is what he is, upon his recommendation of our budget and of our hope on projects moving forward, our goal is to start and finish projects.

Chairman Joe Hafner said in a timely manner. Thanks, Steve.

Director Steve Purtee said the last thing I really want to point out on this screen is our interest line item here. You can see that basically in our 2022 we realized the market downturn of interest rates and how that impacted our earning opportunity on the funds on balance. We are expecting that to rebound a little bit. We're currently up to 2% on that. We're expecting a fed move in a couple of weeks, and we already have somewhat of an indication that we probably would be favored with a change in our rates again at that time; but we're closely monitoring that and keeping up with that as well.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and if I might add, Council, the next fed move is December 15th, so I would anticipate an adjustment for our interest rates at that time; and then early in the year we will also look out to bid our CD rates as well, so we want to be very competitive as we need to be for our citizens.

Councilmember Brian Emison said Steve, if you don't mind, just to follow up on that from the banking perspective and of course that fed meeting that we see coming up next week. We're projected to get 50 basis points out of that, but on into looking at mid-side of next year, I think we're actually projecting somewhere around 5.25 fed fund rate that's going to be out there. So this is a great opportunity to take advantage of those interest rates side where we haven't really seen that over the last couple of years, so I want to applaud your efforts for going out there and seeking those relationships.

Director Steve Purtee said let's talk about some of the detail behind the O&M category

of revenues that we just looked at. Obviously the line share of this is in sales tax, and again as we've alluded to, we're currently on pace for a 2022 projection of an 8.2% increase over budget. Then we're projecting that in this next budget cycle that we'll be at 7.4%. So again this is realizing in these three categories on the left hand side relative to that nearly \$8 million of increase there. State turn back and the state highway half cent sales tax again these have seen significant adjustments, but what we do on our revenue categories for these is we budget it based on a five year trend. So that's why these percentages are down somewhat in the eight and three percent range. Again, these are smaller balances, so a slight change in dollars is going to significantly move the percentage in this category. Again these are those that we specifically monitor on a monthly basis and we'll continue to do so moving forward. On the other side are basically just the remaining categories of revenues here in those areas as well.

Now let's talk about expenses just a little bit. You know we basically categorize our expenses into two primary categories based on its type and its class. This particular report here is looking at types; and again the glaring item here on this page is the fixed assets right in the middle of the chart. It's down \$2.6 million, and again this is exactly where we see that \$3 million in the current budget going down to \$500,000 in the next budget. Again, that includes \$3.8 million of appropriation that we've already dealt with and they're already in our depreciation fund, they're already at work. We're already purchasing auto fleet and prepaid a fire truck and got a substantial discount in doing that. We've ordered all of our police cruisers for replacement, the interceptors. So all of that is already working, and so that is why you're seeing this decrease here. We expect again, unless some other things happen that would change our course of action, that we'll probably do something similar again as well as we move forward. Again, I just can't express how much that really kind of brings...we're hopeful once we get farther away from supply chain issues and equipment needs or concerns on that, that we can further capitalize that and have that available for our directors even on an earlier basis. You know, we did do \$1.7 million relative to what we call motorized equipment, and we've already got some of that coming in as we speak. We were able to get a few vendors, get their remaining inventory, got a better pricing and those types of things. So I think just kudos to all of us relative to that having the foresight for you all to approve that and allow us to get in front of that. So I think that's really a great thing for us, but that's really the only thing on this screen here. And that just kind of dovetails into this. You know, that's that \$3.7 million in the depreciation fund currently, and I think I said \$1.7. It's \$1.8 million for the motorized equipment and \$1.9 million in our fleet auto. You can see how that breaks down. There are 37 fleet autos that we're replacing in the emergency area. \$1.2 million of those are in PD and \$111,000 are in fire department, two vehicles for that department as well. You can see there are 10 non-emergency fleet items and then four street maintenance fleet as well. The new category here for us is the equipment replacement; and again that's the one that I said we just introduced to you a few months ago and you approved it, and so now that's the one that's working today. But we have already purchased our \$800,000 fire engine through a pre-payment. Chief Hamrick indicates to me that it probably won't be in until early 2025, I think is the indication at this point. Or maybe it was mid '24. I forget now. It takes a while to get those things in. But we've already taken care of that. It's in its order process now, and then the remaining 12 here again are just non-emergency and street.

Another key area that we will see on this next slide is, I think we've had also the foresight to really through Tony Thomas's effort and Patrick within our sanitation department to really focus on our large equipment through lease programs. These are our sanitation trucks, and so we're seeing a lot of activity there. Currently we have

about half a million dollars in contract payments in this budget in that it consists of 14 active unit contracts there. So this is really a great thing here. It's just kind of becoming one of those repetitive things, it just really seems to be doing well with regard to the status of our fleet and its availability to operation in those types of things. So I think that's a good area as well.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and Steve, if I might add, I believe we discussed here not too long ago that our fleet a couple years ago, we would be at times a third of our fleet would be inaccessible to be on the street. And at this point, we're almost at a hundred percent, so we've come a long way in that. And as you can tell, it's made a big impact in the community.

Director Steve Purtee said so this kind of drives us on into the classification categories here. You can see again highways and streets. Is it down half a million dollars? No, because there's \$800,000 worth of fixed assets in that '22 budget. So again that same story is kind of filtering its way through all of our charts relative to our budget with regard to again what we're doing currently in those areas. Then the sanitation category, you can basically it's almost a match that \$545,000 from the earlier pages is reflective of the change in the budget difference here in this area. So the last item here I always like to point out is the mosquito control. You can see that we budget \$460,000 here and again remember that we've got \$250,000 in our ARPA campaign relative to this program as well, so we've kind of got it on both sides of the fence helping us in that regard. Just always want to make sure we mention that.

You know, if you look at this pie chart, I think it's a real good indication here of just kind of the focus of things that are critical and important to the city. And obviously you can see public safety is 55% of the total gross here. And if you go on up and look at highways and streets, that's roughly 12%. I think another key one for me is parks and recreation. Nearly 7% of our O&M expenditures are spent in our parks department, so I think again that's just a real good indication of how there's a good blend within our city government relative to keeping these things active. And then that final group there is sanitation at 11%, and so again we've seen that creep up a little bit. And that's been intentional so that we can freshen our fleet, keep it acting and keep it moving; so I think those are all paying dividends at this point.

So let's kind of jump into some of our salary discussion that you're going to see in this budget. Basically, the mayor's cover letter suggested that we were going to do a 3% cost of living adjustment for all full-time positions and that's in there. And those employees or positions that are participating in the step program, instead of waiting until my September anniversary date to get my average 2% step, the mayor is recommending that for all staff members that that occur on January the 1st, for all 600 plus employees. What does that do? It provides the immediate purchasing power of the full year salary structure for that employee relative to, you know, this modest increase in health insurance, 5% increase in premium, the reset of our open enrollment period, those types of things. It's maybe giving them some opportunity to do some things there as well. I think that's just a real commendable step relative to that. Also there are some efficiencies there. You know you can imagine those 600 employees are spread out over a 12-month period, where we're able to deal with all of that in one swing and then it's finished and we're on our way doing other things. So again, I really like that idea. Does it create pressure on our expenditures? It's a timing difference. That's all it is. Again, there will be a little additional expense relative to occurring earlier in a period versus later in a period; but again once those types of things become cyclical, then they're always the same timing issues. But the other thing that this budget includes is, you know, we have a number of employees, about a hundred employees

who are what we call maxed out. They're above their step programs, and let me rephrase that. It's about 65 that are currently maxed out and then this budget will also provide that those individuals receive a 5% COLA as well. The proposal here is a 5% cost of living adjustment for all full-time positions not eligible for step increase. Again, that's consistent with what we did in this current budget cycle as well. Another key thing that we did for retention purposes in our uniform personnel, we extended the steps within those paygrades by one step for this next budget cycle. That should help Chiefs Hamrick and Elliot in with regard to retaining staff in those upper-ranks especially.

The other thing here is continuing our longevity pay. I just thought it was real important here for you to understand what longevity means to us. There are three categories here relative to years of service and you can see the dollar or increments for each of those. The last two bullets are kind of interesting. There are 105 employees or 17% of our staff have been with the city longer than 20 years. 17% of 600 people have been here longer than 20 years. That says a lot for the city of Jonesboro and how it has taken care of its employees over the years. Another key factor of this is 75 of these participants are uniform personnel, and they represent nearly 20% of their departments. So basically two out of every ten uniform personnel have been here longer than 20 years. Two out of ten, so 20%. That's a key number. I think, and again, that shows the importance of this longevity program, because as I indicated, these individuals may be maxed out. There are some that if they've been promoted or something like that, that maybe reset their seniority date, and they may be still participating in step as well. But I think those are just some key facts that relative to the opportunity that our employees have with regard to their service here with the city.

Councilmember David McClain said Mr. Chairman, if I may. Steve, so I want to be clear. I want to make sure I understand correctly. If I am a police officer and I've been here 27 years, so I am maxed out on my step, I get a 5% COLA and the \$1500 longevity pay? Director Steve Purtee asked how many years? Councilmember David McClain said 27. Director Steve Purtee said that's correct. Councilmember David McClain said and going forward, what does our plan look like? Is it to continue this same path as far as we'll give you a 5% plus the longevity, or is it more of a we'll look as things come along? Where does this fit as far as our long-term plan for our law enforcement?

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and if I may, Steve, I'll go ahead and address that. I think, you know, the proof has been in the pudding the last two years how engaged we have been and where we have brought it from where it was just two years ago. Obviously we have to continually look and address it each year, so it's important. I think all the employees and the community realize that we do address this and we take it as a priority, so as we move forward, we have to obviously look and see how the budget is; and we do have to look at it but we will continue to look at it in the same way we did the last two years.

Councilmember David McClain said okay, so let me ask a follow-up. Is this, like I said, is this going forward? Is this phase two, three? What part of their payment plan is this, is the 5% plus longevity? What step are we at? Or do we have a step that we've identified?

Director Steve Purtee said no, and again, the current step plan, which was incorporated in 2016, it very specifically established job grades. It established a step plan for each of those job grades; and while on the non-uniform side it was through step 21, and with the idea that at that 21st step they roll into this longevity program, they get taken care

of there. On the uniform side, the structure of that was such that only the U1 or the uniformed officer is in a 21 step program. When you go up into the upper ranks, it went from 12 to 10 to 8 across on those. And, again, I think that's what the mayor's indicating that this budget cycle, last year, however you want to try to look at this, we specifically did this again. We did a 4% overall and if you were maxed out, you got a 4% cost of living adjustment. Similarly, in this one, we're doing 5% combined. In addition to that, we added one step to the uniformed structure. So now that U1 goes, actually we've added one last year as well, goes to 23 and then those others go to, I forget all the math. 12 or 13 and then 11, 9, 9, 9 is how that works out. So again it is being addressed, and I guess I would always caution on setting the precedents to say yes that's exactly what we're going to do. There are so many variables that would dictate our action otherwise: revenue constraints, expenditure needs, those types of things. But it looks like we're on that path.

Chairman Joe Hafner said and if I may add something like Councilman McClain. I think if we're trying to put it in different phases, this would probably be at least phase three. Because last year was a COLA on 1/1, then the April pay adjustments and then the items they are incorporating this year. I think the important thing is if there's some sort of timeline like we're going to look at this again in April like we did this year. We're going to look at it in May or June just to continue to keep that communication open because, yes, there's several areas on police pay and other pay, it's not just uniform pay where we're behind, as Dr. Coleman has said before. But this is an issue that didn't just pop up in the last couple of years; and I think as long as it continues to be addressed and the lines of communication are kept open, not just with the council but with the employees, then that's really all we can ask for right now. I mean I do firmly believe that it needs to continue to be looked at; because I know you get in trouble sometimes when you compare to other cities because everything's different as far as pay can be different, benefits package. I mean a lot of things can be different; but based on the analysis I did, we're still well behind. I asked this question last year in April when we approved the change. It said recruitment and retention, so we really need to press the recruitment piece. You know, great, and we're making strides towards the retention piece, but we still need to keep going down that road.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and I think you can see that we're always keeping that in constant on the forefront, and I would hope that you would be pleased at what we're bringing forth to you this year as well, and we set the tone last year as well too. So we're going to do it in a fiscally responsible manner. Again, there are many things. Once you set this tone then it goes forward for years to come, so these pay raises do reflect for years to come in the budget, and LOPFI, and there are many things that come into play. So, again, are the employees a priority? Absolutely, they are, and I hope they see that.

Chairman Joe Hafner said like I said, we just got to continue to look at it and let the employees know we're going to look at it and when we're going to look at it and all of the above. Because I think good strides have been made; and from what I've heard from the employees, they're very appreciative of the strides that have been made, but they're hopeful that we continue to move forward and close the gap compared to same positions in other cities.

Director Steve Purtee said further in our charts here we have those couple of charts here for the personnel consideration. Basically just kind of drawing some attention around those 76 requests and what they included, how we dealt with those, what the impact would be relative to our head count, and those types of things. This particular chart here, it includes this group of changes that will not increase our head count. In

other words, these are current staff members relative to these areas here. You know, you've got basically new positions and existing positions that are going to be the result or the recipient of a promotion. Then you've got job regrades, specific to looking at the skill set of an individual compared to their job description and how those are matching up and making sure that we're doing our job relative to aligning those properly. You can see this detail here, and it will be further provided in some of the attachments that are already out on Legistar. Thanks, Ms. City Clerk, for taking care of that for me. I kind of tripped on that, and my apologies to your office relative to that. So thanks for helping me out there. But those attachments were sent out last evening, and they're out there now in Legistar. You can see this detail in a report format there as well.

The next piece of this are those that will increase our head count. You can see there are 15 of these; and these are assessments, obviously both of these are assessments by our department heads looking at their departments and basically one on one meetings with the mayor's office and the administrative staff to look at these and justify their existence, their reasoning, the rationale, and all of that behind these on both of these screens. But these will provide additional head count. They will provide employees for a service that may not be being conducted now or may not be being offered relative to the level that we're seeing in a need in our community. So that's kind of what this is here. Very specifically, you'll see a couple of these with two employees relative to this, and then I'll go down to the bottom here. Our police department had received another request for an SRO officer from one of our area schools, and we have that on here as well. Obviously the mayor has approved that in his analysis of this budget as well. Back at the top here, I think this is a key position here. You'll see there are three positions in the new position for increasing headcount relative to radio tech, a wellness supervisor, and then a landscape architect trail coordinator. The mayor talks about these in his letter. He gives you a great understanding of what these are for and what they might encompass, but we think these are going to be key roles in our city makeup to allow us to really focus on some things. So I was really pleased that we did these and recognized those needs and are willing to identify and address those. I think those will be great positions for us.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said Steve, I've got a question. On that landscape architecture trail person, what department would that be under? Director Steve Purtee said it's currently aligned under the engineering department since it will have a phase of planning, organization and such as that. You know, Dr. Coleman, it's kind of like a lot of positions. You know, it may start over here, thinking that's where it fits. But then after a certain period of analysis and justification and understanding, and then it may be realigned over here. I think that's what you're going to see in that position, just kind of from my vantage point.

Councilmember David McClain said Mr. Chairman, may I follow up with a question with Dr. Coleman's question? And, Mayor, I shot you a note just asking about that spot in particular. I almost feel like these are two separate positions, the landscape architect / trail coordinator. And the only reason I say that, that's something that when I look at other cities similar to us, if they had a trail coordinator, they had that person that was reporting directly to the mayor. They also had active transportation committee that they met with to help in identifying and implementing our trails, our right of way acquisitions. So taking that position out of engineering but actually putting it in a standalone position. I don't know if that's the thought or if it's even in interest to move that. I know, I think the conversation focuses around the salary and then having to get approval for that. Could you give me a little more thinking on that?

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said you know, our thoughts were in our conversations was

to have the initial phase implemented and this would be that. And as well as Steve had already alluded to in the engineering department, because of the easements. You know, this last trail that we just broke ground on has taken two years to get the easements, which puts a lot of additional time on Craig's department. So I think what this, and I know with this coordinator role is going to be is, they've got to set the tone to what their needs will be as we continue to grow. So to answer your question, should that go off to an additional position for a trail coordinator as well as he builds that role if he needs that assistance, then I think we adopt that role at that time. So initially, our goal is to get this in place in engineering. He will work with Danny on the trails, and then we'll see how that role plays out.

Chairman Joe Hafner said Mayor, do you see, you know sometimes when we have a position like in any company, it might say hey, you're going to be the landscape and the trail coordinator. But then they go hey, well, can you help us with this project for drainage. I mean, we need this person to be specifically focused on what they are hired to be focused on; because I think as you mentioned every department is pulled in so many different directions. I think we do good on headcount and stuff, so we need to make sure they're focused, so it's a priority and it doesn't take two years to get right of way acquisitions.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and that's what we've already set in place with Tony. So Tony will be the overseer, obviously the engineering and planning and permitting department; and so that will be his main contact and focus as well will be Tony.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said I agree with that focus that you're taking, but I think that needs to...from my perspective, that's why I asked that first question. Back to David. I've seen that before. And I think it just needs a little first aid straight thinking about that before you decide that one person, because I think Jonesboro is growing, the park system is growing. The engineering department to me personally needs a little bit more people, but I don't think that person needs to be within that issue or in that circumstance where they're actually doing that job on a daily basis, it would be a lot better. I think it will respond to what you're trying to do a little bit better because they wouldn't have to be answering to 5 to 6 different persons. They would be on one trail to do one thing; and, you know, it might also help in the salary pack of how you're going to pay that individual at the same time, so that's just a thought.

Director Steve Purtee said let's talk about capital improvements a little bit. This particular slide here, and the detail for this is on page 12 in your binder. You know, we obviously can't put all that detail in this slide here, but we wanted to just kind of group it by categories, by departments, those types of things, so you can see that detail here. Basically we've got \$8.8 million coming out of our general fund. \$5.6 million of that is related to parks projects. Nearly \$2 million of that is relating to our trail, our connectivity plan relative to those two programs, the ASU to downtown connection, as well as the University Heights trail as we turn those. On the other side of the chart here, you can see \$3 million in street fund capital improvements. We've already talked about that \$2.55 million in those first two categories. We're still working on the South Caraway Road expansion here with regard to right of way acquisition, utility alignment, those types of things, still some design work, that type of thing. Basically it's \$11.7 million in capital improvement expenditures. If you look back through your budget binder, you'll recall that we did right at \$6 million this year, \$6.5 million, so we've substantially increased that investment in these major projects. And again, that's a direct relation and correlation to our aggressive approach to revenue, and so we think that's going to align perfectly in that regard and utilize those things, those resources fully. Again, details on page 12. If you have any questions about that detail, certainly

get back to my office, and we'll help you with that.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said one thing I would like to say to Council as a whole, and I think as we continue through the several years, we have carryovers on projects, where are we here. I hear questions there, and I think it's imperative that in February and maybe quarterly or at least every six months of next year, we have a special called meeting for Council, and we give you an update on these projects, where they are and what detail, when we hope to have them completed. That would obviously take Craig Light, city engineer. We'd bring you up to date on our grants, we'd bring you up to date on our parks projects. We do have a lot going on. And so, some people have particular interest; and this way hopefully we can answer all the interest. But I think it's important that we do a quarterly meeting at least initially to bring everybody up to date on these projects.

Chairman Joe Hafner said and if I can add something to that. That's one of the things we've talked about. David and I have talked about it some. Mayor, we've talked about it; but a lot of times, as council members, there'll be something we approve and then we don't hear anything about it for a while. And I think, where are we on this project; and I think it's real important that we get those regular updates. I would like it to be at a minimum quarterly. You know, and the other thing, this may come out worse than it sounds, but I think sometimes...well, I won't say sometimes. What I want us to avoid is, right now we have \$11.7 million in capital improvements, and we have \$500,000 for drainage projects. I want us to have identified areas for these projects. I just don't want us to go, hey, let's put \$500 in for drainage, and then figure out where we're going to spend it. I want us to know where we're going to spend it, so we can get going on those projects as soon as possible and get them done. Once again, what I said earlier, make it a priority to get done, be timely. You know the park projects, we've got \$300,000 in there, or \$200,000 for a new dog park. Do we have an idea where that new dog park is going to be already? I hope so. And we've got \$300,000 for a new park. You know, whether it be a pocket park or whatever. Where's that going? Hopefully we already have an idea, because if we don't have an idea now, we don't have an idea where the equipment's coming from, it's probably going to be doubtful that we get it done next year. One of the things I was excited we've spent some money on this year out of the, always say it wrong, American Rescue Plan funds, but getting the old YMCA renovated. We need places for our kids to go and get off the streets. I mean, I've said it before. The YMCA kept me out of trouble growing up over in that area, because I was down there instead of running the streets all the time. I already mentioned the drainage projects. When are we going to break ground on the pool at Parker Park?

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and most of these we already do have the report, so that's pretty simple. Craig has already got that. We do a development every Monday morning at 8:30. I meet with all the department directors and we go through these projects; but we need to bring that to you to bring you the updates as well. So we'll do that. I think it's a great idea for us to come together, and I'll call special meeting for that to occur. Again, I think we've got some great updates coming from Parks on the YMCA project. Hopefully by year end, Danny on that as well, right? But we do need to be really transparent on that. I think it's good communication.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm glad you brought that up because I think, in my mind, I also have to be very careful about the position I'm in, or any councilperson within their particular ward, because there are certain things that people ask us about all the time. I had actually three items when Joe brought up something. You know we could talk about the MLK trail, those types of

things that I don't hear anything about. What's going to happen to them, those things? I think the specifics is what I am looking for, because when our constituents ask us different questions, and I say, well, we're working on something. But I think we need just a little bit more detailed specifics, not so much to cover our rear, just to make sure the public understands where the money's really going to be spent.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and I concur. And obviously I depend on Council to communicate those needs and requests as well to our office and administration. That way we can get back with you. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said well, I'm not saying I'm not the only one doing it, but usually I text Brian all the time to ask questions about the swimming pool, about certain items. What I try my best not to do is confront you all the time because you are the mayor of the whole city, but we also have people who work for you that we need to be able to...they need to be dialoguing to us. Not so much we texting them all the time, but dialogue to us if there's a project that we have approved, a project we have worked on, then we need to hear some steady information back from them. Because each day we don't know where you're going with that.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and many of the projects, as we all and you all as councilmembers in businesses due to Covid, we're not able to get a lot of the supplies in as well. So when we start a project, unfortunately we can't finish the project due to supplies. So we're seeing that a lot of times in our carryovers; and you're seeing this in case in point. But again, I think addressing that, we can talk about each project. You'll know where we are. You'll know why the slow progress. You'll know that we're on easements. You'll know that we're on utility easements. And then hopefully, then that way everybody's a little bit more engaged with the process on what we have going.

Chairman Joe Hafner said it's also kind of an educational process too. We may not understand everything that goes into, you know, getting a trail ready for the asphalt or concrete. I mean, the right of ways, the engineering, you know. I know on like highway plans and stuff, you talk about the 30% plans and the 60% plans. That's stuff that we may not necessarily know, the public may not necessarily know. And that's why it's good for us to... If you call a special meeting, it could just be like a lunch meeting or an evening meeting. I don't care when it is, but it would just be a good information exchange and help everybody out.

Councilmember Brian Emison said Chairman Hafner, I was going to make a note on that. I mean, just something that I enjoy seeing on a monthly basis is coming from finance. We get those monthly reports and tells us where we stand on everything from that side of it, even if it's a quarterly in-person meeting, maybe on a monthly basis. Kind of like an AIA report, that we would get a percentage complete, the draws, the main milestones that have been achieved; and then we can have a quarterly meeting and sit down and talk about those more in depth.

Councilmember John Street said I noticed \$500,000 in drainage, and Craig sitting here, that's not a lot of money for any kind of a drainage project, maybe a project for something that's pretty general. You know, we can spend that going back and doing ditch maintenance around the city. We've got so many ditches and it's a constant deal, but last year we appropriated funds to have a program that would go through and evaluate our street needs and prioritize those for overlays. I don't know if there is something like that we could do for drainage, but I'm sure every single one of the council just like myself gets a lot of questions about drainage. It's just something that is hard to stay up with, but I would love to see some prioritized drainage projects earmarked and justification for maybe, you know, because everybody wants to know

why is this project being done and not mine. I'm flooding every time we get a heavy rain or something. And some things there's just not anything we can do about. But I'd love to see some kind of a program like that in place if that's possible. And we definitely need more money pumped in there for drainage.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said well now I think just to piggyback off what you said, you've seen the investment increase two fold over the last two years on our roads and sidewalks infrastructure, and drainage obviously is the next to follow. So, again, we did bring in that outside resource to give us an overlay of our 514 miles of our city streets, how they're going to hold up, what's the best way so we can utilize our resources. Because obviously we don't have all the resources we need to bring them up to 100% capacity, but that's exactly right. We are spending our resources for our infrastructure upgrades, but we do have the projects in tow for that funding.

Councilmember John Street said and I love that street because it does show people how we prioritize our funds for overlays or maintenance. And I'd love to see something along those lines in drainage or where we actually address the needs for drainage throughout, and I don't know if we're still, do we still have anything going with the Corps of Engineers, Craig? No? Okay. I know at one time, we were working with them for some projects, but I'd love to see us work on drainage more.

Chairman Joe Hafner said and another thing I would like to add, and this doesn't really fall into the capital improvement, but you know we still have about \$10.7 million in the American Rescue Plan funds. And the guidance still isn't clear on some items, but a couple of things that we did approve this year for \$425,000 in drainage improvements and \$500,000 in ditch maintenance and improvement. So that's still money that can be used on top of what we have in the general budget. You know, obviously with the guidance not being clear, we have to be careful how we proceed with that money. But that's money that we don't need to forget is there and make sure we use it to the full benefit of our taxpayers.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said just remember. We haven't forgotten it, but we need to utilize it at the right time and the right need of the community. Chairman Joe Hafner said yes, about 10.7 million unappropriated, right Steve? Councilmember Brian Emison said and at least it's getting a good interest rate these days. Director Steve Purtee said that is true. Chairman Joe Hafner said yes, says the banker. Councilmember Brian Emison said I've only got a few strong points here.

Director Steve Purtee said one of the last things that we did for this budgeting process is just kind of focus on the very specific goals for this balance budget; and through conversation with the mayor, and over the course of weeks and months, he would continually offer tidbits of specific things he wanted to see in the budget. And then we would go to work trying to incorporate those, making sure that we were identifying those as frugally as we could. That's what finance people do, and so we just kind of put our arms around some of those. But here are some of those: just continuing investment in our infrastructure improvements, continuing our emphasis on public safety initiatives, continuing our quality of place projects, making this an even better place to live than it is today. Looking at those resources for improving customer service in our community, we are customer service agents for our public. Those are some key things and the mayor believes very strongly in those. We already have shown hopefully and you've seen that, the investment in our employees, retention opportunities for uniform personnel. And we've very specifically talked about those objectives that are in this budget relative to that.

The thing that we've probably talked more in our offices about than anything else is our systematic plan of replacing our aging fleet. It's not if but when you have to do that. So we'd much rather address that as we go rather than having just wholesale changes in that regard, because that just pushes you to another critical moment when that segment of equipment wears out. So we want to systematically approach this. Basically, here's the capsulate of all of this, is just continuing to invest in our future and the future of our city. One of the key things to this though is setting the expectation to fully utilize our projected revenues. You know, we've been conservative. We are always very conservative. We're opening that up a little bit. We're going to make ourselves a little bit vulnerable with regard to those revenue goals that we have established. We fully expect to achieve them and don't anticipate anything differently. And that's how we're going to wake up the day after this budget is implemented and start on that track. These are those objectives that the mayor's shared with us regarding this budget. Any questions?

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said just one. I might have slightly mentioned, have there been any concerns about a new fire station any place in Jonesboro? The reason why I asked, there has been a lot of construction going on, a lot of housing in different areas.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and Councilman, that is a constant conversation that we have, and I think the importance that we have to look at is the location of that new location. And so as we do that we're also studying our streets. How can we improve our streets for our time? Our fire department has to have an access time of within four minutes for an area. Sometimes we can improve our road infrastructure to get them to that four minute level without having to build an additional fire station, so we could allow us to put another fire station in another area of our community. As Councilman Hafner mentioned before, this will probably be one of these objectives that we will reach with the request of one of the initiatives we want to achieve.

Chairman Joe Hafner said I was just going to add a couple things. Obviously, the revenue bond that we mentioned earlier, you know that's something that could be used for a fire station potentially if that was the priority that was given to it. The other thing, we talked about our reserves quite a bit. You know, the reserves are always a constant conversation that comes up with citizens and employees and other people. But, like Steve said, we want to have adequate reserves. Our reserve right now is based upon 15% of our O&M budget; and that's a little bit more conservative than some of the guidance and stuff. A few years ago when we had the ice storm and we didn't have sales tax coming in, you have to have those reserves there. What I think we need to avoid is having excessive reserves that are just sitting there drawing interest when there's needs for the taxpayers and our citizens and the people we want to attract to our city. They can be met with those reserves, and that's part of what I've been asking the mayor to prioritize. That's where Crews and Associates will help us kind of come up with a number that could be used there. But the reserves can be used not only to help fund projects that are needed, whether it be drainage, quality of life, streets, fire stations, equipment, you name it. We can really spend all our reserves tomorrow on things that we need to get done in our city, things we're behind on, and things that we need to do. But it could also be used when we are looking at grants. You know, we discussed this, do we improve our chances of getting grants if we contribute more than the minimum match that's required. That's something that I want the mayor and his staff and Regina to look at moving forward, like where does it make sense to increase our match to get the money for a project that we need done.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said and just to piggyback off that a little bit more,

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Councilmember, we also look for private partnerships in the community as well. We have really stepped up what I feel are the conversations in this community that have been needing to happen for a long time. So the more community partnerships that we have going toward our grants that we ask for or match, the more in reality we can give. And as well, we have to be aware, the more grants that we apply for, if we all of a sudden received all of them, then how much of that commitment is on our side as well. We have to be aware of that too, so we are.

Chairman Joe Hafner said and another thing before Steve sits down and I open it up to questions here in a minute if you all have any. But the other thing, when I was looking through the budget, some of the questions I asked about, items such as the land bank. You know, we have a budget for the land bank for \$50,000 or whatever the amount is for land improvements and buying land, and we haven't really done anything in the last two or three years. So what do we have to do to get that focus back up? Is it something working the code enforcement or planning to get the land bank more active and reaching the potential or more of the potential we thought it could do? You know, we obviously lost the director a year or two ago, and it's kind of been flying under the radar. There's always extenuating circumstances, so like, for instance, on CDBG. You know, I asked this question yesterday. We've got money budgeted for, you know, whether It be different kind of projects for the general government recreation or the Cares Act, we've got money budgeted, but we haven't spent anything year to date. So are we staying on top of what needs to be done; because the way that that works, as I understand it, they have to spend the money then they have to turn it in

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#### 4. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Coleman, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain and Brian

**Emison** 

Absent: 1 - LJ Bryant

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## **City of Jonesboro**

300 S. Church Street Jonesboro, AR 72401

### **Text File**

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A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 1400 E. WASHINGTON AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas desires to purchase the following described right-of-way for the purpose of constructing and maintaining roadway improvements:

PART OF LOT 23 OF COBB AND LEE'S SURVEY OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP, RANGE 04 EAST, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 23 OF COBB AND LEE'S SURVEY OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 04 EAST, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; THENCE SOUTH 00°46'16" WEST, 454.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING PROPER; THENCE SOUTH 87°00'36" EAST, 12.71 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02°08'15" EAST, 22.94 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86°10'47" EAST, 58.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°36'31" EAST, 49.99 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°44'04" EAST, 51.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°25'31" EAST, 51.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85°53'10" EAST, 39.32 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°45'41" WEST, 6.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°26'15" WEST, 264.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°46'16" EAST, 33.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING PROPER, CONTAINING 1,826 SQ. FT., MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

WHEREAS, an Offer has been made and accepted to the sell the above described property for the price of \$5,478.00.

WHEREAS, the attached Offer and Acceptance will be executed upon passage of this resolution.

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from the Capital Improvement budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO THAT:

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Section 1: The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.

## REAL ESTATE CONTRACT FOR CITY OF JONESBORO OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

- BUYERS: The Buyers, CITY OF JONESBORO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION offer to buy, subject to the terms set forth herein, the following
- 2. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: (1400 E. WASHINGTON AVENUE)

PART OF LOT 23 OF COBB AND LEE'S SURVEY OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP, RANGE 04 EAST, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 23 OF COBB AND LEE'S SURVEY OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 04 EAST, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; THENCE SOUTH 00°46'16" WEST, 454.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING PROPER; THENCE SOUTH 87°00'36" EAST, 12.71 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02°08'15" EAST, 22.94 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86°10'47" EAST, 58.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°36'31" EAST, 49.99 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°44'04" EAST, 51.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°25'31" EAST, 51.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85°53'10" EAST, 39.32 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°45'41" WEST, 6.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°26'15" WEST, 264.22 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°46'16" EAST, 33.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING PROPER, CONTAINING 1,826 SQ. FT., MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

- 3. PURCHASE PRICE: The Buyers will pay as total purchase price for said permanent right-of-way property, the sum of five thousand four hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$5,478.00).
- 4. CONVEYANCE: Conveyance shall be made to Buyers or as directed by Buyers, by execution of Permanent Right-of-Way document, except it shall be subject to recorded restrictions and easements, if any, which do not materially affect the value of the property. Unless expressly reserved herein, such conveyance shall include mineral rights owned by Seller.
- PRO-RATIONS: Taxes and special assessments, and allowable expenses due on or before closing shall be paid at closing from the proceeds of the sale.
- 6. CLOSING: The closing date will be immediate upon receipt of purchase price. Closing cost to be paid by the buyer.
- 7. POSSESSION: Possession shall be delivered to Buyers: Upon Buyers Closing

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT WHEN SIGNED BY BOTH BUYER AND SELLER.

BUYER	SELLER
CITY OF JONESBORO CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, AR	
Name:	Name:
Title: Mayor	Date: 12/12/2022
Date:	Name: Brandon Trent (NEAMODS)
ATTEST	Date: 12/12/2027
City Clerk	



### **City of Jonesboro**

300 S. Church Street Jonesboro, AR 72401

#### **Text File**

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A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO WITHDRAW THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 301 REEVES STREET, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 301 REEVES STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro condemned certain property located within the City of Jonesboro located at 301 Reeves Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas for the purpose of constructing and maintaining roadway improvements on September 20, 2022 (RES-22:140);

WHEREAS, the owner of said property has accepted the original offer by the City of Jonesboro to purchase the needed right-of-way for the price of \$2,043.00;

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro desires to void the earlier condemnation of the right-of-way located at 301 Reeves Street and execute the attached Offer and Acceptance; and,

WHEREAS, the funding for this purchase shall come from the Capital Improvement budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section1: That the City of Jonesboro hereby voids the condemnation of property located at 301 Reeve Street and agrees to purchase said right-of-way per the attached Offer and Acceptance.

Section 2: The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the documents necessary to effectuate this transaction.

## REAL ESTATE CONTRACT FOR CITY OF JONESBORO OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE

- 1. **BUYERS:** The Buyers, **CITY OF JONESBORO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION** offer to buy, subject to the terms set forth herein, the following
- 2. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: (301 REEVES STREET)

PART OF LOT 7, BLOCK 2 OF PATRICK'S 1ST ADDITION, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 7, BLOCK 2 OF PATRICK'S 1ST ADDITION, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; THENCE NORTH 89°32'19" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 7, 75.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°53'35" WEST, LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE, 15.74 FEET; THENCE NORTH 52°46'31" WEST, 11.06 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°51'52" WEST, 66.07 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°51'07" EAST, 8.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 681 SQ. FT., MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

- 3. **PURCHASE PRICE:** The Buyers will pay as total purchase price for said property for two thousand forty-three dollars (\$2,043.00).
- 4. **CONVEYANCE:** Conveyance shall be made to Buyers or as directed by Buyers, by execution of Permanent Right-of-Way document, except it shall be subject to recorded restrictions and easements, if any, which do not materially affect the value of the property. Unless expressly reserved herein, such conveyance shall include mineral rights owned by Seller.
- 5. **PRO-RATIONS:** Taxes and special assessments, and allowable expenses due on or before closing shall be paid at closing from the proceeds of the sale.
- 6. **CLOSING:** The closing date will be immediate upon receipt of purchase price. Closing cost to be paid by the buyer.
- 7. POSSESSION: Possession shall be delivered to Buyers: Upon Buyers Closing

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT WHEN SIGNED BY BOTH BUYER AND SELLER.

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### **City of Jonesboro**

300 S. Church Street Jonesboro, AR 72401

#### **Text File**

File Number: RES-22:259

Agenda Date: Version: 1 Status: To Be Introduced

In Control: Finance & Administration Council Committee File Type: Resolution

A RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THREE PICKUP TRUCKS FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-194 established a City of Jonesboro Equipment Depreciation Fund for 2022 allowing for the purchase of vehicle fleet including pickup trucks for various directors; and

WHEREAS, the Chevrolet vehicle is not available via state contract suppliers; and

WHEREAS, since it is unknown when these vehicle types will be available again due to supply disruptions, city staff performed extensive research throughout the region to locate comparably priced and equipped vehicles; and

WHEREAS, three new comparably priced and equipped 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 DBL 4WD, that will meet the needs of the original vehicle request, has been located for a price of \$39,910 each; and

WHEREAS, bidding is impractical due to the need to secure the above vehicle in stock.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The City Council authorizes the purchase of three 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, available from Superior Automotive Group of Arkansas, for \$39,910.00 each.

SECTION 2: The City Council in accordance with the terms of A.C.A. Section 14-58-303 hereby waive the requirement of competitive bidding and direct the purchasing agent to purchase the above-described vehicle for the price set forth above.



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- 2. Manufacturer has reserved the right to change the price to Dealer of new motor vehicles without notice. In the event the price to Dealer of new motor vehicles of the series and body type ordered hereunder is changed by Manufacturer prior to delivery of the new motor vehicle ordered hereunder to Purchaser. Dealer reserves the right to change the cash delivered price of such motor vehicle to Purchaser accordingly. If such cash delivered price is increased by Dealer, Purchaser may, if dissatisfied therewith, cancel this Order.
- 3. If the used motor vehicle which has been traded in as a part of the consideration for the motor vehicle ordered hereunder is not to be delivered to Dealer until delivery to Purchaser of such motor vehicle, the used motor vehicle shall be reappraised at that time and such reappraised value shall determine the allowance made for such used motor vehicle. If such reappraised value is lower than the original allowance therefor shown on the front of this Order, Purchaser may, if dissatisfied therewith, cancel this Order, provided, however, that such right to cancel is exercised prior to the delivery of the motor vehicle ordered hereunder to the Purchaser and surrender of the used motor vehicle to Dealer.
- 4. Purchaser agrees to deliver to Dealer satisfactory evidence of title to any used motor vehicle traded in as a part of the consideration for the motor vehicle ordered hereunder at the time of delivery of such used motor vehicle to Dealer. Purchaser warrants any such used motor vehicle to be his property free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except as otherwise noted herein.
- 5. Manufacturer has reserved the right to change the design of any new motor vehicle, chassis, accessories or parts thereof at any time without notice and without obligation to make the same or any similar change upon any motor vehicle, chassis, accessories or parts thereof previously purchased by or shipped to Dealer or being manufactured or sold in accordance with Dealer's orders. Correspondingly, in the event of any such change by Manufacturer, Dealer shall have no obligation to Purchaser to make the same or any similar change in any motor vehicle, chassis, accessories or parts thereof covered by this Order either before or subsequent to delivery thereof to Purchaser.
- 6. Dealer shall not be liable for failure to deliver or delay in delivering the motor vehicle covered by this Order where such failure or delay is due, in whole or in part, to any cause beyond the control or without the fault or negligence of Dealer.
- 7. The price for the motor vehicle specified on the face of this Order includes reimbursement for Federal Excise taxes, but does not include sales taxes, use taxes or occupational taxes based on sales volume, (Federal, State or Local) unless expressly so stated. Purchaser assumes and agrees to pay, unless prohibited by law, any such sales, use or occupational taxes imposed on or applicable to the transaction covered by this Order, regardless of which party may have primary tax liability therefor.
- 8. If a charge for Creditor Life Insurance is included in this Order the provisions on Creditor Life Insurance in any retail installment contract form subsequently executed between the parties hereto in conjunction with this Order shall be fully effective. If such insurance is unavailable or partly unavailable under the designated policy, the applicable portion of the charge for Creditor Life Insurance specified herein, and the finance charge thereon, may be deducted from the Total Time Balance and credited to the Purchaser. If such insurance does not become effective, notice thereof will be sent to the Purchaser by the Dealer and this Order and any retail installment contract executed in conjunction therewith shall otherwise remain fully effective.
- 9. MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY: ANY WARRANTY ON ANY NEW VEHICLE OR USED VEHICLE STILL SUBJECT TO A MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY IS THAT MADE BY THE MANUFACTURER ONLY. THE SELLER HEREBY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. ANY STATEMENT CONTAINED HEREIN DOES NOT APPLY WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW.
- 10. USED VEHICLE WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT TO MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY: UNLESS A SEPARATE WRITTEN INSTRUMENT SHOWING THE TERMS OF ANY DEALER WARRANTY OR SERVICE CONTRACT IS FURNISHED BY DEALER TO BUYER, THIS VEHICLE IS SOLD "AS IS NOT EXPRESSLY WARRANTED OR GUARANTEED", AND THE SELLER HEREBY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. ANY STATEMENT CONTAINED HEREIN DOES NOT APPLY WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

THE INFORMATION YOU SEE ON THE WINDOW FORM FOR THIS VEHICLE IS PART OF THIS CONTRACT. INFORMATION ON THE WINDOW FORM OVERRIDES ANY CONTRARY PROVISIONS IN THE CONTRACT OF SALE.

- 11. PURCHASER SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO RECOVER FROM DEALER ANY CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, DAMAGES TO PROPERTY, DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF USE, LOSS OF TIME, LOSS OF PROFITS, OR INCOME, OR ANY OTHER INCIDENTAL DAMAGES.
- 12. The Purchaser, before or at the time of delivery of the motor vehicle covered by this Order will execute such other forms of agreement or documents as may be required by the terms and conditions of payment indicated on the front of this Order.



SOLD TO: CITY OF JONESBORO ADDRESS 300 S CHURCH

JONESBORO AR 72403

No.

DATE 12/20/2022

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Therefore, this contract cannot later be canceled simply because you change your mind, decide the vehicle costs too much, or wish you had acquired a different vehicle, or for any other reason. After you have signed your contract, you are an immediate owner!

I have read and understand that by signing these legal documents and taking delivery of the vehicle for which the contracts have been written, I will not be able to return the car at a later date and have the contracts voided.

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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

SOLD TO: CITY OF JONESBORO
ADDRESS 300 S CHURCH
JONESBORO AR 72403

No.

DATE 12/20/2022

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SOLD BY JEFFERY A LEE

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# Arkansas law does not provide for a "cooling off" or other cancellation period for vehicle sales.

Therefore, this contract cannot later be canceled simply because you change your
mind, decide the vehicle costs too much, or wish you had acquired a different
vehicle, or for any other reason. After you have signed your contract, you are an
immediate owner!

I have read and understand that by signing these legal documents and taking delivery of the vehicle for which the contracts have been written, I will not be able to return the car at a later date and have the contracts voided.

©	CITY OF JONESBORO	12/20/2022
Buyer	Printed Name	Date
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V125161 STOCK NO.

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SOLD TO: CITY OF JONESBORO ADDRESS 300 S CHURCH

JONESBORO AR 72403

No.

DATE 12/20/2022

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# Arkansas law does not provide for a "cooling off" or other cancellation period for vehicle sales.

Therefore, this contract cannot later be canceled simply because you change your mind, decide the vehicle costs too much, or wish you had acquired a different vehicle, or for any other reason. After you have signed your contract, you are an immediate owner!

I have read and understand that by signing these legal documents and taking delivery of the vehicle for which the contracts have been written, I will not be able to return the car at a later date and have the contracts voided.

<b>\Pi</b>	CITY OF JONESBORO	12/20/2022
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### **City of Jonesboro**

300 S. Church Street Jonesboro, AR 72401

#### **Text File**

File Number: RES-23:001

Agenda Date: Version: 1 Status: To Be Introduced

In Control: Finance & Administration Council Committee File Type: Resolution

A RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL DECLARING AN EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO REPAIR DAMAGE TO CITY-OWNED INDUSTRIAL TRACK

WHEREAS, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) damaged the City-Owned industrial track on December 14, 2022;

WHEREAS, Shelby Railroad Services, Inc., the on-call contractor for rail services, accessed the damages and the cost to mobilize and repair the damaged rail to be \$42,553.00;

WHEREAS, BSNF has agreed to reimburse the City of Jonesboro all expenses related to repairing the damaged rail; and,

WHEREAS, bidding is impractical due to nature of the damage and the immediate need to repair the damaged rail.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1: An exceptional situation exists requiring the waiving of the conditions of competitive bidding, so that competitive bidding requirements are hereby waived, and Shelby Railroad Services, Inc. was mobilized to repair damages to City-Owned industrial track.

Section 2: BSNF has acknowledged the damages and will reimburse the City of Jonesboro all expenses related to repairing the damages that resulted from the December 14, 2022 accident.