



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 7 - Mitch Johnson;David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-24:071](#) Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

4. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-24:025](#) AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ARTICLE VII - BUILDING NUMBERING SECTION 105-200 THROUGH 105-210 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Jonesboro - Addressing & Street Naming Standard](#)

Councilmember LJ Bryant asked, Chairman, can someone give us a rundown from the administration. E911 Director Ronnie Sturch said, I will try. Thank you so much. As it was said in the ordinance, one of the things as you are well aware, the 911 systems and center, technologies have just exploded and have moved so fast that one of the things that we identified was our addresses are way out of, they are obsolete, they are way out of line with the new systems we use. Specifically and mainly, I would say in the secondary address points. That is where we are seeing a lot of the discrepancies, a lot of the problems. And, what this will allow us to do by putting the new standard in place, it will help eliminate some of those issues we are having with identifying locations. When a call comes in, we can specifically, now with our systems, we can track it down to almost the seat level in the stadium if we want to as to where that call

is coming from. So, that's the reason this ordinance, I have worked with the addressing committee and I want to say I worked with Planning, they have been great. Monica in Planning, Rusty in the Engineering Department. There have been several of the city departments that have worked on this and we have come with what we think is a great standard to move forward with that will hopefully move us forward for several years. I'll be glad to entertain any specific questions. Councilmember Janice Porter said, I have some questions. Yes, in existing neighborhoods where the street signs are out of compliance, who bears the financial responsibility for replacing those? Mr. Sturch said, the existing, the way that I understand the way that the standard is written, the existing would be, I think the city would bear the responsibility on that. Councilmember Porter said, thank you. And, have you identified suppliers who are going to manufacture those address number signs so that the public can know how to go about getting them? Mr. Sturch said, the Street Department, we are working with Steve and the Street Department. They have a representative on this committee and we use their, what they had in their standards were put into this standard. So, I don't particularly know a specific vendor. I would have to defer to the Street Department for that information Ms. Porter. Councilmember Porter said, thank you.

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

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-24:091](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1104 Pratt Circle, Jonesboro, AR 72401: Parcel # 01-144082-12300

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1104 Pratt B&S Returned Reg and Cert Letters](#)
[1104 Pratt Boarding and Securing Affidavit](#)
[1104 Pratt Inspection Report](#)
[1104 Pratt Map](#)
[1104 Pratt Pre-Condemnation Notice Affidavit](#)
[1104 Pratt Pre-Condemnation Notice Returned Cert Letter](#)

Chairman Mitch Johnson said, I talked with Mr. Roper just a second ago and he has asked us to postpone this until our next Public Safety Committee meeting on September 17, 2024.

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

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

[COM-24:036](#)

VECTOR MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT FOR JULY 2024

Attachments: [Jonesboro July, 2024](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, I don't know if this is an error, but it says City of Walnut Ridge. Chairman Johnson said, I didn't print that report off for once so I did not see that. Councilmember McClain said, it says City of Walnut Ridge for 2022. I don't think that is accurate. Chairman Johnson said, I usually print off the report so I can look at the light traps, but I didn't do it this month. Councilmember McClain said, it wouldn't be right. Chairman Johnson said, no, it sure wouldn't would it. Is that just a cover on that? Councilmember McClain said, no, it has Walnut Ridge 2022. Councilmember Chris Moore said, they are sending that for comparison David. Chairman Johnson said, maybe so. Councilmember Moore said, maybe we ought to look at that and see how it is going right up in the middle of the rice fields. Chairman Johnson said, I will call Jim and ask him to get something sent to us and see if we can't get it sent out to committee to review. Councilmember McClain said, also, I was going to ask do we have a report from ASU with the results and what they were from their study? I know I was called and notified how many mosquitoes are around my house, but I didn't know if they were doing further research to tell us these are the types and this is how we treat them and what the plan was beyond that. Chairman Johnson said, I have not been in touch with anybody from ASU that's participating in that program at this time. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I will say that my understanding from just talking to the people who came to my backyard is that you treat them all the same. It doesn't matter what breed they are. That's what they told me. Councilmember Brian Emison said, I will say in addition that I got a telephone call even as recently as last week to report on my trap that they put in my yard. So, apparently, it is still, the study is still ongoing. Ms. Duncan said, they are still collecting. Chairman Johnson said, so, for you guys that are putting traps in your yard, are they telling you any variety or are they just...? Ms. Duncan said, they said they will report that later, but I haven't gotten that report. I think it takes a while. There were 222 mosquitoes in my backyard in one night. It seemed like a lot to me. Chairman Johnson said, well, the only thing that kind of made me curious about overall is that Vector had just said that we had three different varieties and then the people from ASU mentioned several other varieties that were here. So, I was wanting to kind of see what the comparison might be there. Ms. Duncan said, the report you get from them says that you will get a further report telling you which kinds, but that it would take a while for them to collect that data out of it. City Clerk April Leggett said, they are a small group. Ms. Duncan said, there's like five of them that are doing all of this work. Chairman Johnson said, they would have to count them and pick at them with tweezers. Brian, do you have some insight on this? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, yes, I was just going to add that it is my understanding that they are going to kind of collect all this data and they are going to come back here and do an end-of-mosquito season and wrap up about their findings and then kind of what their next steps are as far as their data analytics and possible treatment options that they see that might be worthwhile exploring. I guess the most important part is to learn exactly the makeup of the nemesis that we face and move forward with any logical treatment options that might exist. I look forward to hearing about that. Chairman Johnson said, while you are there, I can say that I haven't noticed the plane fly, but one time. So, I'm pretty disappointed in our flyover service this season for sure. Mr. Richardson said, we will get that information about the plane routes and we will have that resent out. I didn't notice the reports thing until that was pointed out. Councilmember LJ Bryant said, maybe they sent the plane to Walnut Ridge. Mr. Richardson said, that is possible. Walnut Ridge has got some great mosquito

treatment this month. Chairman Johnson said, that plane has a pretty distinctive sound, but I have only heard it one time and I can't remember what night it was. Ms. Leggett stated, I believe Ryan Vaughn had some little thing that you could see it, where it was flying, but I have only heard it once.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant