



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Agenda Public Safety Council Committee

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Tuesday, July 19, 2011

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

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### 1. Call To Order

### 2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-11:053](#) Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 21, 2011

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

### 3. New Business

#### *Ordinances To Be Introduced*

[ORD-11:055](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING AND ESTABLISHING NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF

Sponsors: Police Department

### 4. Pending Items

Mosquito control update by Vector Disease Control International

### 5. Other Business

### 6. Public Comments

### 7. Adjournment



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 21, 2011



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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Council Committee

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Tuesday, June 21, 2011

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

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### 1. Call To Order

*Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.*

**Present** 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mitch Johnson

**Absent** 1 - Mikel Fears

### 2. Approval of minutes

**MIN-11:042** Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on May 17, 2011

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

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

**Aye:** 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

**Absent:** 1 - Mikel Fears

**MIN-11:045** Minutes for the special called Public Safety Committee meeting on June 7, 2011

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

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

**Aye:** 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

**Absent:** 1 - Mikel Fears

### 3. New Business

### 4. Pending Items

**COM-11:047** Mosquito control report by Vector Disease Control for May, 2011

**Attachments:** [Mosquito control report for May, 2011](#)

*Mr. Royals with Vector Disease Control stated this should be an average mosquito*

season. He added they have collected approximately 13 mosquitoes per trap and a total of 316 for the month of May. He further explained they sprayed 10 truck nights, which equals to approximately 2 ½ nights per week for a total of 22,255 acres. He noted they had 24 service requests and they should have the spray plane by July 1 or 2.

Mayor Perrin explained there was an ownership change with Vector, which changed the name to Vector Disease Control International. He noted this is the City's last year on the contract. He stated the City has 5 aerial flyovers and wants to make sure Vector sprays by July 4.

Councilman Moore asked if Vector has expertise in anything else besides mosquito control. Mr. Royals answered it is mainly mosquito control, but they were called out when a tree fell to spray the hornets that were in the tree.

Councilman Moore then asked if the mosquito spray will affect the gnats. Mr. Royals answered the mosquito spray does not affect the gnats. He added he has heard a lot of complaints concerning the gnats.

Councilman Moore then inquired if the City could purchase a dual purpose spray. Mr. Royals answered he is not sure, but he will ask Mr. Jim Starks about it.

Councilman Gene Vance questioned if the 13 mosquitoes caught per trap is average. Mr. Royals answered the number is an average and normally the month of May is low because of the weather.

**This item was Read.**

## **5. Other Business**

### Geese on the walking path at Craighead Forest Park

Councilman Moore inquired if Parks employee Larry Jackson could be contacted to see if anything can be done to keep the geese off the walking trail at Craighead Forest Park. Mayor Perrin answered yes.

Councilman Moore noted there is approximately 300 to 400 geese at Craighead Forest Park. Mayor Perrin stated the City could ask the Game & Fish Commission to see what could be done. Councilman Moore explained he thinks the Police Chief could issue a nuisance permit to discharge a firearm within the city limits which will scare the geese. Mayor Perrin noted he will have a report concerning this at the next City Council meeting.

### New Arkansas Game & Fish Commission building

Mayor Perrin noted the City has a meeting with the Game & Fish Commission to determine the location of the new building.

Councilman Vance asked if the City owns the property where the Game & Fish Commission building will be. Councilman Moore answered the City owns the property, but the Game & Fish Commission has a 99-year lease for the land.

Councilman Vance then asked if the City has any say on how or where the Game & Fish Commission can build the building. Mayor Perrin answered he thinks the Game & Fish Commission will work with the City on where and how to build the building. He

*added the Game & Fish Commission did not want to take out a lot of the trees.*

*Discussion was held concerning how the Game & Fish Commission will enter the park.*

*Councilman Vance explained some people still want Craighead Forest Park to be one-way. Mayor Perrin stated he has had several calls concerning making the park one-way and discussion will need to be held concerning making it one-way. Councilman Vance noted it would be a good idea to make it one-way because of all the walkers and bike riders. Mayor Perrin explained he spoke with someone with the Ridge Runners today and they have offered \$20,000 to \$40,000 dollars to make Craighead Forest Park one-way. He added the City's portion would be approximately \$50,000 and the biggest expense will be moving the sewer lines in the campgrounds.*

*Councilman John Street stated he is against making Craighead Forest Park one-way. He added it will be a disservice to the citizens by making it one-way. He noted if the City wants to make it one-way then there needs to be public hearings concerning this. Mayor Perrin was in agreement with having public hearings concerning making Craighead Forest Park one-way.*

## **6. Public Comments**

## **7. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Chris Moore

**Absent:** 1 - Mikel Fears



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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| <b>File #:</b>        | ORD-11:055  | <b>Version:</b>      | 1 | <b>Name:</b> | Amend Code of Ordinances regarding traffic regulations |
| <b>Type:</b>          | Ordinance   | <b>Status:</b>       |   |              | To Be Introduced                                       |
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| <b>Title:</b>         | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING AND ESTABLISHING NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF |                      |   |              |  |
| <b>Sponsors:</b>      | Police Department   |                      |   |              |  |
| <b>Indexes:</b>       | Code of Ordinances amendment  |                      |   |              |  |
| <b>Code sections:</b> | Chapter 66 - Traffic & Vehicles   |                      |   |              |  |
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING AND ESTABLISHING NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF

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BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, State of Arkansas, as follows:

### ARTICLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SECTION 1: PURPOSE: This ordinance is designed to enact certain traffic and other regulations that will address issues of public safety not currently addressed under state law or city ordinance; allow for the appropriate routing of traffic in emergency and temporary congestion circumstances, and to address issues of pedestrian safety and vehicular safety and congestion caused by the improper parking of vehicles or other roadway and sidewalk obstructions.

### ARTICLE 2: REGULATIONS TO BE NEWLY ENACTED

SECTION 1: **Temporary Restrictions:** The Director of the Street Department, Fire Chief or Police Chief are authorized to temporarily prohibit parking, stopping, or standing on driveways, streets, alleys, and parking lots and may cause traffic to be restricted or rerouted as necessitated by construction, emergency situations, or special events on public streets. When time permits notice of such restrictions shall be given by the posting of temporary signs or barriers by any designated City official. It shall be prohibited to violate such regulations.

SECTION 2: **Bicycles, Roller-Skates (or Roller Blades), Skateboards, and Scooters:** Unless otherwise designated for such, it is prohibited to operate a bicycle, roller-skates, skateboard, or scooter on any public property not designated for such purpose. This includes, but is not limited to: streets, alleys, drives, sidewalks, walkways, patios, plazas, parking lots and garages, steps of buildings, and rock walls. This shall also include

operation of such conveyances on private property without the consent of the property owner or proprietor.

**SECTION 3: Utilizing City Street for a Play Area:** Unless previously authorized by special permit or with special permission as part of a block party or similar event, no city street shall be utilized as a play area. Additionally, residents shall not place basketball goals or other game and play equipment within 15 feet of the travelled portion of the roadway.

### ARTICLE 3: ADDENDUM TO EXISTING REGULATIONS

SECTION 1: That city regulation, Section 66-188, 'Parking not to obstruct traffic', which currently reads "No vehicle shall be stopped as to obstruct a crossing and shall not be stopped or allowed to stand within the intersection of any street or alley." Shall be removed from the code in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Obstructing Traffic** - It shall be prohibited for any person to park or bring to a halt on any city street, paved sidewalk (unless part of a private or public driveway) or designated bike path any vehicle, trailer or other obstruction in such a manner as to interfere with normal vehicular or pedestrian traffic. When a sidewalk is available, pedestrians shall not leave the sidewalk, curb or other places of safety and walk or run in the path of vehicular traffic. Additionally, pedestrians shall not utilize the roadway in a manner making it impossible for drivers utilizing the roadway to yield.

"Interference with normal vehicular traffic" shall be defined as obstructing the street to reduce the available width of the roadway to less than 20 feet or, in the case of a cul de sac or turnaround, reduce the free flow of traffic by reducing the turning radius to less than 60 feet as such dimensions of available roadway are necessary for the safe operations of fire trucks or other emergency vehicles.

SECTION 2: That city regulation, Section 66-150, 'Driving on sidewalk', which currently reads "No person shall drive any vehicle on any paved sidewalk or curb unless going into or coming out of premises into which a driveway has been constructed connecting with the street.", should be amended to include definition of a vehicle and read as follows: "No person shall drive any vehicle, including motorized conveyances such as scooters and mopeds (but not motorized wheelchairs), on any paved sidewalk or curb unless going into or coming out of premises into which a driveway has been constructed connecting with the street."

SECTION 3: That city regulation, Section 66-154, 'Alighting from moving vehicle', which currently reads "No person riding in any vehicle operated over the streets and alleys of the city shall alight there from while the same is in motion, but shall wait until said vehicle comes to a full stop.", should be amended to include positioning of said vehicle in relation to the side of the road and read "No person riding in any vehicle operated over the streets and alleys of the city shall alight there from while the same is in motion, but shall wait until said vehicle comes to a full stop within eighteen inches of the right-hand curb or side of the roadway."