



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Gene Vance

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-15:014 Presentation by Mayor Perrin to Chris Fowler

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented a proclamation and Key to the City to Mr. Fowler, who was a recent recipient of the Association of Kentucky Fried Chicken Franchisee Legacy Award. Mr. Fowler received the honor for his work to strengthen the KFC brand and for his charity work. Mayor Perrin proclaimed March 17, 2015, as Chris Fowler Day in the City of Jonesboro.

This item was Filed.

COM-15:019 Check presentation from Mark Thurman and Dawn Layer from Families, Inc.

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin requested the presentation be put on the next Council agenda.

Check presentation for the Miracle League

Ms. Jessica Swindle presented the City with a check for \$5,528 for the Miracle League. The money was raised during a recent online bake sale. This is the third year for the bake sale, with proceeds growing every year. The bake sale lasts one week and all items sold are donated by local citizens and bakeries. Mayor Perrin noted league play at the Miracle League will start in April.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

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

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

MIN-15:028

Minutes for the City Council meeting on March 3, 2015

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-15:007

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR MAUDE BOYD MINOR PLAT, A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Sponsors: Engineering and Planning

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement](#)
[Plat](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-031-2015

RES-15:017

RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR PERRIN

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-032-2015

RES-15:022

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS

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Sponsors: Grants

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-033-2015

RES-15:023

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDS

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Sponsors: Grants

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-034-2015

RES-15:024

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID RECREATIONAL TRAIL FUNDS

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Sponsors: Grants

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-035-2015

6. NEW BUSINESS

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RES-15:009

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at:1704 N Kathleen St, Owner Whitney Roberts.

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Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [Inspection Report 129](#)
 [County Data 129 Bridge](#)
 [Case File 1704 Kathleen](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-036-2015

RES-15:010

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at: 325 N Drake, Owner Lonzo Smallwood

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Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [Inspection Report](#)
 [Case File 325 Drake](#)
 [County Data 325 Drake](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-037-2015

RES-15:027

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF AN UNUSED/UNDEVELOPED ALLEY WAY IN MEYERS ADDITION ENDING ON BELT STREET AS REQUESTED BY WALTER JACKSON

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Attachments: [Plat](#)
 [Petitions](#)
 [Utility Letters](#)
 [Planning & Engineering Letter](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-022-2015

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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ORD-15:006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 112 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE

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Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Assurance](#)

This ordinance was Held at second reading.

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He met with City Attorney Carol Duncan regarding the Citizens Bank Building. They discovered the building was sold to MBC Holdings. The building has been taken by the State of Arkansas in lieu of taxes and will be auctioned off in May to pay off the taxes. The taxes owed are approximately \$41,000 to \$42,000.

The Highway Department performed a feasibility study of the intersection at Highway 49 and Johnson Avenue. There were five alternatives to research. The city will be getting together with the state to evaluate each option and see where the funding will come from.

The JETS transfer station bids were received. The low bid meeting specifications came in at \$1.36 million from Bailey Construction. Bailey will be meeting with the architects to move forward with the project.

The city requested traffic lights at two places, at Greensboro and at Fire Station #1 on Highway 49. Both lights were denied by the Highway Department.

They met with Bridgfarmer and the Highway Department regarding the contract for the overpass construction project on Highland Drive. The company will be meeting with the city every two weeks to give updates. The timeline was also decreased to 16 months, down from 24 months. They have asked to scale it back further to 12 months.

The Tiger Grant contracts have been signed and returned to the city.

The Wolverine abatement and demolition will occur on March 25th.

They are still acquiring rights-of-way for the roundabout project on Aggie. They hope to complete construction before school starts in the fall.

The bid opening for the Caraway Road bridge project will be on March 18th.

They have put together a map showing all of the sidewalks that have been constructed by the city since 2009. The map will also reflect which ward the sidewalks are in and the source of funding for each project.

He will be appointing people to the Salary/Longevity Committee at the next meeting. Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske has been meeting with Johansson Group to start the project.

The Municipal League summer conference will be held June 24-26. If anyone would like to attend, please contact his office to register.

COM-15:021

Legal report as provided by City Attorney Carol Duncan at the City Council meeting on March 17, 2015

Attachments: [Legal Report](#)

This item was Filed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street thanked the Street, Police and Fire Departments for their work during the recent sleet/snow storm.

Councilman Dover reminded everyone that the Finance Committee will be meeting on March 31st.

Councilman Woods agreed with Councilman Street and thanked the city departments. He then questioned the status of the Envisions case. City Attorney Duncan noted the case is in limbo, but no litigation was ever filed so it is not in the court system.

Councilman Woods then commended Mayor Perrin for his recent appointment to the National League of Cities and for his work with the Highway Department to help Arkansas State.

Councilman McCall also thanked the Sanitation Department for their work after the winter weather storm.

Councilman Moore questioned who will be in ownership of the Citizens Bank Building if the building doesn't sell at auction. City Attorney Duncan explained there is a lease hold on the land between MBC Holdings and the Heinneman Trust, but MBC owns the building. Bruce Burrow has confirmed that MBC owns the building. She further explained if no one buys the building, then it will go on the state's website as pending and available for sale. Councilman Moore asked if the sale will break the lease with the trust. City Attorney Duncan answered no, she doesn't think that will affect the lease. Councilman Frierson agreed, noting the sale of the building won't affect the lease on the land. Mayor Perrin added an adjustment may be made on the land lease after the sale if someone purchases the building.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson, thanked Councilmen Moore, Vance and Burton for their recent comments concerning the number of walk-ons at Council meetings. He expressed concern about the large number of walk-ons. He then asked what the Mayor has concluded after looking at the items. Mayor Perrin explained only five items were not an emergency, while the rest were an emergency. Mr. Cook asked if the walk-ons will continue. Mayor Perrin stated there will be times when it will be necessary to walk items on. He added the City Council gets information regarding each item in order to review the details. He noted part of the problem has been solved due to the Finance Committee meeting twice a month now.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk