



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Nominating and Rules Committee

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Thursday, April 15, 2021

4:00 PM

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### SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

#### 1. Call To Order

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

**Present** 6 - Chris Gibson; Ann Williams; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; Brian Emison and Charles Frierson

#### 3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:025](#)

MINUTES FOR THE NOMINATING AND RULES COMMITTEE ON APRIL 6, 2021

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

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

**Aye:** 5 - Ann Williams; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; Brian Emison and Charles Frierson

#### 4. New Business

#### RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-21:067](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, approached the podium, "This is concerning the MAPC, the 2 appointments, the Monroe Pointer and Stephanie Nelson and I am going to assume that those 2 individuals are replacing Jerry Reece and Mary Margaret Jackson. Am I correct?" The council responded yes. Patti said, "I would just like to read this comment to all of you, because I know I have gotten a lot of messages because it went out pretty quick through Jonesboro. I'm so disappointed in not reappointing Jerry Reece and Mary Margaret Jackson to the MAPC. Jerry Reece, I don't know if it was his decision or not, but he has done a great job while serving on our MAPC. Mr. Reece has always been approachable when I've asked him questions. Mary Margaret Jackson, I found out this morning from her that it wasn't her decision to be reappointed to this committee. It's disappointing and disturbing that, Mayor Copenhaver, you have not reappointed Ms. Jackson with all of her qualifications that*

she has. In fact, she's almost over qualified for the position, including she was a city planner in a big state here in the United States. Ms. Jackson always has asked thoughtful, concerning questions and comments to make sure that the rules have been followed and always the betterment for Jonesboro for today and in the future. And that is one thing I think she has always done, is that she has looked into the future for us. Ms. Jackson was one of the few that did not have any ties to development on this commission, which I thought was very beneficial. Her main concern was to focus on the growth of our city and our citizens. We were so lucky to have Mary Margaret Jackson on the MAPC for her short replacement term of Mr. Jeb Spencer, who was also very much qualified. I think it was almost a year, year and a half ago, but he was not reappointed also to this committee. By not reappointing Mr. Reece and Ms. Jackson to the MAPC for another term it's a big lose to our city, it's a huge lose to the citizens of Jonesboro, because with all the years of knowledge and experience, to be not reappointed to this committee. I think it has been a really wrong decision on the city's part to not put these two people back as reappointments and I just wanted to let you know. Thank you." Chairman Chris Gibson asked Mayor Copenhagen if he would like to address any of that. Mayor Copenhagen said, "You know I think it's important that the citizens of Jonesboro know that I do my due diligence, and I'm very honored and grateful to everyone that has served in the past and is willing to serve as volunteers and spend their time to serve on these committees and commissions and boards for the city of Jonesboro. You know, in my conversation with those individuals, the great thing about it is, is the ability of what I am going to do and work with these individuals in the future on additional plans. So, yes, they will be included in the future of what this community is going to do, and I have additional plans. Just because it's not present on paper, communications have gone forth, and I'm very pleased to add Monroe Pointer and Ms. Stephanie Nelson to the MAPC because the continued conversations with the other individuals, they have served our community well and they will continue to do so. Thank you Mr. Chairman."

Councilmember Chris Moore said, "Mr. Chairman just a point of order, my original motion should have been recommend to the full Council and not to adopt so I'll amend my motion." Chairman Chris Gibson said, "I have a motion to amend, do I have a second?" Councilmember Brian Emison said, "I'll second." Chairman Chris Gibson asked all that are in favor signify by saying Aye and the council agreed by saying Aye. None were opposed.

Chairman Chris Gibson said, "While we are waiting I will go ahead and let the committee know that we will be calling another meeting probably in the 2 or 3 weeks, to address some of the rules of the council. Many of those you have forwarded to either myself or the Mayor and many of those warrant soon discussions."

Councilmember Chris Moore said, "I'll assume that's the ones forwarded to the City Attorney also." Chairman Chris Gibson said that is correct.

Chairman Chris Gibson said and we will need to walk this on Tuesday night is that correct Mayor. Mayor Copenhagen said that is correct. Chairman Chris Gibson asked to get a motion to walk the resolution on Tuesday night. Councilmember Chris Moore responded by saying so moved and Councilmember Brian Emison seconded the motion. Chairman Chris Gibson asked all that are in favor signify by saying Aye and the council agreed by saying Aye. None were opposed.

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

**Aye:** 5 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;Brian Emison and Charles Frierson

**5. Pending Items**

**6. Other Business**

**7. Public Comments**

**8. Adjournment**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;Brian Emison and Charles Frierson