



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-10:036 Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on April 20, 2010

Attachments: [Minutes 4/20/2010](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-10:026 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TITLE OF JONESBORO CITY ORDINANCE SEC. 66-227

Sponsors: Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-10:064 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 305 N Bridge and is owned by Verlee & Mary Harris

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)
[Inspection Reports001.jpg](#)
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A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

RES-10:065 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1001 Creath and is owned by Mamie Bennett

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST 1001 Creath.docx](#)
[Inspection Report001.jpg](#)
[1001 Creath 3-23-10 001.JPG](#)
[1001 Creath 3-23-10 002.JPG](#)
[1001 Creath 3-23-10 003.JPG](#)
[1001 Creath 3-23-10 004.JPG](#)
[1001 Creath 3-23-10 005.JPG](#)
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A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

COM-10:050 Vector Mosquito Control update by Mr. Jim Stark

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [April/May report](#)

Mr. Jim Stark with Vector Mosquito Control explained they covered 29,000 acres and had 24 service calls for special events for the April and May period. He noted the focus will be on the rice fields. He stated they are spraying an average of 4 nights a week and the City should see a drastic increase in the mosquito population within the next couple of weeks.

Councilman Fears asked if they are predicting a bad 4th of July. Mr. Starks answered yes and they already have the airplane scheduled. He added the trucks will spray from July 1 to July 4 for the holiday.

This item was Read.

Meeting time change

Chairman Johnson explained the committee had discussed changing the meeting time to 5:30 p.m. due to the agenda being shorter.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, that the Public Safety Committee meeting time be changed to 5:30 p.m. All voted aye.

Burned Building on Stone Street & Nettleton Avenue

Councilman Moore asked for a status update concerning the burned building on Stone Street & Nettleton Avenue. Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver explained the church next door to the building has taken over the building from the previous owner. He added they started framing the building, which will be used for storage.

Councilman Moore asked if the grass goes with that building or with the old gas station property. Mr. Shaver answered the old gas station property belongs to a different person and they have done some work on the property. He added if the grass is around the burned building then it belongs to the church.

Councilman Moore explained a citizen called and informed him that children have been playing around the burned building. He added the church needs to secure the property and mow the grass.

Purchase of Portable Metal Detector

Councilman Moore explained he spoke with Police Chief Michael Yates concerning purchasing a portable scanner or metal detector that can be used at the Council Chambers, the Fair or at other events. Chief Yates stated the device would cost approximately \$3,000 and he thinks the City would need two. He noted he did not budget anything for these kind of items.

Councilman Fears asked how portable the devices are. Chief Yates answered you can pack it in a suitcase and take it wherever you go.

Chairman Johnson inquired if it is battery powered. Chief Yates answered it is either battery powered or electric.

Discussion was held concerning using it at the fair.

Councilman Moore asked that the bids be brought to the next Public Safety meeting.

Discussion concerning Envisions Nightclub

Chief Yates explained he is not sure the State is complete with their process. He stated the director is anticipating another appeal. He added the City needs to make sure Envisions' appeal process has been exhausted before taking action against them. He noted he will check on it tomorrow.

Councilman Moore explained he believes the City will match whatever action the State takes against Envisions. Chief Yates stated that if the City follows the State's decision then that will follow the intent of ordinance, which states if the State probates

or suspends a license then it is suspended with the City. He noted the City can't do less than what the State imposes, but could do more.

Councilman Moore asked if the State will inform Chief Yates of their intent. Chief Yates answered they will typically send him a fax concerning what the circumstances are. He added the last fax showed that Envisions had time left on the appeal process.

Councilman Moore questioned if the State will automatically enforce the ruling. Chief Yates answered they have latitude to set when and how it is imposed. He added he believes the State will set it for a date beyond the ruling date, which they could appeal.

Councilman Fears asked if the punishment could run concurrent. Chief Yates stated you can do either. He added if the intent is to mirror the State then the punishment will run concurrent but if the State's decision is not enough or the City wants to add special conditions to the probation, then the City can do that too.

Chief Yates explained without some accountability then the purpose of the City's ordinance is lost, which is to control the bad behavior and have the owner accept accountability. He noted mirroring the State is a good idea as long as the City thinks what the State is doing is reasonable.

Councilman Moore requested the State's decision be brought before the committee so the City can decide what will need to be done. Chairman Johnson stated the committee needs to decide what they are going to do and do it for everybody.

Discussion was held concerning the hours the clubs are open.

Councilman Vance asked if a club is required to have a certain percentage of their income from food sales. Chief Yates answered no, they are just required to serve food.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears