



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:20 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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

Absent 1 - Mikel Fears

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

Abstain: 1 - Tim McCall

[MIN-12:090](#)

Minutes for the City Council meeting on November 6, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

[RES-12:193](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A

CONTRACT WITH COBAR CONTRACTING, INC. FOR THE INDUSTRIAL PARK
UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Sponsors: Engineering and Grants

Attachments: [Bid Tab - Job #1.pdf](#)
[Bid Tab - Job #3.pdf](#)
[Contract Documents 2012-33.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-176-2012

RES-12:196

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICE FOR THE WELCOME TO
JONESBORO SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN AND UNION STREETS
FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-177-2012

RES-12:197

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR SAVANNAH HILLS
APARTMENTS AND REPLAT OF LOTS 4-6 AND 11-13, BLOCK "B", CRAIGHILLS
THIRD ADDITION, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-178-2012

RES-12:198

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT INSURANCE CONTRACTS FROM ARKANSAS BLUE
CROSS & BLUE SHIELD TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY
EMPLOYEES FOR 2013

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Human Resources

Attachments: [Airport](#)
[COJ](#)
[Library](#)
[JURH](#)
[COJ Medipac Supp](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-179-2012

RES-12:200

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DENTAL INSURANCE PROPOSAL FROM DELTA
DENTAL TO PROVIDE DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY
EMPLOYEES

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Human Resources

Attachments: [Delta Dental contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-180-2012

RES-12:202

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT LIFE INSURANCE PROPOSAL FROM USABLE TO PROVIDE BASIC LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS,

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Human Resources

Attachments: [USable contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-181-2012

6. NEW BUSINESS

COM-12:079

Request by James & Ina Gossett to set an appeal hearing regarding the denial by the MAPC to rezone property located at 4306 & 4310 Aggie Road from R-1 to PD-RM

Attachments: [Appeal Letter](#)
[Ordinance](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Plat](#)

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to set the appeal hearing for December 4, 2012, at 6:15 p.m. All voted aye.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-12:060

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RS-7 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF COLONY DRIVE BETWEEN ANTOSH & RICHARDSON ROAD AS REQUESTED BY MITCHELL & MARY CALDWELL

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Plats \(2\)](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

City Planner Otis Spriggs explained this will increase it by two single-family homes and there has been no objections. Councilman Dover questioned whether the street issues had been taken care of. City Engineer Craig Light answered yes.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

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

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

ORD-12:061

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RM-4 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF GREENSBORO ROAD AND EAST OF MAY'S LANE AS REQUESTED BY HARRELL & JENNA MAYS

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Councilman Vance offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Mr. Spriggs stated there was some opposition to this rezoning during the MAPC meeting.

Attorney Skip Mooney asked to have the second reading and hold it there until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, to Waive Second Reading. The motion failed by the following vote.

Aye: 2 - John Street and Gene Vance

Nay: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

The bids for the Mercantile Center renovation were opened today. The low bid was \$2,593,000 with a few close bids. They will review the bids and get back with the Council.

On December 15th an auction will be held regarding the buildings at the old landfill. The buildings have been cleaned out and are ready to be sold. There will be two buildings left on Strawfloor. They will install a fence after the buildings are sold.

He will be attending a Highway Commission meeting in Little Rock next week. He will also be meeting with Sandra Ott.

He announced the retirement of MPO Director Amin Ulkarim. Accounts Payable Specialist Brenda Sharp will also be retiring after 31 years of service. They will hold a retirement party at the end of December.

He received a letter from the Arkansas State Police regarding the AWINs tower at the Services Center. They will be making arrangements to move the tower to Strawfloor.

Winter Wonderland will open on Saturday, November 24. It will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. He sent letters to local schools in order to bring students.

He presented the Council with the proposed 2013. He will answer questions, along with Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske. There will be surplus in O&M, but there will be a deficit in Capital Improvements. This will equal out to a \$560,000 surplus in 2013. They have done the 2013 budget revenue blind. It is not a deficit spending budget, but does have a tight surplus. Discussion was held concerning the rebate checks. Mr. Barylske stated they have been trying to plan how much the rebates will be for big projects such as the new NEA Hospital and Jonesboro High School so they can estimate how much of the sales tax revenue will be affected. Councilman Vance explained the rebates apply to project invoices above \$2,500. Councilman Moore noted that the NEA Hospital project could result in thousands of rebates due to the number of invoices. Mr. Barylske agreed, adding that is why they were conservative when they prepared the budget because it is hard to estimate the amount of rebates.

He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Johnson thanked the voters for voting him to another term. He stated he is looking forward to another four years.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman McCall, to suspend the rules and add RES-12:212 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-12:212

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ESTABLISH THE JONESBORO LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO APPOINT MEMBERS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

Abstain: 2 - John Street and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-182-2012

Councilwoman Williams reminded everyone of the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. She encouraged anyone with questions regarding the 2013 budget to attend.

Councilman Moore thanked everyone for their support during his re-election and congratulated Councilmen Johnson and Fears on their re-election.

Councilman Coleman thanked Chief Operating Officer LM Duncan for his work with the light on Carson, but he pointed out the reflectors in the sidewalk aren't easily seen. He also thanked the City and the State for the work on the bridge on Bridge Street. He added once the lights are finished it will look better. He noted the bridge is safer than it was before. Mayor Perrin added they have a company that is willing to

donate the lights for the bridge. They will be meeting with the company next Monday. He noted he is hoping to have the project done by Christmas.

Councilman Vance wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Frierson thanked the Mayor, Mr. Barylske and the Finance staff for the Legislative Audit. He stated this is a remarkable, clean audit. Mayor Perrin thanked Councilman Frierson for recognizing the audit and that it's one of the cleanest audits this City has had.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

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

Absent: 1 - Mikel Fears

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk