



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Thursday, October 3, 2013

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC WORKS 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 BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-13:074

Check presentation to Mayor Perrin for the Miracle League from Michael Garriga, Executive Director, State Government Affairs, BNSF Railway

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Mayor Perrin stated BNSF was unable to be at the meeting tonight. They will be at the next meeting to present the check.

COM-13:076

A generous 7-year-old to present a check to the Mayor for the Miracle League

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Ms. Sharron Turman thanked everyone who has made a donation to the Miracle League. Mayor Perrin explained Reagan Benson had a birthday recently and in lieu

of presents she asked for money so she could make a donation to the Miracle League. He thanked Reagan for her donation.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

MIN-13:085

Minutes for the City Council meeting on September 17, 2013

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-13:161

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ACCEPT THE 2013 JAG GRANT

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Grant Agreement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-148-2013

RES-13:162

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE 2014 OUTDOOR RECREATION 50/50 MATCH GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Full Application Scanned and Signed](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-149-2013

6. NEW BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-13:051

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, SECTION 117-226, (4) KNOWN AS THE GARAGE SALES ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN THE ENFORCEMENT AND RULES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO PROVIDE CLARITY IN THE EXISTING ORDINANCES

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Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Planning

Attachments: [Existing Code Mark-up Text Amendment](#)

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

Councilman Street asked if this ordinance is an emergency. Mayor Perrin answered no, that the ordinance came from the Housing Study Committee. He added there are no objections to the ordinance.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Frierson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-050-2013

ORD-13:052

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 105, SECTION 105-230 KNOWN AS THE SWIMMING POOLS/ENCLOSURE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN THE ENFORCEMENT AND RULES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO PROVIDE CLARITY IN THE EXISTING ORDINANCES AND THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR YOUTH

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Sponsors: Code Enforcement, Planning and Inspections

Attachments: [Existing Code Mark-up Text Amendment Copy](#)

Mayor Perrin stated this is another cleanup ordinance for Code Enforcement.

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-051-2013

ORD-13:054

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, SECTION 117-324 KNOWN AS THE OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING ORDINANCE, AMENDING SECTION 117-324, (g), OUTDOOR PARKING/STORAGE OF BOATS, TRAILERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, WHILE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN THE ENFORCEMENT AND RULES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO PROVIDE CLARITY IN THE EXISTING ORDINANCES

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Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Planning

Attachments: [Existing Code Text Amendment Mark-up Copy](#)

Councilman Vance noted there is an amendment to the ordinance . Section G, Paragraph 4, should be amended to strike the verbage "and shall be effectively screened from view of abutting lands, and public view by a wall, fence or dense hedge planting at least six feet in height or in an enclosed building, garage or other similar structure." He explained if needed they can add verbage in the future, but add something that is less restrictive. Councilman Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to approve the amendment. All voted aye.

A citizen expressed concern about a rental home that has had a vehicle that is not being used sitting on the property for a while. Lt. Todd Nelson stated the City has two ordinances that would cover that issue and since there is grass grown around the vehicle it would be classified as an inoperable vehicle. He added if the citizen would give him the address they will look into it.

Another citizen questioned the amendment. He disagreed with the fencing and shrubbery because in some areas his property is open and it would not be cost effective on a limited income to afford the fencing to cover those items listed in the ordinance. Councilman Gibson noted that is the verbage that was struck from the ordinance.

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Coleman, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-055-2013

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-13:055

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5710 EAST JOHNSON AVENUE AND 2006 GREENWAY LANE AS REQUESTED BY LOWELL FRENCH AND STEVE PRESTIDGE

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

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

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Abstain: 1 - Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: O-EN-049-2013

ORD-13:056

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4200 EAST JOHNSON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY PROSPECT MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

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

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-052-2013

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

They have set out maps showing the floor and site plans of the new Police Department that will be located at the old Army Reserve Center on Caraway Road. The main structure is 14,000 square feet. The motor pool is another 3,000 feet. The buildings sit on 6 acres and are less than a quarter mile from ASU. This Sunday, the first bids will be advertised in the newspaper for a contractor. Most of the work will be renovating the inside of the building and should take about 9 months.

Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols is visiting the pedestrian push-buttons at the street intersections to find out which ones do not work and are in need of replacement.

The meeting with the Railroad Administration will occur next week. They have film of all the crossings at intersections. The City averages 32 trains per day. He will be at the Highway Commission meeting on October 30th. They will ask for a study on the overpass at the crossing on Highland

They had their Ward 1 meeting. There were several ideas presented by the public. The ward meetings will be every Monday night. The schedule is posted on the City's website. Once they are all done, they will compile the information and ask for comments from the public.

The radio tower at the Services Center will be coming down next week. A third backup will be put up.

The Services Center was not purchased by a developer for the convention center. It will go out for bids again.

COM-13:080

Map showing 2013 condemnations by ward as presented by Mayor Perrin to the City Council at the meeting on October 3, 2013

Attachments: [Condemnations by Ward Map](#)

Mayor Perrin presented the Council with a map showing all of the 53 condemnations that have taken place so far this year. He commended the Quality of Life Department. About 3 homes were brought up to code without having to be demolished. He was notified this week that the City of Jonesboro will receive the Quality of Life Award at the winter Municipal League Conference.

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-13:165 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-13:165

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR WILDWOOD ADDITION PHASE 3A, A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

Sponsors: Engineering

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

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

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

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-150-2013

Councilman Street complimented Councilman McCall and Mr. Jack Turner for their work with the Downtown Barbecue Fest.

Councilman Street asked for thoughts and prayers for Mr. Bill Rainwater. Mr. Rainwater recently stepped down from the City Water and Light Board. Councilman Street noted how great of a leader Mr. Rainwater was and how much he'll be missed.

Councilman Woods announced After School on Lights on October 17th. It will highlight after school programs. He invited everyone to be involved and will send out more information later. He was able to travel to New Orleans recently and they hope to share what they learned in New Orleans in the near future.

Councilman McCall thanked everyone for their support with the Barbecue Fest. He also thanked the City employees for volunteering their time to participate in the event. He gave a report regarding the Barbecue Fest. This year's donation of money made from the sale of Pepsi products will be going to the Northeast Arkansas Food Bank. He also thanked the county deputies for their work.

Councilwoman Williams explained she and Councilman Gibson were contacted by a citizen in their ward concerning the recent passage of an ordinance requiring owner's to clean up their pet's waste in public areas. The citizen expressed concern about a large amount of cats in her area. Councilwoman Williams asked if the issue could be brought up at the Public Safety Committee, which heard the animal ordinance. Mayor Perrin stated they will look into it. Councilwoman Williams added this is a health concern because if the cats are running around they are probably not being vaccinated. Police Chief Michael Yates stated he will speak with Councilwoman Williams about the issue after the meeting.

Mayor Perrin commended Councilman Coleman for his guidance with students at the alternative school. He has opened his community garden up to those students and gives them support.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED with the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk