



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

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

PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:20 P.M.

Regarding the abandonment of a 10 foot drainage easement at 4628 Keely Cove as requested by Quentin Duff/Aidmore Property Group, LLC

No one spoke in opposition to this abandonment

PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:25 P.M.

Regarding a proposed ordinance to authorize the issuance of industrial development bonds in an amount of up to \$41,000,000 for Unilever

No one spoke in opposition to this ordinance

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-13:053 Capacity Improvement projects presentation from Mark Nichols

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[Handout](#)

Mayor Perrin explained a one-cent sales tax was passed state-wide for highway improvements and the City started receiving money in August. It will be approximately \$1.1 million per year for ten years. They have discussed the eastern bypass, with two alternate routes proposed. They spoke with the Highway Department, but have been unsuccessful to get funding for the eastern bypass. So, they came up with five or six projects that would affect a lot of people and they could get funding for.

Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols discussed the projects they have come up with. He provided the Council with a handout describing the projects (see attached).

Councilman Street asked about the project extending Parker Road from Strawfloor to Washington. Mr. Nichols explained Garver has completed their study and plan to present the findings to the Highway Department within the next few weeks. He stated the findings of the study were positive and showed that some traffic will be taken off Southwest Drive. He added he thinks that will also help with development in that area. The next step is to take the findings to the Highway Department to see if federal funds can be used for the project.

Councilman Fears discussed the exit ramp from Highway 63 South, turning on to Southwest Drive. He asked if they anticipated any improvements in that area because it can be hard to turn there in the afternoons. Mr. Nichols stated the Highway Department studied that area few years ago and suggested button-hooking the ramp into Parker Road, which would be a \$2 million to \$3 million project. They also studied it for a traffic signal, but found it would not be a good project due to the light at Southwest Drive and Parker. He noted it would be a good project, but it didn't make this list because the volume of traffic isn't high enough and the cost to benefit ratio isn't as good as the other projects. He added the project still needs to be done in the future.

Mayor Perrin explained the Planning Division of the Highway Department has been presented the information for these projects. He is waiting until after the Highway Department is able to review the information before being put on the agenda to make a presentation to them. He asked the Council to review the information and ask any questions they may have. He also stated they may have some public hearings to discuss the projects with the citizens. Mayor Perrin further explained they sent letters to the railroad companies concerning the trains sitting on the tracks for long periods of time.

Councilman Coleman asked if they have looked at the railroad crossing at Fisher Street because the trains sit on those tracks for long periods of time as well. Mr. Nichols explained they can send a letter to BNSF to let them know that it is causing a problem so they can remedy the situation. He added they can document that intersection as well and get video showing how long the trains sit on the tracks.

Councilman Moore questioned whether the State maintains a priority list for funding when it comes to cities sending in requests for project funding. Mayor Perrin stated he thinks they rate them, but they are going to take the list and ask for funding for each one of the projects. He noted someone from the Highway Department has already worked with the City to re-rank the projects for better results. Councilman Moore said he would like to see the list from the State so he can see where Jonesboro falls on the list. Mayor Perrin answered he can get the list from the Highway Department because it is of record.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

MIN-13:059 Minutes for the City Council meeting on July 16, 2013

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made that this Minutes be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

MIN-13:061 Minutes for the special called City Council meeting on July 30, 2013

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made that this Minutes be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

RES-13:110 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2013 JAG GRANT

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Abstract](#)
[Budget Narrative](#)
[Budget Sheet](#)
[Program Narrative](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-098-2013

RES-13:117 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING ISSUES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-099-2013

RES-13:118 A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR PERRIN

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-100-2013

RES-13:120 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER WITH OLYMPUS

CONSTRUCTION FOR ADDING LOW MAINTENANCE VINYL TILE TO SELECTED AREAS OF THE BASEMENT FLOOR AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Change order for flooring](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-101-2013

6. NEW BUSINESS

COM-13:054 Request by Chris Burnett to set an appeal hearing regarding the denial by the MAPC to rezone property located at North Church and Thomas Green Road from R-1 to C-3

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

Mr. Gary Tate asked the Council members to read the MAPC meeting minutes so they could fully understand why the neighbors had a problem with the rezoning.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to set the appeal hearing for August 20, 2013, at 5:25 p.m. All voted aye.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-13:038 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF A SERIES OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCING FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (1) A SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE SECURING THE BONDS, (2) A SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND UNILEVER MANUFACTURING (US), INC. (AS SUCCESSOR TO AND ASSIGNEE OF ALBERTO-CULVER USA, INC.), AS LESSEE, (3) PRIVATE PLACEMENT MEMORANDUM, AND (4) A PRIVATE PLACEMENT AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Attachments: [Letter 6/21/2013](#)
[Letter 7/2/2013](#)

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

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

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-027-2013

ORD-13:039 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A 10' DRAINAGE EASEMENT AT 4628 KEELY COVE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPEDITING THE SALE BY THE PROPERTY OWNER AS REQUESTED BY QUENTIN DUFF/AIDMORE PROPERTY GROUP, LLC

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[Planning/Engineering Letter](#)
[Petition](#)
[Application](#)
[Note regarding abutting property owners](#)

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

Councilman Street questioned whether this abandonment is time sensitive. City Planner Otis Spriggs noted there is an emergency clause. He explained this is a drainage easement where half of it is underneath the house. The entire easement will not be abandoned; rather, it will just be the part that is encroached due to the house. The property owners will also be allowed to replat the property. He added the Planning and Engineering Departments have submitted letters of approval for this abandonment.

Councilman Dover then asked how the house was put on a drainage easement. Mr. Spriggs answered he believes it was the home builder's mistake.

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

After adoption 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: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-028-2013

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-13:088 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 214 S Fisher St, Owner Charles Rosse

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection report](#)
[214 S Fisher St](#)
[100E2884](#)
[100E2888](#)
[100E2896](#)
[100E2903](#)

No one spoke in opposition to the this condemnation.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-102-2013

RES-13:089 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 404 W Forrest St, Owner Kenneth E Ento.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report089Inspection Report](#)
[404 E Forrest St](#)

No one spoke in opposition to the condemnation.

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

Enactment No: R-EN-103-2013

RES-13:090 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 4309 Stonebrook Dr, Owner: Joanna Grymes.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection report 4309](#)
[4309 Stonebrook Dr](#)

Ms. Joanna Grymes, the property owner, spoke concerning the condemnation. She explained she is in the process of finding someone to purchase the house. Mayor Perrin noted if the house is condemned Ms. Grymes is still able to purchase permits to correct any problems with the property before condemnation. Ms. Grymes stated she did not know about the condemnation until about four days ago. Code Enforcement explained they started the process to condemn the home several months ago. He mailed a certified letter on June 24, 2013, to her place of business at Arkansas State University. The letter was unclaimed. He and Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver were able to find Ms. Grymes at her office at ASU and hand-delivered the letter on July 31st. Mr. Shaver stated Ms. Grymes did know about this because they spoke with her about a year ago concerning the home. At that time, he went to her office and spoke with her about the condition of the home. Ms. Grymes agreed that Mr. Shaver did visit her about the home.

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

Enactment No: R-EN-104-2013

RES-13:091 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at: 914 Marcom Dr, Owner April Harrison.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report086Inspection Report](#)
[914 Marcom Dr](#)

No one spoke in opposition to this condemnation.

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

Enactment No: R-EN-105-2013

RES-13:092 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 802 E Oak St, Owner John Davis.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report088Inspection Report](#)
[802 E Oak St](#)

Mr. Shaver stated this house has been removed already and that the home owner took care of it himself.

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

Nay: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No:

RES-13:093 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at: 700 Freeman St, Owner Tekesea L Williams.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report087Inspection Report](#)
[700 Freeman St](#)

No one spoke in opposition to this condemnation.

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

Enactment No: R-EN-106-2013

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-13:032 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-3 TO PD-R FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTH CULBERHOUSE AS REQUESTED BY ROBERT ABRAHAM

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

Councilman Street questioned whether there was any opposition to the rezoning. Mr. Spriggs explained at the last meeting the people who had previously spoke in opposition to the rezoning spoke in favor of it.

This ordinance was Held at second reading.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-13:027 AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON THAT PART OF THE UNDEVELOPED PORTION OF AVENIR PLACE CUL-DE-SAC, LYING AT THE WEST END OF THE PLATTED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF AVENIR PLACE, AS SHOWN ON THE PRIMARY CARE INVESTMENTS REPLAT OF JMEC ADDITION AND LOTS 1 AND 2 BROWNS LANDING ADDITION TO JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; AND RECORDED IN BOOK H, PAGE 141

Attachments: [Engineering Letter](#)
[Utility Letters](#)
[Plats](#)
[Planning Letter](#)
[Petition](#)
[Letter regarding Centerpoint Energy](#)
[Nearby property owners consent](#)

Mr. Terry Bare spoke concerning the abandonment. He noted they have signed documents from all of the adjacent property owners saying that they do not oppose the abandonment.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-029-2013

ORD-13:031 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 2600 ALEXANDER DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY NIX DEVELOPMENT

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

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-030-2013

ORD-13:033 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-4 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1410 E. HIGHLAND DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY JOAN CROCKER

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

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-031-2013

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He and City Clerk Donna Jackson closed on the Monroe property and Krueger Drive property last week.

After reviewing the financials for the first six months of the year, he would like to purchase some fixed assets. The equipment will be about \$405,000. This will enable the Police Department to be more efficient with their K-9 units. They will purchase the equipment and do a cleanup ordinance at the end of the year.

They will also be adding four Street Department employees, three police officers and two firefighters. That ordinance will be brought before the Finance Committee for funding through the end of the year and the positions will be permanent in 2014.

They received an offer from Wolverine, but they did not like it. City Attorney Phillip Crego is sending a letter to Wolverine with hopes they can work something out to get the deeds to the property. They are already working with developers from other states who are interested in that area.

Renovations to the third floor of the Municipal Center have started. They will be meeting with the contractor in the morning. The original contract was \$2,594,000. The

change orders, not including the sidewalks, consist of 2.3%. The total with change orders, including the sidewalks and all change orders, is 5.4%.

He's noticed signs being put up in town. He reminded the public that if they are putting signs up in the public, regardless of the message, to first call the Code Enforcement Department because if the sign placement does not comply with city ordinances they will be taken down. He also stressed the City will not tolerate run-down homes and pointed out that the Council will condemn approximately 50 homes this year.

He announced this will be the last City Council meeting in the Huntington Building. The new Council Chambers will be ready for the August 20th meeting. The Chambers are located at 300 South Church in the Municipal Center. He thanked the Council for their support with the Municipal Center. After the third floor is finished, they will hold a reception and open house so everyone can tour the building.

COM-13:055 HyettPalma Downtown Action Agenda Update for 2013

Attachments: [Synopsis](#)
[Downtown Action Agenda Update for 2013](#)

Mayor Perrin presented the Council with the HyettPalma study. They will have meetings and public hearings concerning the study. But, there are a lot of things the City could get started on now, including ordinances for animals in the downtown area and limited parking in downtown. They will be addressing some of those issues, especially with regards to public safety.

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place ORD-13:041, RES-13:115 and RES-13:124 on the Council agenda. He asked for ORD-13:041 to be held at one reading. All voted aye.

ORD-13:041 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, WITHIN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, MODIFYING SECTION 117-256 - MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNITS, AGE LIMITATION REQUIREMENTS AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND TO PROVIDE CLARITY IN THE CODE REGULATIONS

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Existing Mobile Homes Code of Ordinances Chpt 117](#)
[Evaluation of Affordable Housing Accessibility Act 2](#)

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

This item was Held at one reading.

RES-13:115 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1103 COBB STREET, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO TED HERGETT

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Building Facilities Meeting July 10 2013](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-107-2013

RES-13:124 RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF AN UNDEVELOPED RIGHT-OF-WAY IN SOUTH OAKS ADDITION PHASE II AS REQUESTED BY DR. JACK JONES

Attachments: [Petitions](#)
[Plat](#)
[Utility Letters](#)
[Planning Letter](#)
[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: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-108-2013

Councilman Street stated he worked with E-911 Director Jeff Presley recently shredding documents. Everything went well and it was all taken care of.

Councilman Moore thanked the administration and Code Enforcement for keeping up with the condemnations. He stated he hopes the City does more than 50 this year.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

COM-13:057 Johnny Carson to discuss his hot dog cart mobile vending unit to the City Council on August 6, 2013

Attachments: [Pictures](#)

Mr. Johnny Carson, 1406 Golf Course Drive, spoke to the Council regarding the city ordinance that prevents mobile vending. He owns a hot dog cart. He works in Paragould now and he would like to work in Jonesboro, but due to the ordinance he can't do that. He noted mobile vending units could generate money for the city if they are placed in areas such as Craighead Forest. He stated he could pay a fee to the City for having vending in the park. He noted he uses Petit Jean hot dogs, so they are from Arkansas. Councilman Moore questioned what the difference is between

Mr. Carson's hot dog cart and ice cream trucks that drive around town. Mr. Spriggs explained the city adopted an ordinance about three years ago concerning mobile vending and certain things were exempt, such as ice cream trucks that drive on the roads, because they were considered a different unit that continuously moves. He further explained the reasoning was to get the units off areas, such as street corners, where there were some safety issues. But, most cities do allow them downtown during special events. Councilman McCall then questioned whether there was any thought to reviewing the ordinance to address carts such as Mr. Carson's. Councilman Frierson recommended reviewing the ordinance and noted Little Rock has several mobile vending units. Councilman Moore suggested looking at the ordinance and possibly restricting it to certain zones and areas of town. Councilman Fears asked for Mr. Carson to email the Mayor to inform him of what areas in town he would like to put his hot dog cart.

This item was Read.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk