



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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

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NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 5:10 P.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:20 P.M.

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Regarding the abandonment of a 10' utility easement located east of Commerce Drive as requested by Steve Southard

No one spoke in opposition to the abandonment.

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

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-14:047

Presentation by Larry Rogers of Animal Control for Miracle League

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Animal Control Supervisor Sgt. Larry Rogers presented Miracle League with a check for \$1,161 raised from a recent event named Dogs, Rods and Rock & Roll that was held at Premier Auto. Softball Coordinator Sharon Turman thanked the Mayor for his support with the Miracle League Field project. A representative from Canine Companions for Independence discussed the organization. They train dogs to be companions for adults and children with disabilities. He thanked the Council and Mayor for their work with the Miracle League Field.

Ms. Turman announced several fundraising events for the Miracle League project : Jordan's Quick Stop is selling window tags for \$1 each; NEA physical therapy located on Windover is sponsoring an event for whichever therapist that raises the most money will get a pie in the face; Restaurant Day will be on May 29 where almost 40 restaurants in town have pledged a percentage of their sales to be donated to the Miracle League; the 2014 Jonesboro Leadership Class will have a roadblock at Red Wolf Blvd and Nettleton from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. to raise money. She encouraged everyone to donate money at the events.

This item was Read.

COM-14:049

Miracle League Day proclamation by Mayor Perrin

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Mayor Perrin presented Ms. Turman with the proclamation. He proclaimed Thursday, May 29, 2014, as Miracle League Day and encouraged everyone to support the project. The Miracle League Field will open on September 13th. The total project cost will be \$2.8 million, but thanks to donations from companies and the community they are currently less than \$600,000 away from meeting the \$2.8 million goal.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

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

MIN-14:049

Minutes for the City Council meeting on May 6, 2014

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

MIN-14:050

Minutes for the special called City Council meeting on May 8, 2014

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-14:047

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICE FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR FIRE STATION #5

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Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-047-2014

RES-14:053

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LOSE AND ASSOCIATES ON BEHALF OF THE JONESBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STUDY FOR DOWNTOWN JONESBORO

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Sponsors: MPO

Attachments: [Agreement - REVISED](#)
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This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-048-2014

RES-14:054

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LOSE AND ASSOCIATES ON BEHALF OF THE JONESBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN SAFETY STUDY FOR JOHNSON AVENUE

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Sponsors: MPO

Attachments: [Agreement - REVISED](#)
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This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-049-2014

RES-14:055

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1502 E. JOHNSON AVENUE FROM DOUG AND LINDA BISHOP

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [1502 Johnson Ave.](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-050-2014

RES-14:056

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING TRANSPORTATION FOR AMERICA'S PROPOSAL

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-051-2014

RES-14:057

RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR PERRIN

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-052-2014

6. NEW BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-14:026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 117-2, DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 117-140, OVERLAY DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY EXPANDING THE VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS (SECTION 117, D.1) TO INCLUDE A TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT OPTION (SECTION 117, D.2) FOR LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENTS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY TO FURTHER ADVANCE INNOVATIVE DESIGN AND GOOD LAND USE PRINCIPLES

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Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [MEMO_Town Center and Village Residential Overlay Districts](#)
[Village Residential District Markup](#)
[Chapter 117-140 Village Residential District Existing Code](#)

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

Councilman Street asked for details regarding the ordinance. City Planner Otis

Spriggs explained this will amend the currently existing zoning ordinance. The Planning Commission has been working on this for five months at the request of Mayor Perrin and has held several public sessions to allow for input. The ordinance allows for incentives for property owners to come into Council and request rezonings for large acres of property from 25 to 75 acres. Village Residential zoning has been in the code since the 1990s. It allows for the Council to see all public improvements involved with a layout, but no one has really taken advantage of that part of the code due to the complexities involved. Mr. Spriggs stated this ordinance was also approved by the Public Works Committee. This will not change anyone's property; rather, it is just an incentive to encourage quality development. Councilman Street clarified that this will just be an option to developers. Mr. Spriggs answered yes, that the developments will go through the same process.

Councilman McCall questioned what is meant by "incentive." Mr. Spriggs explained when a development of that size is brought it can be a self-contained development that doesn't put loads on neighborhoods that don't have the infrastructure to support it. This will encourage developers to put projects on the parts of sites that make sense to increase quality, but also preserve the areas for open space that are available.

Councilman Street asked if there was any opposition. Mr. Spriggs answered no because it won't change anyone's property.

Councilman Dover recommended holding the ordinance at one reading. Mr. Spriggs stated that will be fine. He stressed the ordinance isn't anything new. It's just the existing code being modified.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following 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

[ORD-14:031](#)

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 1802 COMMERCE DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY JACK ELAM

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

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

Councilman Moore questioned whether there was any opposition. Mayor Perrin answered no. He added the MAPC unanimously voted to recommended the rezoning.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following 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

[ORD-14:032](#)

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING A UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED

IN:

A 10' UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED IN A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH RANGE 4 EAST, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24 AFORESAID: THENCE SOUTH 88° 06'45" EAST, 190.00 FEET: THENCE SOUTH 00°13'15" WEST, 15.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE SOUTH 88°06'45" EAST, 160.00 FEET: THENCE SOUTH 00°13'15" WEST, 10.00 FEET: THENCE NORTH 88°06'45" WEST, 160.00: THENCE NORTH 00°13'15" EAST, 10.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING IN ALL 1,600 SQ. FT. OR 0.04 ACRES +/-.

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Attachments: [City Letter](#)
 [Petition](#)
 [Plat](#)
 [Utility Letters](#)

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

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

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

Enactment No: O-EN-028-2014

ORD-14:033

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM I-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 EAST JOHNSON AS REQUESTED BY PHILLIPS INVESTMENTS

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

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

Councilman Gibson abstained from discussion and voting on this matter due to potential conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Abstain: 1 - Chris Gibson

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

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RES-14:024

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 504 S Patrick St. Owner: Rena Turnage.

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Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report](#)
[504 S Patrick](#)

No one spoke concerning this abandonment.

Councilman Vance abstained from discussion and voting on this item due to possible conflict of interest.

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

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

Abstain: 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-053-2014

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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ORD-14:022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3221 AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF REMOVING THE RESTRICTION ON SPENDING ONE HALF (1/2) OF THE CURRENT SALES AND USE TAX, FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OF A PUBLIC NATURE AND DIRECTING IT FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES, PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

This item was Held at second reading.

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He will be attending the Executive Committee meeting of the Municipal League in Rogers tomorrow. They are getting ready for the June convention.

Red Wolf Boulevard at Highland, Nettleton and Stallings has new video detection equipment. Those intersections will no longer have loops. The Highway Department will start overlaying Red Wolf from Stallings to Highland on June 1st.

They will complete at least 150 miles of striping this year.

Clinton School Road is closed due to the box culvert project. They hope to have it in by Friday so asphalt can be laid.

The Memphis Redbirds will hold Jonesboro Evening at the Park on June 10th. They will be putting more information on the website.

COM-14:043

Financial statements for Jonesboro Airport Commission for March 31, 2014

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Attachments: [Financial statements](#)

This item was Read.

COM-14:050

Airport financial statements for April, 2014

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Attachments: [Financial statement](#)

This item was Read.

COM-14:051

Update concerning work on Moratorium Committee recommendations as presented by Mayor Perrin to the City Council on May 20, 2014

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Update](#)

He provided the committee with a list of the Moratorium Committee recommendations that the city departments are working on. If they have any questions, let him know. Some projects will take longer than others, but they are working very hard to meet the target deadlines. He will provide the Council updates every month.

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street commended Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols for coordinating the traffic signals on Main Street. It's a big improvement over what it was, as are other streets such as Red Wolf Blvd.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place RES-14:061 and RES-14:063 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-14:061

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ETC INSTITUTE ON BEHALF OF THE JONESBORO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A SURVEY (OPINION POLL) OF RESIDENTS OF THE JONESBORO MPO PLANNING AREA

Sponsors: MPO

Attachments: [Agreement](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-054-2014

RES-14:063

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXECUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT TO BE ISSUED TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (ADEQ)

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Post Closure Cost Estimate](#)
[Letter of Credit](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-055-2014

Councilman Woods thanked the city and the city offices for their work on the Youth Summit Tour. The kids really enjoyed the visit and were excited to meet Mayor Perrin. He also thanked Parks Department Wixson Huffstetler and Grants Administrator Heather Clements for their presentations.

Councilman McCall motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and add RES-14:065 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-14:065

RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR PERRIN

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

Enactment No: R-EN-056-2014

Councilman Gibson stated the Leadership Arkansas class was held in Jonesboro last week. They were very complimentary of the Mayor's presentation and the community.

Councilman Moore stated a few weeks ago they discussed having a presentation by City Engineer Craig Light concerning the new paving process. He asked for an update concerning the presentation. Mayor Perrin explained they are still getting information on the overlays. Councilman Moore asked that he be informed of when that presentation will be because he would like to attend.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mr. Harold Carter asked if the information presented to the Council members regarding the city's work on the Moratorium Committee recommendations will be available to the public. Mayor Perrin answered yes. He added the subcommittees are working on the recommendations at this time, but their findings will be presented to the appropriate Council committees for further forwarding to the Council.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk