



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING & RULES COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:45 P.M.

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

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) INITIATED AND CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 10 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent 2 - David McClain and Anthony Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned **PASSED**

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Nay: 1 - LJ Bryant

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Anthony Coleman

[MIN-24:113](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 17, 2024

Attachments: [CC Minutes 12172024.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-24:171](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 616

EAST OAK, PARCEL #01-144191-17500, OWNED BY JOYCE SCARBOROUGH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [1. 616 E Oak Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [2. 616 E Oak Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [3. 616 E Oak Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [4. 616 E Oak Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-001-2025

[RES-24:172](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1617 RICH ROAD, PARCEL #01-143252-25000, OWNED BY RANDOLPH & JUDITH REYNOLDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [1. 1617 Rich Road Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [2. 1617 Rich Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [3. 1617 Rich Rd Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [4. 1617 Rich Rd Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-002-2025

[RES-24:173](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1620 CINDY CIRCLE, PARCEL #01-143242-27600, OWNED BY JAMES LEMAR DIXON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments: [1. 1620 Cindy Cir Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [2. 1620 Cindy Cir Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [3. 1620 Cindy Cir Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [4. 1620 Cindy Cir Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-003-2025

[RES-24:174](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1809 MAGNOLIA ROAD , PARCEL #01-144054-01200, OWNED BY NEWCO LAND DEV LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments: [1. 1809 Magnolia Rd Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [2. 1809 Magnolia Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [3. 1809 Magnolia Rd Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [4. 1809 Magnolia Road Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-004-2025

[RES-24:175](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,

ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2411 BONNIE JEAN PL, PARCEL #01-144333-14200, OWNED BY MARIA AGUILAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [1. 2411 Bonnie Jean Place Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [2. 2411 Bonnie Jean Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [3. 2411 Bonnie Jean Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [4. 2411 Bonnie Jean Pl Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-005-2025

[RES-24:176](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2612 CRAWFORD DRIVE, PARCEL #01-144273-02300, OWNED BY RANDY & ALEY CRAWFORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [1. 2612 Crawford Dr Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [2. 2612 Crawford Dr Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [3. 2612 Crawford Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [4. 2612 Crawford Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-006-2025

[RES-24:177](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3119 RHONDA, PARCEL #01-144312-07100, OWNED BY LEIGH ANN ROBINSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [1. 3119 Rhonda Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [2. 3119 Rhonda Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [3. 3119 Rhonda Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [4. 3119 Rhonda Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-007-2025

[RES-24:178](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3500 FAIRVIEW, PARCEL #01-144281-43900, OWNED BY BRAYDEN L & BEHTANY PAIGE MOHLKE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [1. 3500 Fairview Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
 [2. 3500 Fairview Billing Request.pdf](#)
 [3. 3500 Fairview Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
 [4. 3500 Fairview Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-008-2025

[RES-24:179](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3717 GLITTERMAN DRIVE, PARCEL #01-144343-23200, OWNED BY NEXPOINT SFR SPE 2 LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments: [1. 3717 Glitterman Dr Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
[2. 3717 Glitterman Dr Billing Request.pdf](#)
[3. 3717 Glitterman Dr Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[4. 3717 Glitterman Dr Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-009-2025

[RES-24:182](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH JAIL FEES BETWEEN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

Attachments: [INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CITIES AND CRAIGHEAD COUNT](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-010-2025

[RES-24:183](#)

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Attachments: [2025 Budget Draft.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-011-2025

[RES-24:184](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE CITY SALARY AND ADMINISTRATION PLAN BY INCLUDING UPDATED PAY RANGES, JOB TITLES AND GRADES

Attachments: [Revised Pay Grades & Salaries effective January 2025.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-013-2025

RESOLUTIONS NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

[RES-24:180](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE CRAIGHEAD COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY (CCSWDA) AS OUTLINED IN ACT 677 OF 2021

Attachments: [Nov 2024 Letter to Judge and Mayors 2025 Budget.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by

Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Anthony Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-012-2025

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-24:035

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9.1 AND 9.2 OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE DESIGN MANUAL WITH REGARD TO STRUCTURES IN ZONES AE, AH, AO, AND A

Held at one reading

ORD-24:036

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LAS BRISAS BAR AND GRILL TO APPLY FOR A PRIVATE CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT WITH THE ARKANSAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION FOR THE OPERATION OF A RESTAURANT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Attachments: [Application Redacted](#)
 [Publication Receipt](#)

James Elwyn Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, said, now, I could stand up here and mention as I have before about I do not think it is wise to introduce places having alcohol in areas where traffic where there is high traffic and this is another one of those. However, I have something new. I don't know how many of you saw the surgeon general's report that was put out last week. For those who did not, the surgeon general is recommending some restrictions on the sale of alcohol nationwide including putting warnings similar to those contained on tobacco products because they have found, according to the surgeon general, alcohol to be a causal factor in seven different kinds of cancer. In fact, we all know and the report acknowledges that alcohol accounts for approximately 1/3 of the deaths in motor vehicle accidents. I think all of you already know that. However, the report says that there are far more people die due to cancer caused by alcohol than there is in motor accidents. And, that alcohol causes over 100,000 new cases of cancer for each and every year. And, I think that is something that we need to consider before we start inviting people from other areas to come into Jonesboro and give our people cancer. So, I highly urge that you vote against this. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you for your comments.

Held at one reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-24:031

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Anthony Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-001-2025

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Copenhagen reported on the following:

Welcome as we begin a new year 2025 and I would like to welcome our newest councilmember Kevin Miller. Congratulations Kevin. We appreciate you being here and looking forward to your service. Also, congratulations to April Leggett who was sworn into another term. Congratulations April.

On December 18th, Jonesboro was awarded state parks and recreation grant. The outdoor recreation grant was awarded at \$189,515 and it focuses on increasing outdoor recreation opportunities for communities across Arkansas. Matched dollar for dollar by the city, the money will be utilized to construct a new universal accessible playground at Allen Park.

On December 19th, we hosted the open house at City Hall. I want to say many thanks to those who attended, but more importantly, we had a huge gathering of over 200-300 guests overall who say our City Hall, many for the first time. It was a beautiful evening and it was great to celebrate the holiday season. We allowed the residents to see the council chambers, the new camera system, and welcome the spirit of what the municipal building is all about. It is important for residents to feel that the city building is their building, a place they are welcomed and encouraged to do business in.

On December 21st, Trolley Night at Christmas at the Park was a huge success. So much so that we had some learning opportunities. But, we now know how to improve on a well received very successful event for the upcoming years.

A reminder that the Humanitarian Outreach Funding applications are live and available on the city's website: www.jonesboro.org. The applications are for a total of \$500,000 in funding to help non-profit organizations growth their impact to our community are due January 15, 2025. That is next Wednesday.

Top of mind for many Jonesboro residents right now is the threat of snow. So, we would like to encourage you to shop local when you are rushing to buy milk or bread. Seriously though, please know that we are taking all appropriate steps to prepare for the snow and maybe icy conditions. The Street Department, Police, Fire, Sanitation, and even Parks Departments are prepping for the snow event. We will see how it occurs. We have been working on that, I know Steve, you were well prepared early in the week.

Our Parks Department is using Earl Bell Community Center, Allen Park, Parker Park, and the Youth Community Center as warming stations during various hours. We are not equipped or trained for housing overnight, but the Salvation Army does handle those in need for a warm place to sleep. Our JET buses are providing free transportation to the warming centers as well as to the Salvation Army. Sanitation is

providing extra roll-off dumpsters at the Salvation Army as well for trash bag needs. The Streets Department is helping with street and parking lot snow and ice removal to ensure access to their facility is at the upmost highest facility. We are aiding with communication resources and needs for shelters. There is an important third component to this information about the services. It's the new 211 statewide services and information line. We want to encourage our residents as well as our service organizations to use this. It's for helping all emergencies outside of emergencies. Arkansans can call 211 to find out about humanitarian assistance including warming shelters in addition to facilitating the exchange of information. This service helps keep 911 emergency lines available for immediate life threatening emergencies. 211 is a United Way project that our Northeast Arkansas United Way helped fund. It is run by Northwest Arkansas United Way. And, again, serves the whole state. So, please spread the word about 211. If you work for a non-profit, I encourage you to go to www.Arkansas211.org website and register your organization.

We have a neighborhood cleanup scheduled for Saturday. We will see how entertaining that might be. A decision will be made tomorrow whether or not we will reschedule that due to the weather.

So, FYI, Thursday, the 9th is National Day of Mourning for the passing of the 39th President Jimmy Carter. The U.S. Post Office and other national offices will be closed. Our local government office will be open.

Thank you and that is the end of my reports.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, in accordance with our reorganization policies at our first committee meeting or first council meeting, I would like to nominate Councilmember Chris Moore for Mayor Pro-Tempore. Councilmember L.J. Bryant and Councilmember Chris Gibson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, congratulations.

Councilmember John Street said, I am glad to see that you all are providing assistance to people who are trying to get warm. If we do have bad weather I don't know how that works, whether we have to coordinate with them or whatever, but in the past I know we have had the Red Cross provide cots or whatever where we could get people off of the streets and into something. But, I don't know what triggers that, but I hope we watch that. Mayor Copenhaver said, we have got multiple. I know we've been working on that all week and once again it's good to know that we do have a coordinated effort. Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas said, as stated, the Salvation Army is our vendor of choice I guess you can say to begin with. In the event that we have overflow there, I know we have been in contact with or actually they have been in contact with us. Cathedral Baptist has actually come to the table and we would work with the Red Cross to use their fellowship hall in order to supplement anything that is needed from the Salvation Army. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, will those places be open on Saturday and Sunday? Mr. Thomas said, well, at this particular point in time, the Salvation Army has indicated they will be open as long as the need warrants which includes Saturday and Sunday. Based upon the weather that is coming in, I think that their initial plan was to open through Friday, but based upon the incoming reports, they are planning to extend those outward. Councilmember John Street said, I appreciate that Tony. Thanks very much. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you councilmember. Councilmember Street said, inadvertently we were shy of a person in attendance when I said that the motion to consider the impact fees would be moved to full council. So, we were one short. That will come back up at the next Public Works meeting for reconsideration. Mayor

Copenhaver said, thank you sir.

Councilmember Kevin Miller said, I just want to say that I am very honored to be here. I am looking forward to working with all of you all. You all have been very helpful to get me up to speed and give me a lot of information. I'm just happy to be here and looking forward to working with the Mayor's Office and everyone on the council. Thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, Councilmember Miller, he brought up a good point earlier as well. We are going to be providing some information and really just kind of some good updates to new councilmembers on etiquette of things that go on and how to communicate with departments and department heads and other things and then also with new committee members that will be going on in committees. We will have that update. As soon as we do that we will get that. Basically it is training information that we will get out to you. Councilmember Miller said, I am looking forward to it. Thank you.

Councilmember Chris Gibson said, in efforts to organize as well, I would just like to remind everyone that I need your committee commitments if they are going to change for the upcoming year by the 20th of January please. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you councilmember.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I just want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and congratulate Chief for being here with us this year and thank everyone for vote for Mayor Pro-Tempore.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Brian Emison, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Anthony Coleman

_____ Date: _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

April Leggett, City Clerk