



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Nominating and Rules Committee

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

5:05 PM

Municipal Center

Special Called Meeting

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 3 - Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover and Tim McCall

Absent 2 - John Street and Rennell Woods

3. Approval of minutes

MIN-14:011 Minutes for the Nominating & Rules Committee meeting on February 6, 2014

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Mitch Johnson, seconded by Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover and Tim McCall

Absent: 2 - John Street and Rennell Woods

4. New Business

Discussion regarding filling the Ward 6, Position 2 vacancy on the City Council

Chairman McCall explained the committee had previously asked that the full Council vote on an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Council. He added he would like for that motion to be rescinded and request that a motion be made to ask the full Council to hold a special election to fill the vacancy. He noted he fills like the City can get everything together within the 60 days so the issue can make the primary election. Assistant City Attorney Carol Duncan agreed. She added she does not believe the City could hold a special election any sooner than the primary election due to time restraints.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the previous motion be rescinded and that a special election be held to fill the vacant Council position. All voted aye.

Chairman McCall stated State Law allows the City to either appoint someone or hold

a special election if there is more than 2 years left on the term, but if it is less than 2 years then the City can just appoint someone. He recommended that this be put in the Council procedures in case it happens again.

Councilman Dover asked if this needs to be placed on tonight's Council agenda or does it need to wait two weeks. Ms. Duncan answered it needs to wait two weeks because there are a lot of steps that have to be done before a date can be set.

Chairman McCall inquired if the committee can send the recommendation to hold a special election to Council tonight to make sure everyone is in agreement with it. Ms. Duncan answered yes.

Chairman McCall noted that the City will still meet the 60 day deadline if it has to wait two weeks. Ms. Duncan agreed.

Chairman McCall stated the City will have an ordinance in two weeks that will set the procedure the City needs to follow in case a vacancy happens again.

Councilman Johnson recommended the City come up with an ordinance that specify if the time left on the term is 24 months or more than a special election be held in case of a vacancy and if it is less than 24 months then the City can appoint. Ms. Duncan stated she would recommend the City giving its self an out in case of extenuating circumstances. She suggested maybe have the procedure say that unless a certain amount of the Council agrees, such as 3/4ths or 2/3rds.

Councilman Dover asked if the committee needs the Council to vote on the special election tonight. Ms. Duncan suggested the Council vote tonight if the Council wants to have a special election and then bring an ordinance to Council at the next meeting.

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover and Tim McCall

Absent: 2 - John Street and Rennell Woods