



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY 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 BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent 1 - Brian Emison

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Brian Emison

[MIN-22:050](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

Attachments: [CC Minutes 06072022](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-22:082](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL

RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 620 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE
CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [620 Creath Avenue - Offer and Acceptance](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-090-2022

[RES-22:087](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH SAHARA ROSE LLC

Attachments: [Indemnification Agreement - 311 S Main](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-091-2022

[RES-22:089](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A TWO
YEAR LEASE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO SANITATION
KNUCKLEBOOM TRUCKS

Attachments: [Arvest Proposal 2022 knuckleboom](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-092-2022

[RES-22:092](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS,
TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1328 W
HUNTINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18100, OWNED BY
DKI LLC

Attachments: [1328 W Huntington](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-093-2022

[RES-22:093](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS,
TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 616 E OAK,
JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144191-17500, OWNED BY JOYCE
SCARBOROUGH

Attachments: [616 East Oak](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-094-2022

[RES-22:094](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS,
TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4407 JANICE,
JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-20300, OWNED BY CHARLES
EDWARD NOELL JR

Attachments: [4407 Janice](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-095-2022

[RES-22:095](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 900 HOOVER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-15700, OWNED BY CLEOPHUS BRYANT

Attachments: [900 Hoover Packet](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-096-2022

[RES-22:096](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1014 S CULBERHOUSE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144192-21300, OWNED BY CHARLES E NOELL JR

Attachments: [1014 S Culberhouse](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-097-2022

[RES-22:097](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 ALLEN, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-30100, OWNED BY KENNY COLEMAN

Attachments: [500 Allen](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-098-2022

[RES-22:098](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1314 TURNER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144191-32500, OWNED BY TIMOTHY A HUSKEY

Attachments: [1314 Turner](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-099-2022

[RES-22:100](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH EAST ARKANSAS BROADCASTERS FOR RENTAL OF JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX

Attachments: [Scanner_20220531_152121](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-100-2022

[RES-22:101](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ONSOLVE, LLC TO PROVIDE THE "CODE-RED" EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Attachments: [CodeRed Order Form \(Contract\)](#)
[CodeRed Proposal](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-101-2022

[RES-22:108](#) A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH SAGA COMMUNICATIONS OF ARKANSAS, LLC D/B/A JONESBORO RADIO GROUP FOR RENTAL OF SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Attachments: [SAGA_JBR SSC2022](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-102-2022

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

[RES-22:078](#) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICE 9354 #A EAST HIGHLAND DRIVE FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Attachments: [9354 #A East Highland Dr. - Traffic Signal](#)

Councilmember John Street asked to be recused from consideration on this matter due to the fact that he currently serves on the City Water and Light Board.

Councilmember Charles Frierson asked to be recused from consideration on this matter due to the fact that he currently serves as legal counsel for City Water and Light.

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Brian Emison

Recused: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

Enactment No: R-EN-103-2022

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-22:029](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 FOR

PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4913 E. JOHNSON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY HALL PREMIER DEVELOPMENT, LLC

Attachments: [Staff Summary - City Council](#)
[Application](#)
[Boundary Plat](#)
[Boundary Plat Johnson](#)
[Site Plan](#)
[Certified Mail Receipt](#)
[Charge Sheet - Paid](#)
[Publication Fee Receipt - Rezoning](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:029 by title only. All voted aye.

Placed on second reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-22:019](#) AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Placed on third reading

[ORD-22:022](#) AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Placed on third reading

[ORD-22:025](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SECTION 2-95 TO ADD THE A&P COMMISSION AND THE PACE COMMISSION TO THE LIST OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS THAT MAY SUBMIT MATTERS DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL WITHOUT REQUIRING ANOTHER COMMITTEE REVIEW

Placed on third reading

[ORD-22:026](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.55 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW WARD BOUNDARIES BASED ON 2020 CENSUS INFORMATION AND UTILIZATION OF EFS GEOTECHNOLOGIES GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS SOFTWARE.

Attachments: [Wards 2011 11x17](#)
[Wards 2022 11x17](#)
[Ward Legal Description](#)
[2022 Ward Map Circled Changes](#)

Placed on third reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-22:023](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 MULTI-FAMILY LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO PD-RM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 625 GANT STREET, 641 GANT STREET, AND 907 KITCHEN STREET, ALL IN JONESBORO, AR AS REQUESTED BY TIM COOPER.

Attachments: [H21-150 GESTRING REZONING PLAT](#)
[Staff Summary - City Council](#)
[Site Plan](#)
[Survey](#)
[Application](#)
[Property Information](#)
[East Perspective](#)
[Elevation Perspective](#)
[Sidewalk Perspective](#)
[Gant Deed](#)
[Kitchen Deed](#)
[Certified Mail Receipt](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Bobby Long, seconded by Councilperson John Street, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Brian Emison

Enactment No: O-EN-027-2022

[ORD-22:024](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG JAYBEE DRIVE LOCATED IN CLEARVIEW ESTATES IN JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AS REQUESTED BY PRUETT PROPERTIES, LLC.

Attachments: [Letters](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Brian Emison

Enactment No: O-EN-028-2022

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:

I am pleased to announce to you council due to due diligence of Tony Thomas and the recommendation brought forth, we have hired a new Sanitation Director. His name is Patrick Courtois. He will join our team on Monday. And, while we are updating our systems of route management and departmental processes, I want to thank Ronny Stanback and Cindy Schweitzer who have worked diligently the past year to handle the department while we have evaluated the operations and plan to modernize our services. Patrick already lives in Jonesboro. Many of you might now him. He has experience in Personnel Management, Fleet Management, and Logistics. So, we welcome him to the city family.

Sanitation staff worked with Code Enforcement workers on Saturday, June 11, 2022 in the Fairview neighborhood collecting over six tons of household and yard waste, over 44 tires and they took it all to the landfill. I appreciate the staff and the whole neighborhood for working to keep Jonesboro clean. And, the bonus is we are getting rid of a lot of old tires which I think in some committees you are seeing that mosquitoes develop there as well. So, it serves multiple roles. This is a significant impact on neighborhoods, but the cleanliness as well. We will also have a cleanup on the north side this weekend as well led by Dr. Coleman. I do appreciate your efforts Dr. Coleman as you continue to lead your community as well.

Property business owners have demolished nine residential structures. Let me rephrase that, nine residential structures including hauling off and clearing lots with four additional structures being leveled and we are in the process of getting those hauled off and cleared as well.

Lank Bank members and a few city councilmembers last week took a tour of properties the Land Bank owns and/or has interest in. It was designed to provide a better understanding of the seven locations that include potential properties in north Jonesboro, the West End, and Nettleton. The Land Bank will be meeting at noon on July 12, 2022 in the City Council Chambers.

Several members of our administration team and Councilmembers Dr. Charles Coleman and John Street attended the Arkansas Municipal League Convention last week in Little Rock. It was my first in person AML Convention thanks to Covid. It was enlightening to see how Jonesboro is regarded by its leaders all over the state. The AML does a lot of work for our Arkansas cities and learning the mutual concerns and in some cases solutions that other cities have found made the two-day meetings quite sharing invaluable. We will continue to build on these relationships. And, as I must say, it is important to know that it is obviously recognized that Jonesboro is the leader not only in northeast Arkansas, but the Delta. So many communities look up to and see the direction that this community is going and I want to say thank you for your leadership as well Council.

Last weekend's pet clinic resulted in 573 low cost vaccinations for dogs and cats belonging largely to low-income, disabled, unemployed, elderly, veteran, or ASTATE students. That is a tremendous success and I want to thank Dr. Laura Dacus, Northeast Arkansas for Animals, and the Animal Control Department lead by Larry Rogers as well as the Parks Department's staff and wonderful volunteers from the city who make this happen.

We celebrated a couple of events over the weekend. Tony Thomas represented the city at opening of the Phillip Evans Community Park and a street of Habitat for Humanity Community homes. Mr. Evans passed too soon. Many of you and myself included knew him for many years, but he left a wonderful legacy in Jonesboro and other places he traveled. He and his family helped donate and build the homes. We will join Habitat for Humanity in commemorating the "Build up for Phillip" event.

I also went to the KLEK FM Radio Station on Sunday to present a proclamation honoring Juneteenth recognizing the abolishment of slavery in America. Juneteenth was also celebrated with a wonderful parade downtown on Saturday and fireworks Saturday night.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Chris Gibson said, Public Services met earlier this evening and it was brought to our attention that Mr. Frierson has not been added to that committee. So, the next time Nominating & Rules meets will you guys please put that on your agenda?

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I just want to give accolades to Captain Roper and his staff. I look down the street from my house and all of Code Enforcement were down loading trash on the side of the road on Madison about a week and a half ago. There was a code complaint down there and they decided it was easier to load it in the back of their trucks and remedy that and try to go through a process and that really meant a lot in our neighborhood. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, we will have another cleanup. This is the last cleanup that this street will do this year or at least I think it will be the last one on Saturday. It will be the Magnolia area and we need all of the help we can get.

Mayor Copenhaver said, I would like to say Council, and I want to reiterate, it is important, and I hope Council is seeing the direction that our department heads are taking. And, I appreciate Captain Roper in that direction and his leadership as well, but if they see a job that needs to be done, then they are not waiting on someone else to do it and that is a shining example of a community working together and a city working together within.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glen Talley, 179 Sundown Lane, said, we were promised sewer when my granddaughter was three years old and she is seventeen now and we are not hearing back from anyone. Can anybody tell me what you have got to do to get a sewer in Jonesboro, Arkansas? Can anybody tell me? Councilmember Chris Moore said, I can tell you Mr. Talley. Mr. Talley said, tell me. Councilmember Moore said, you can either if you have a main available, you can pay and connect or... Mr. Talley said, we have already gathered up our money and got our people together. Attorney Jim Lyons has already handled everything. We have already done all of that. We already jumped through those hoops. Councilmember Moore said, one of the confusions most people have is that there is a difference between the City of Jonesboro and City, Water and Light. The City of Jonesboro has no input on the installation of sewer. That is City, Water and Light. Mr. Talley asked, you don't have any control over this? Councilmember Moore said, that is exactly right. We can apply for grants to help fund them, but we have no control over the installation or the schedule. Mr. Talley said, really, the City Council doesn't have any control over the city sewer? Councilmember Moore said, there is a

public utility that controls that. Mr. Talley said, well, that is the first time I have heard that and I have been working on this for twelve years and no one has ever said anything about it. Councilmember Moore said, well, I get that call almost every day at my shop. And, they will say can you get the city to come down and see about my sewer problem and I tell them no I can't. It is through City, Water and Light. Mr. Talley asked, so, City, Water and Light is completely different from you? Councilmember Moore stated, that is correct. Mayor Copenhaver stated, that is correct. Mr. Talley, if you would, provide me with your address and then what we will do is make the connection for you and with you at City, Water and Light to help you through the process. So, please provide us with that information and we will be happy to help you. Mr. Talley said, okay. You know, I did a lot of work since the last time that I was here because of the stuff we were promised, stuff we were told, and I don't know who spent all of that other money, but that's beside the point. But, we need help on a sewer. We need help. I even talked to a friend of mine which a lot of you might know and became a friend of mine about two months ago named Tucker Housely. Has anyone ever heard of him? He said I would be glad Talley to help you. I said, let me talk to the City Council and see if somebody can help us out there. The ditches are grown up. They finally cut the trees out of the ditches by the highway. I finally found out that I am in Ward 3. I have never heard anything from anyone in Ward 3. It's been 15 years. I mean this is ridiculous. Mayor Copenhaver responded, just give me that information and we will help you. Mr. Talley said, thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you sir.

JR Rick Thomas, 243 Sundown Lane, said, I might be able to clarify a little bit that Glen was talking about a second ago. I think most of you were here last year when I talked to you. I understand our gripe is with the Northeast Arkansas District Fair Association. One of our Councilmember back then was the go between who convinced us to not oppose the fair upon that sewer system, that they would get it for us. I do have signed papers from the Fair Association on that. I understand that this is not a City Council or the Jonesboro city problem. But, here in the past I was up here about a year ago talking and you were talking about trying to make the city more appealing to these out of town people that are coming in with the factories and stuff like this. They come in and see, I think after about four or five years ago, over 3,400 residents in Jonesboro do not have city sewer. You mentioned grants. I've called up here numerous times and talked to somebody wanting help on the grants so we could go back and talk to our area and nobody can tell me anything about that. So, if you are the one that knows about those grants, we would love to talk with you. Mayor Copenhaver said, we have that in the Grants Department. Matter of fact, we had a discussion within the last two weeks about the opportunity. Most of them are low income associated grant opportunities. The city is working with citizens and we make that known on our public website that that's available. But, again, as we move forward, if you want to discuss this, my door is always open and I'll free to work with you on that. And, again, most of the areas as you well know, they were accessed earlier by the city and with that the growth issue came in. Mr. Thomas said, right, I am a retired city police officer. I retired back in 1998. Mayor Copenhaver said, you know the history. Mr. Thomas said, I know the history. I know the big annexations were for tax revenue, state turn back money. I just feel like if our extra money and I'm not talking just about our area, but the ones annexed in 1987 and still doesn't have it. I know a lot of people cannot afford to do it on their own. Our deal out in our area, we don't have close contact to the mains. They entirely moved them from where they were originally designed for us. Mayor Copenhaver said, we would be more than willing to sit down with you and if you have others as well, we can sit down with City, Water and Light and we can look at that process. Okay. Mr. Thomas said, thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your concerns, very much.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Brian Emison

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____
April Leggett, City Clerk