



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 5 - Joe Hafner; John Street; Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-26:025](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 4 - John Street; Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-26:031](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR LEASE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE SANITATION SIDE LOAD TRUCKS, ONE SANITATION FRONT LOAD TRUCK AND ONE SANITATION REAR LOAD TRUCK

Sponsors: Sanitation and Finance

Attachments: [AEF Document Package - CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS \(8\).pdf](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, so, in summary, I think this is seven vehicles. We'll make 24 payments of \$58,098.53. There'll be a balloon payment at the end of \$1.7 million. So, we'll pay a total of, it looks like, \$3 million, I'm sorry, \$2 million, we'll pay a total of about... Are we going to do the balloon payment? Do we usually do the balloon payment? Yeah. We'll pay a total of \$3.1 million, \$2.9 million of that will be principal, and the interest will be about \$210,316.31.

Finance Department Director Steve Purtee approached the podium and said, I did want to clarify that this is the third re-up of that same group of seven trucks. We started that, you know, six years ago now. And, as has been the case, we anticipate that the dealer will execute the buyback at the end of that contract term, as we've done the previous two. Chairman Joe Hafner said, and just to clarify, these aren't the same seven trucks, these are new trucks. Director Steve Purtee said, yeah that's correct. They are. Chairman Joe Hafner said, these are all 2026 trucks. Director Steve Purtee said, that is correct. They're brand-new trucks. Yeah, my mistake. Chairman Joe Hafner said, yeah, I know after two or three years of repair and maintenance cost starts being really high on these trucks, so. I know from personal experience. Director Steve Purtee said, this has been very successful for the city and the Sanitation Department. Chairman Joe Hafner said, yeah, and also getting to pay it out over months instead of having to come up with it all at one time, it is beneficial.

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - John Street;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

[RES-26:033](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3648 HUDSON , PARCEL 01-144102-09400, OWNED BY NEEDSPACE HUDSON, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,115

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

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[VIOLATION NOTICE](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - John Street;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

[RES-26:034](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2620 CRAWFORD#11, PARCEL 01-144273-02200, OWNED BY HILLTOP RENTALS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3257.34

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

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A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - John Street;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

[RES-26:035](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 607 ALFRED WATKINS, PARCEL 01-144083-14500, OWNED BY WESLEY KYLE GRIMES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

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A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - John Street;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

[RES-26:036](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1100 HUNTINGTON, PARCEL 01-143134-01900, OWNED BY VERNON WOOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$415

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

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A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - John Street;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I know Mr. Stearns, our Parks director, wanted to give us an update on some of the events that they've had going on. Parks Department Director Jim Stearns approached the podium and said, yeah, I just want to give you guys a quick update on the basketball season we just concluded. We have six weeks of youth basketball. We had nearly 975 kids signed up for basketball, 37 games, every Saturday, over the last six weeks, and we had 7,717 paid attendees that attended to basketball. Between all of our expenses, revenue, et cetera, we made an overall net of \$3,030.92. And so, youth basketball's pretty solid. Concessions were really well. We did a really good job with expenses. Staff had did a really good job on that. So, I just

want to give you guys a quick summary of youth basketball.

Field sports will start this weekend, so in another six weeks, I'll bring another summary back to you guys. Also have a quick summary of the two volleyball tournaments that we held back in January, February. There was a question about the revenue that we generated in that tournament, we generated about \$70, if I can have my numbers real quick, about \$70,000 we generated on those two tournaments. On the Icebreaker, which was the first one, it was the largest one. We ended up profiting about \$995 on that tournament. It had a lot larger. And then in the We Care tournament we ended up losing about \$7,500. So those two tournaments, in the tournament business ourselves, we really lost about \$6,505 on those tournaments. So, I can get you guys, if you like, I can email you an expense report if you want to see that, have a look at that. It's really tough to be in the tournament business. That's why we've kind of stepped away from that realm in Parks and Rec and really concentrated mostly on our youth sports programs.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I have some questions that doesn't concern to that. I guess here lately I've had people ask me about the way that they going to pay. About credit cards and stuff like that. And I keep wondering, what about all these people that don't have credit cards? Director Jim Stearns said, so we are actually demoing a cashless option tomorrow with the Finance Department. We hope to, probably not by opening day of field sports on the 4th of April, but by the 11th of April we hope to be able to offer a cashless option at all of our events. And we'll continue to purchase that equipment throughout the season to be able to be cashless in all our facilities. We're not going to go completely cashless. We're going to offer a cashless option. So, you'll still be able to pay cash at the gate and the door and the concessions, but we will offer that option to use credit/debit card for those events.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, well, I asked that question, you know, a lot of people ask me about, talking with me about that, but, you know, matter of fact, I guess because I worked at ASU one time, they were talking about how ASU was losing a lot of money behind the cashless deal. And I don't, for the people in Jonesboro who don't have cards or that type thing, it kind of bothers me that they can't be able to enjoy the items that other people do that have a card. Director Jim Stearns said, our goal in Parks is to never discriminate against people that don't have access to credit or debit cards, or don't want to send their kids with the credit or debit cards to an event. But we want to offer that option for those people that feel like that's easier for them. And so, we will not ever be completely cashless unless told differently. But we want to offer that option for accounting purposes, as well as a lot of people, that's all transactions that they use.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I get another question. Will there be bargain days over at the pool? You know, I have a lot of people, a lot of people have talked to me about how high it costs to get into the pool over there. And the only thing I can do is just, as a councilperson, is just ask the questions, you know. Will there be bargain days or will the tickets be the same? How's that going to work this summer? Director Jim Stearns said, so are you asking me if the fees will be the same?

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, yeah. Director Jim Stearns said, so we don't anticipate changing the fees, the entry fees, to our events at this time. We're going to evaluate that, probably, over the next six months, as we go into this cashless transaction opportunity for sells. But, we don't anticipate changing our fees.

Councilmember Ann Williams said, is there such a thing as a season pass where someone can, you know, get a family season pass, and save money by doing that instead of buying individual tickets, you know? Director Jim Stearns said, yes, ma'am, that's correct. We're going to offer season pass for field sports this year. You can buy

those at the community center now, or you'll be able to buy those at the gate. We're also offering a season pass at the pool this year. Councilmember Ann Williams said, oh, okay. Director Jim Stearns said, to save money. Councilmember Ann Williams said, so that would be a little bit cheaper than buying individual tickets for a family. Director Jim Stearns said, yes ma'am. And the pool season passes, there'll be a monthly and a seasonal. Councilmember Ann Williams said, ok. We had those growing up but they were like a dollar. You know, back then when I was young. Director Jim Stearns said, if you had a season pass you were a big dog.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 4 - John Street; Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain