



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Present 6 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Brian Emison; Janice Porter; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent 1 - Chris Gibson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-25:033](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Janice Porter; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

4. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-25:012](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilmember David McClain said, Mr. Chairman I have a quick comment. I brought it up before and I think we should look at it. But at some point, I really think we should look at changing our speed limit in our neighborhoods from 25 to 15. Chairman Brian Emison said, ok. Councilmember David McClain said, I don't know if we need to... you know we've got the mayor and Carol here, but I would love to see us take a look at that and what that would do. And I also think we should look at the difference between someone being hit, maybe a child being hit at 25 verses 15. I mean there's a difference. And so, I think we need to take a serious look at changing that speed limit. Chairman Brian Emison said, thank you Councilman McClain. I will circle back around with legal counsel and chief and also visit with the Traffic Control Committee and see if we can get a recommendation on that moving forward. But I'll follow up with you after we circle around on that. Councilmember David McClain said, thank

you. Chairman Brian Emison said, thank you sir.

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Janice Porter, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Janice Porter;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

[ORD-25:015](#)

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

Sponsors: Engineering

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Janice Porter;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-25:046](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 202 W. WOODROW STREET JONESBORO, AR 72401

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [202 W Woodrow Boarding and Securing Affidavit.pdf](#)
[202 W Woodrow Boarding and Securing Returned Sig Card.pdf](#)
[202 W Woodrow Inspection Report.pdf](#)
[202 W Woodrow Notice of Violation Affidavit to Bank \(1\).pdf](#)
[202 W Woodrow Notice of Violation Affidavit.pdf](#)
[202 W Woodrow Notice of Violation Return Sig Card Bank.pdf](#)
[202 W Woodrow Notice of Violation Return Sig Card owner.pdf](#)
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Chairman Brian Emison said, it comes recommended to me that we table that item indefinitely. Councilmember Kevin Miller said, yes, we've had a request from Code Enforcement to pull it and asks us to table it indefinitely. I believe there's a new owner for the property.

Chairman Brian Emison said, Scott would you like to give us an update on that. Code Enforcement Department Director Scott Roper approached the podium and said, that property has been sold recently and has a new owner. So obviously we can no longer follow through with condemnation. Chairman Brian Emison said, okay. Yes sir,

thank you.

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember David McClain, to postpone indefinitely RES-25:046. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by David McClain, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Janice Porter;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

[RES-25:047](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1208 N. Floyd St. Jonesboro, AR 72401; Parcel # 01-143124-01600

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments:

[1208 N Floyd Board & Secure Affidavit.pdf](#)

[1208 N Floyd Board & Secure Returned Cert Letter.pdf](#)

[1208 N Floyd Inspection Report.pdf](#)

[1208 N Floyd Map.png](#)

[1208 N Floyd Precondemnation Notice Affidavit.pdf](#)

[1208 N Floyd Precondemnation Notice Return Sig Card.pdf](#)

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A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Janice Porter;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Brian Emison said, I think that Mayor Copenhaver has something for us on that. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, I appreciate that Councilman Emison, and I just want... appreciate the time to be in front of your committee this evening. And I kind of want to bring forward to full light the last 18 months with the Revenue Bond proposal. And I want to take a few minutes to discuss the 9-1-1 center. And I hope you all concur. After discussions about the best location with councilmembers, design professionals and development experts, I personally think the most transparent way to determine where we want to locate our police services in the future needs to be reviewed and studied by a taskforce. Since it affects each committee, Finance, Public Safety, Public Services, and Public Works, I have asked that they work together on this. What I mean by that is, is each chairman of that committee be represented on

this taskforce. I additionally have asked mayor pro tem Chris Moore to serve in this process with this administration. I've asked Councilmember Emison to head up the committee and work quickly on a recommendation. I would ask that we involve the opinions of economic development experts, engineers and public safety professionals, and provide an expedited timeline for completion. I think in the end, we'll see that that's more efficient and a better way for the location. Plus, this could be a decision that we make together with research of the pros and cons of each location. We're talking about multiple options. Maybe Caraway Road, maybe downtown, whatever the case may be. But the fact is a 9-1-1 center is simply inarguable. It isn't up to me for the debate. I'm confident that you all will come together with a recommendation that will best serve our growing community for decades to come. Thank you for your time, Councilman. Chairman Brian Emison said, thank you Mayor. And just to piggyback on mayor's comments that the taskforce that is going to be put together will be planning on setting a meeting time within the next two weeks to meet the expedited request. So, we will be in touch, and we'll make sure that we get that on the calendar and make everybody fully aware of when that meeting is scheduled. Great, thank you everybody.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Janice Porter; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson