



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

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Tuesday, June 19, 2018

5:00 PM

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### 1. Call To Order

### 2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

**Present** 4 - David McClain;Chris Gibson;Mitch Johnson and Gene Vance

**Absent** 1 - Chris Moore

### 3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-18:051](#) Minutes for the Public Safety Council Committee meeting on May 15, 2018

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

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

**Aye:** 3 - David McClain;Chris Gibson and Gene Vance

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Moore

### 4. New Business

#### *RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED*

[RES-18:079](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 1811 Cedar Heights, Owner: J & M Trinity Properties, LLC.

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*Chairmember Mitch Johnson said it looked like it was just a burned out structure. Senior Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner said it's a burned out duplex or fourplex. Since I got this on the agenda, the owner has gotten a residential alteration*

renovation permit and he is currently gutting the inside of the structure and plans to rebuild it. By the time he came and got the permit, I already had this on the agenda. Councilmember David McClain asked so I guess we just need to remove it or do you want us to postpone it. Mr. Tyner said he's renovating it. The structural damage to it wasn't significant. It was mostly smoke and water damage, but he's going in and replacing all the flooring, drywall, carpet and all that. Councilmember McClain said my question is do we remove it? Councilmember Chris Gibson said for the purpose of a vote, I'll make a motion to approve. Councilmember Gene Vance said a lot of times in the past we've went ahead and passed them. If it's going to be at least three weeks before it gets to the council, we can then say if he's making progress or not making progress. Mr. Tyner said right. If we can get it to that point to where we can kind of keep monitoring the situation in the event that something falls through, he runs out of money, or just decides it's not financially worth rehabbing the property, I'd like to have some recourse as far as the city having to step in.

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - David McClain;Chris Gibson and Gene Vance

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Moore

[RES-18:086](#)

A RESOLUTION 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 Gene Vance, seconded by Councilperson Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - David McClain;Chris Gibson and Gene Vance

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Moore

[RES-18:094](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 916 Hope, Owner: Tyrone Green.

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[pic 2](#)  
[pic 3](#)

*Senior Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner said this is one where Mr. Green is deceased. The last I knew, we had an heir that may have been in prison somewhere, or two heirs. This is a property where we just widened the road there. The city condemned the land and put some money into a court account that was never claimed by any of the heirs. I'm going to have to do an attorney-ad-litem on this one to locate an heir and get notice sent to them.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - David McClain;Chris Gibson and Gene Vance

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Moore

[RES-18:095](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 1108 E. Washington, Owner: James Robert Tart c/o Tonya Holden.

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*Councilmember Chris Gibson said this is one I've been questioning for quite some time. Senior Code Enforcement Officer Michael Tyner said yes, the blue one there on Washington Avenue where it's kind of falling in the middle so much to the point that you can't even get the front door open because it's about four inches below the concrete porch.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - David McClain;Chris Gibson and Gene Vance

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Moore

**5. Pending Items**

**6. Other Business**

*Chairmember Johnson said continuing with item No. 6, other business, does anybody on the committee got anything.*

*Councilmember David McClain said I'd like to ask a question and maybe we can look at this later on with the traffic control committee. Have we considered or are we willing to consider looking at reducing the speed limit in neighborhoods? I know it's 25 mph right now. I was wondering if we can look at lowering it to maybe 15 mph. Chairmember Johnson asked in any particular neighborhood? Councilmember McClain said just in any neighborhood, period or neighborhoods, as a whole. Councilmember Gene Vance asked lower it to what? Councilmember McClain said lower the speed limit to 15 mph. Councilmember Vance said I strictly think 25 mph is a minimum anywhere. It's what is at our school districts. There are some 20 mph speed limits here in town and it's very difficult to drive 20 mph; just try it. Councilmember McClain said I think the big thing, looking at neighborhoods where kids are playing, it's a definite concern as a parent looking at kids playing and then cars coming through. Chairmember Johnson said we have discussed that over the years and Councilmember Vance is right. The biggest discussion out of this committee was the school zone thing and being lower than that. It's 30 mph in my neighborhood, which I think is a little fast. Of course, if any neighborhoods have any issues they can always take it before the traffic control committee and let them do a study and see what their thoughts are. That's usually what we depend on is what's brought to this body from them and we either act on it or*

we don't act on it. Councilmember McClain said okay. I appreciate it.

[COM-18:040](#)

Mosquito report from Vector Disease Control for May, 2018

**Attachments:** [City of Jonesboro May 2018.pdf](#)

Chairmember Mitch Johnson said I spoke with Jim Stark, Supervisor with Vector Disease Control Inc., VCDI, and he was going to try to be here today, but they had some things going on that he had to get worked out. Mr. Stark said mosquitoes were pretty light in May, but that they were here, as you know. I walked outside last night and it seems like overnight they appeared at my house, as well. He did say the planting season this year has been at various stages, so he's anticipating a long mosquito season because there's going to be mosquitoes that are going to be coming out later than normal. One thing about it, we've been down the road of not good mosquito coverage before and I think it's a proven record that they've been the best we could get so far, in the situation. He did say they were going to do their first flyover around July 2nd and 3rd, weather permitting, before the fireworks events on July 4th. Then, after that, they have their eight flights scheduled throughout the season that they have all geared up. They are working and they have all their light traps out. I've had one in my yard for years that they put out to monitor in my area. They have been out spraying and have been monitoring the traps. Mr. Stark is planning on trying to be here next month, but if anybody from the committee has any questions, feel free to call and he'd be glad to answer anything going on.

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## **7. Public Comments**

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said there are two questions that I have to ask. I have gotten in touch with City Attorney Carol Duncan and Planning Director Derrel Smith about the placement of the rezoning sign for Gladiolus Drive. Believe it or not, it's been a year. I know you probably don't keep that on your calendar, but I do. I know one of these days he's going to try to rezone again. I know I try to watch in the paper when I drive down the street a lot. I know we had talked about placement of that sign to make it more visible for people to see instead of at the dead end road. I was just wondering if you all had discussed this and the new policy. I know there's not a perfect situation, but I think this is kind of like one of those exceptions. Ms. Duncan said as I told you, I drafted the ordinance or the recommendation. It has been forwarded to Mr. Smith and it's been forwarded to be put on the committee agenda. I think that would end up going to the Public Works Committee when it goes. Chairmember Mitch Johnson said it would go to Public Works. Ms. Duncan said so, it's already in Legistar headed to the Public Works Committee. Now, when it would hit that agenda, I would assume next time. Ms. Lack asked so it will be next time? Ms. Duncan said it should be. Chairmember Johnson said it wouldn't be this committee. It will be Public Works, which meets the first Tuesday of the month. Ms. Duncan said it won't be Public Safety. It will be Public Works. Ms. Lack said okay. Then my bad because someone had said this is the committee to bring that up. Ms. Duncan said no, it will go to Public Works, but it's in the process. Chairmember Johnson said they both say public on them and I get it mixed up myself sometimes. Ms. Lack said that's what I thought, too. Mayor Harold Perrin said Councilmember John Street is the chairperson of that committee. Councilmember John Street said at our first meeting in July, Mr. Smith has a draft and it will come before Public Works.

Ms. Lack said I appreciate that. The second question I have, and maybe this is not the right meeting, but it might say public, too. I know this article in the paper talking

*about the city and state joining the streets and all that, and us taking over a couple of them. Is this the place to have this map here explained a little bit more about why we're doing this and does it come up for a City Council vote?*

*Mayor Perrin said I can answer that for you. That's in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, STIP, where we got the \$90 million and for the \$90 million you have to commit certain funds. That's where we committed the \$7.8 million. In addition to that, they have asked us if we could take over a couple of roads or a few miles of roads. The only two that we're taking on is on Highway 226 at the very beginning all the way down to where you turn the other way to go to Cash, the old way, and they've already overlaid that. The other one is on Culberhouse and that would be from Parker Road up to Craighead Forest Park because part of that is county and part of that is city. We will not take that over until the entire eastern arterial is done and traffic on it. Ms. Lack said so with all that, it's not going to be for quite a while then. Mayor Perrin said several years. Ms. Lack said the map was kind of hard to understand and you had to read the article a couple of times and I didn't really understand. Chairmember Johnson said thank you for posting that because I actually read that article on your thing today. Ms. Lack said you're welcome. Thank you.*

## **8. Adjournment**

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

**Aye:** 3 - David McClain;Chris Gibson and Gene Vance

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Moore