



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Present 6 - David McClain; Mitch Johnson; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent 1 - Chris Moore

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-22:006](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on January 18, 2022.

Attachments: [MINUTES](#)

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-22:011](#)

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 07:072, PROVIDING FOR A POLICE OFFICERS BILL OF RIGHTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Police Department

Attachments: [315-04 Promotional Process JPD Officers Bill of Rights](#)

Police Chief Rick Elliott explained that this was just a cleanup ordinance. We took out section seven because it is now covered in our policy and procedure manual. This change has also been reviewed by the City Attorney and the administrative staff, as well as the police department's administrative staff. This change streamlines the promotion process, handing it back to human resources instead of the Assistant Chief. Councilmember David McClain asked, if I were a police officer in Cherry Valley and I have worked there for five years, will I test at the same level or will I come in and possibly be a sergeant or lieutenant? Chief Elliott explained that everyone starts at the

bottom. You can't come in and test for a captain or lieutenant spot. It's just like the military your first step of promotion is a sergeant. You cannot skip ranks. It's a five year minimum of being with the department before you are eligible to test for the next rank. Councilmember McClain asked, so everyone starts as a patrol officer? Chief Elliott said yes, we do have the option to bring in an experienced patrol officer at higher steps on the current pay plan. Councilmember Bobby Long asked, so, this is just getting rid of some of the redundancy in the policy? Chief Elliott said, yes. The Police Officer's Bill of Rights has been around for several years. In fact, the City of Jonesboro's Police Department adopted it long before the State of Arkansas did. There have been comments about dropping the whole thing because the state does cover it now. But, my employees preferred to keep it in place.

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-22:034](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO CERTIFY FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (JET)

Sponsors: JETS

Attachments: [Jets FY2022 C&A](#)
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City Attorney Carol Duncan stated that this is something we do every year. JET Director Michael Black echoed the same.

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Councilmember David McClain said, I know that we talked about last time maybe having the guy from Vector come and speak. Do you think we can get him on the next meeting agenda? Chairman Mitch Johnson said, we can probably work on that. Councilmember McClain said, okay.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore