



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

4. Special Presentations

COM-09:020 State of the City Address as given by Mayor Harold Perrin on February 17, 2009

Attachments: [2009 State of the City](#)

This item was Read.

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

MIN-09:008 Minutes for the City Council meeting on February 3, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

RES-09:016 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 120 CATE STREET, 321 UNION STREET and 310 SOUTH CHURCH STREET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO.

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-011-2009

RES-09:019 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FTA CIRCULAR 5010.1D

Sponsors: JETS

Attachments: [C 5010 1D Finalpub](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-012-2009

RES-09:026 RESOLUTION TO NAME JUDGES, CLERKS AND ALTERNATE WORKERS TO SERVE IN THE CITY WATER AND LIGHT PLANT ELECTION OF 2009

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-013-2009

RES-09:027 A RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE VARIOUS MAYOR'S TASK FORCE AD HOC COMMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING OPTIONS FOR FINANCING , BUILDING FACILITIES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND 150 YEAR CELEBRATION

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-014-2009

6. New Business

COM-09:018 Request by Mr. Robert Sartin to set an appeal hearing regarding the denial by the MAPC to rezone property located at 2918 Casey Springs Road from R-1 to I-2 L.U.O.

Attachments: [Appeal Request](#)
[Plat](#)
[Affidavit](#)
[Application for Zoning Map Amendment](#)
[Warranty Deed](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Mayor Perrin stated he and City Clerk Donna Jackson will be in Washington DC during the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. He asked for the next meeting to be re-scheduled for March 5, 2009, and for the public hearing to be set at 6:00 p.m. on March 5.

Councilman Darrel Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to re-scheduled the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting to March 5, 2009, and for the public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 5.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Ordinances on First Reading

- ORD-09:007** AN ORDINANCE GIVING NOTICE OF REVISIONS TO TITLE 15 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS
- Sponsors:** Engineering
- Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*
- Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.*
- Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.*
- A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Charles Frierson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote**
- Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears
- Enactment No: O-EN-009-2009
- ORD-09:008** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX 6, GIS DATABASE SUBMITTALS OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE DESIGN MANUAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
- Sponsors:** Engineering
- Attachments:** [Table 1 - Attribute Fields](#)
[ARR150000](#)
[Figure 1 Appendix 2](#)
- Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*
- Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.*
- Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.*
- A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote**
- Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears
- Enactment No: O-EN-010-2009
- ORD-09:009** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 9, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO STRIKE AND REPLACE EXISTING CODES THAT ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE NEW STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS
- Sponsors:** Engineering
- Attachments:** [Stormwater Conflict](#)
- Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-011-2009

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-08:235 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 5224 E. Nettleton

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)
[5224 Nettleton Ave Building Inspection Report.doc](#)
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[100_0589.JPG](#)
[100_0590.JPG](#)
[100_0591.JPG](#)

Mr. Phillip Cole explained due to the ice storm he was unable to get any help out. He further explained there is a contractor working on the property this time and an electrician should be there in the morning. He asked the Council to remove or postpone this condemnation.

Code Enforcement Officer Jamie Seaborn explained they inspected the property with Chief Building Inspector Terry Adams. He stated the electrical and exterior were very poor. He noted Mr. Cole purchased a permit in November, but no work was done on the house. He added Mr. Cole purchased another permit on February 10, 2009. Mr. Seaborn further explained if the condemnation goes ahead, Mr. Cole will have to show that work is being done to the property to bring it up to code.

Councilman McCall questioned if a permit was purchased in November, what the delay was for not getting work done. Mr. Cole explained he has had some health problems and then the ice storm hit.

Councilman Moore questioned how long Mr. Cole will have to bring the property up to code if the resolution is passed. Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver explained after the property is condemned Mr. Cole will have 45 days to bring the property up to code. He added if the owner is making good progress on the property, then they will work with the owner.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-015-2009

RES-09:013 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 405 Easy Street

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [405 Easy St Building Inspection Report](#)
[CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[100_3143](#)
[100_3144](#)
[100_3145](#)
[100_3148](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-016-2009

RES-09:014 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1509 Pratt.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1509 Pratt Building Inspection Report](#)
[CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[100_0680](#)
[100_0681](#)
[100_0682](#)
[100_0686](#)

Ms. Betty Simpson explained they were working on the house when it caught fire. She stated the work they were doing is what caused the fire. She asked for time to fix the house.

Mr. Seaborn stated a demolition permit was purchased in December, 2008. He added since Ms. Simpson is wanting to repair the home she will need to purchase the necessary permits and will have the 45 days to work on the property.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-017-2009

RES-09:018 A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ALTER THE OFFICIAL ROUTE DESIGNATED AS A NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY BY SEEKING AN AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN PORTIONS THAT LIE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Crowley's Ridge-Jonesboro Topo 1](#)

Ms. Marcia Patton discussed the route of the byway. She stated she is not against anything to do with hiking or biking, but she expressed concern about the route being on Culberhouse due to possible danger from the high level of traffic on Culberhouse. She explained she doesn't want the route to change from her area on Harrisburg Road. Parks Director Jason Wilkie explained the route will not change on Harrisburg Road; rather, the change will be further south. He noted Ms. Patton will still be on the scenic byway. He further explained the change was made at the request of scenic byway officials so the route could cross the entrance of Craighead Forest Park and the Nature Center.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-018-2009

7. Unfinished Business

8. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Perrin stated an RFP for the transition audit has been sent out. He added the deadline is February 24th. He added ATA Accounting Firm will be in the City on February 23rd to work with the Finance Department concerning the chart of accounts. Mayor Perrin explained Mr. Jack Turner has returned from Portland, Oregon, from his training at Springbrook. He announced Mr. Floyd Lemm as the new Street Superintendent. He also announced they will be having a public hearing on the Master Street Plan on February 23, 2009, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Huntington Building. He added there will also be a Master Street Plan public hearing in Bay on February 26, in Bono on March 2 and Brookland on March 5. He explained the addresses, dates and times will be posted on the City's website and on Channel 24.

COM-09:021 Report as presented by Mr. Tony Thomas to the City Council on February 17, 2009

Attachments: [Report](#)

Mr. Tony Thomas discussed his report and the grant process. He stated as awarded are given to the City, they will give updated reports to the Council to keep them informed. He explained the active grant total is \$7.2 million with the City's share being \$847,312, or 12%. Councilman Moore questioned why the Parks Department has over \$900,000 worth of grants, but the rest of the City only has a little over \$100,000. Mr. Thomas stated it depends on what is available. He explained there are grants available, but the City has to tailor itself to what grants are available and use that to figure out what projects the City should pursue. He further explained the Police Department has applied for other grants, but was not awarded any money. He noted planning on the City's behalf and the department's behalf help take advantage of more opportunities. Councilman Hargis noted in the past the City has received money for sidewalk improvements, but there is nothing in the report regarding sidewalk improvements. Mr. Thomas stated the funds for sidewalk improvements have dried up at this point in time. Councilman Gibson questioned whether the other departments are putting together 3, 5, and 10 year plans like the Parks Department. Mayor Perrin stated they will be working with the other departments to devise a plan.

Councilwoman Williams questioned historic preservation grants. She stated citizens have asked about grants to preserve the bridge on Bridge Street, but the work would be costly. Mr. Thomas explained there is a historic preservation grant that is awarded every year. He stated they can start planning the project, so when they get the notice of grant availability they can start the process. He added he would be glad to work with the citizens to make a plan for the project and grant.

This item was Read.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to add an ordinance to the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-09:012 AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL RELATED TO THE WINTER ICE STORM AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM THE UNALLOCATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Sponsors: Public Works

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[RFP](#)
[2009 Debris Removal Agreement](#)

Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-012-2009

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to add a resolution to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:028 RESOLUTION SHOWING SUPPORT IN SECURING INTERSTATE STATUS FOR US 63 (FUTURE I-555)

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-019-2009

Councilman Johnson questioned the status of the Street and Sanitation facility. Mayor Perrin explained they are waiting on an offer for the proposed property. He further explained once the property is acquired they will contact Stuck & Associates to proceed with the plans. Councilman Johnson then questioned if there are any

problems at the current facility. Mayor Perrin stated he is not aware of any current problems.

Councilman McCall announced the sesquicentennial celebration will start on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. on the front lawn of City Hall. He explained a proclamation will be read by the Mayor, as well as other recognition letters from elected officials. He added they will also announce what the committee is planning for the coming months to celebrate the 150th anniversary.

Councilman Hargis questioned when the contract would start for the debris removal. Public Works Director Erick Woodruff explained they will meet with the contractor tomorrow to plan when the pickup will start. He added public announcements will be made to inform the citizens as to what to do about curbside pickups, but they have a target of this week to start debris removal.

Councilman Vance announced a Stormwater Board meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, February 18th.

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

_____ **Date:** _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk