



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Councilmember Chris Moore and Councilmember Gene Vance arrived to the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Present 3 - David McClain; Chris Gibson and Mitch Johnson

Absent 2 - Chris Moore and Gene Vance

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-18:084](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on August 21, 2018

Attachments: [Public Safety Minutes 08212018.pdf](#)

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 Mitch Johnson

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and Gene Vance

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-18:137](#)

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

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilmember David McClain said it looks like it says the same thing for Bridger Park Phase I. It says we're removing a stop sign and adding a stop sign. Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols said we are moving it from one side of the intersection to the other. Basically, we are just shifting the intersection 90 degrees. Councilmember McClain said also, it says there is going to be a four-way stop at Paragould Drive and Prospect Road. Is a four-way stop better than a roundabout? Mr. Nichols said a roundabout would be better, but the cost for that would be fairly significant. We have been watching this intersection for a long time. We've made some improvements over

the years and tried to remove some sight distance restrictions. We have followed the accidents closely and there was still a problem out there, so somebody recommended a four-way stop. However, this would be a good candidate for a roundabout in the future. This just really comes down to financing for that project. Councilmember McClain asked do you think this will help significantly. Mr. Nichols said a four-way stop is a good candidate when you have relatively equal traffic in each direction. When you look at the regional flow of traffic in that area, this is just a real pivotal point for the area. There is a bit of a speeding issue on Paragould Drive. This will help that some, even though you don't want to install stop signs for that reason, but this will help that. We just have a lot of angle accidents and this is the next step that the Traffic Control Committee recommended.

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Gibson;Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore and Gene Vance

[RES-18:147](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH OUTDOOR LIGHTING PERSPECTIVES

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Indemnification Agreement](#)
[General Liability 2018.pdf](#)

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: 5 - David McClain;Chris Gibson;Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore and Gene Vance

[RES-18:160](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ESTABLISH VARIOUS TRAFFIC PATTERNS AROUND NETTLETON HIGH SCHOOL AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Map](#)

Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols said there was a lot of congestion around Progress and Race streets and the officers who direct traffic during school hours made this recommendation to the Traffic Control Committee, and we concur that it will help to make it safer out there for students crossing the road and the flow of traffic around the school. Councilmember McClain said so, if we adopt this, you will only be able to go north on Progress and east on Race. Mr. Nichols said yes, during those hours.

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Gibson;Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore and Gene Vance

[RES-18:168](#)

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

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [RP 15-23 JOHNSON AVENUE BRANCH FIRST SECURITY BANK 4204 E. .](#)

Councilmember David McClain said I want to make a recommendation that maybe we study something. I would like to see us look at changing the speed limit signs in neighborhoods from 25 mph and maybe lower. I know it's different in different parts of the city, but I know, safety wise, the survivability goes up the lower the speed limit. I really feel like we should look at that and figure out if that's something we should do. Maybe look around and get some examples of what other places are doing to, hopefully, keep accidents from happening in neighborhoods.

Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols said we establish these speed limits by taking radar counts and we look at the 85th percentile speed, which is, basically, the speed that 85% of the public is traveling. We have found in cases where the speed limit is 20 mph that sometimes it's difficult to abide by that through some areas. In this case, on Harvester Drive, we took radar counts and about 85% were going 25 mph and we felt that was really more consistent with the surrounding area. We will look into that. Councilmember McClain said I think it would be good for us to consider. Mr. Nichols said okay.

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: 5 - David McClain;Chris Gibson;Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore and Gene Vance

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

[COM-18:064](#)

Mosquito Control Report from Vector Mosquito Control for Jonesboro for August 2018

Attachments: [City of JonesboroAugust 2018.pdf](#)

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7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Gibson;Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore and Gene Vance