



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears
Absent 3 - Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-12:084 Mayor's special recognition of the City of Jonesboro employees who are retiring

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin recognized MPO Director Amin Ulkarim, Parks employee Brad Welbourne, Accounts Payable Specialist Brenda Sharp and Sanitation Department employee Jerry Adams. Mr. Ulkarim was honored for his 9 years of service, Mr. Welbourne for his 16 years of service, Ms. Sharp for her 32 years of service and Mr. Adams for his 37 years of service. Mayor Perrin presented each one with a plaque and thanked them for their service to the City.

Mayor Perrin also presented Councilman Frierson with a pin recognizing him for five years of service.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

- MIN-12:097** Minutes for the City Council meeting on December 4, 2012
- Attachments:** [Minutes](#)
- This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.**
- RES-12:204** A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR DOGWOOD ACRES SUBDIVISION - PHASE III, A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION
- Sponsors:** Engineering
- Attachments:** [Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)
- This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.**
- Enactment No: R-EN-194-2012
- RES-12:209** A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICE FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR TWO FLASHING BEACONS FOR A CROSSWALK
- Sponsors:** Engineering
- This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.**
- Enactment No: R-EN-195-2012
- RES-12:213** A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH MEDIC ONE FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A BASEBALL FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK
- Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation
- Attachments:** [Medic One](#)
- This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.**
- Enactment No: R-EN-196-2012
- RES-12:214** A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ST BERNARDS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A BASEBALL FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK
- Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation
- Attachments:** [St Bernards](#)
- This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.**
- Enactment No: R-EN-197-2012
- RES-12:215** A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF 2 BASEBALL FIELDS AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK
- Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Arkansas State](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-198-2012

RES-12:217

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE HIGHWAY 351 (AIRPORT ROAD)/AGGIE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement of Understanding.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-199-2012

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-12:065

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR, ADOPTION OF THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT, AND FOR THE FINANCIAL CONTINUITY OF 2013, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [2013 Mayors Budget](#)

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

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

Councilman Moore noted there were some issues with the City Clerk's budget regarding a software purchase. He questioned whether the issue had been resolved. Mayor Perrin answered yes, that the money was put in the Clerk's budget.

After adoption of the ordinance, Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-049-2012

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

ORD-12:063 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO PD-RM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4306 & 4310 AGGIE ROAD AS REQUESTED BY JAMES & INA GOSSETT

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Appeal Letter](#)
[Postponement letter](#)

Mayor Perrin limited each side to five minutes of discussion due to the ordinance being only on second reading. He noted the ordinance will be on third reading at the next meeting.

Engineer Terry Bare of Haywood, Kenward, Bare & Assoc., discussed the rezoning. Mr. Bare explained they use the Code of Ordinances and the Land Use Plan when designing and developing in their business. He noted his clients are asking for a duplex development, which is less dense than apartments. He discussed the surrounding properties and further explained this is a transitional plan and would benefit the area.

Mr. Todd Burton, 4303 Cypress Springs Road, spoke in opposition to the rezoning. He expressed concern that this rezoning could set a precedence for the City and asked the Council to vote against it. He noted it does not follow the long-term Land Use Map. He added the existence of high density zoning is not an excuse to continue with more high density zoning in residential areas.

Mr. Mickey Bridger also spoke in opposition to the rezoning. He the Council to consider how their neighbors would feel if this rezoning was in their areas. He stated they have people from five different subdivisions in attendance tonight. He explained this rezoning has been denied by MAPC and the City Council before.

This item was Held at second reading.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-12:061 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RM-4 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF GREENSBORO ROAD AND EAST OF MAY'S LANE AS REQUESTED BY HARRELL & JENNA MAYS

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Attorney Charles Mooney, Sr. discussed the rezoning. He noted the MAPC has recommended rezoning the property. This property is located next to the old landfill and there is no way the property would be used for R-1. It has been up for sale for three years and no one has shown interest in the property. They would like to rezone the property in order to develop it as rental property. They propose 24 duplex units

being built there and is in the best interest of the City and the people who own the property.

Mr. Frank Trent, 1013 Sandino Drive, spoke in opposition to the rezoning. He expressed concern over the development being so close to a condemned landfill. He noted it may be a good place for a park. He stated the only people who are in favor of the rezoning are the ones who will profit from it. He explained the development will add to the traffic and crime problems in this area. He further discussed his concerns. He suggested the developers search for a better place for their development.

Mr. Chris Winberry, 1005 Sandino Drive, also spoke in opposition to the rezoning. He noted Greensboro Road is narrow. He also noted there are numerous apartment complexes south of this property that need to be torn down. He expressed concern over anything low-income being built in this area for fear that it will have the same problems as the nearby apartment complexes. He recommended taking care of problem areas that already exist.

Ms. Susan Trent, 1013 Sandino Drive, stated her opposition to the rezoning.

Councilman Frierson motioned to adopt the ordinance. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilman Moore explained City Attorney Phillip Crego informed him it would be better to have a motion voted down than to have a motion fail for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Charles Frierson

Nay: 8 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 3 - Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin discussed the following items:

He asked to reschedule the next Council meeting because it falls on New Year's Day. He asked to move it to January 3rd. Councilman Street also asked for the Public Works meeting to be rescheduled for January 3rd. Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to reschedule the next City Council and Public Works meeting to January 3rd at the same times. All voted aye.

The City closed on the Edwards property.

The Jonesboro Police Department received their national re-certification.

The goals and objectives for the departments have been received. They will send it out via email so the Council members can add them to their budgets.

Financial reports went out yesterday via e-mail.

They held a sale on the buildings at Strawfloor this past Saturday. It brought in approximately \$38,000. The new owners have 60 days to remove the buildings. The City now has the funds to fence the area.

He announced the birth of Councilman Gibson's daughter. He asked for everyone to keep the baby in their thoughts and prayers.

He stated he will be taking some vacation time over the next few days. He then wished everyone a good holiday season.

COM-12:087 Financial reports through November, 2012, as provided by Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske on December 18, 2012

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [2012 Franchise Fees Comparison](#)
[2012 Hotel tax \(cash \) Reports](#)
[2012 Sales Tax Revenue](#)
[Deposit Collateralization Report](#)
[Expense Report November](#)
[Nov 2012 State Turnback Report](#)
[November Statement of Rev. Exp and Changes in FB](#)
[Required Reserves 11-30-12](#)
[Revenue Report November](#)

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street wished the Mayor a good vacation. He also noted the City has been awarded the reserve building. He explained it will be a good location for a central police department. He then motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and place RES-12:230 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-12:230 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR CRAIGHEAD PLACE APARTMENTS, A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-200-2012

Councilman Street thanked Street Superintendent Steve Tippett for his work.

Councilman Johnson recognized all of the City employees for their work and wished everyone a good holiday.

Councilman Dover asked everyone to keep Sandy Hook Elementary in their thoughts due to the recent tragedy there.

Councilmen Woods, McCall and Fears wished everyone a merry Christmas. Councilman Fears noted the swearing in ceremony for the elected officials will be January 1 at 11:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse.

Councilwoman Williams asked for the Finance Committee meeting to be rescheduled for December 27th at 4:00 p.m. since the regular meeting time is Christmas Day.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

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

Attest:

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