



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Agenda Public Services Council Committee

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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

4:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### 1. Call To Order

### 2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

### 3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:022](#) Minutes for the Public Services Committee meeting on March 16, 2021

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

### 4. New Business

#### *RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED*

[RES-21:167](#) A RESOLUTION DECLARING JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, A PRO-LIFE CITY

Sponsors: Bobby Long

Attachments: [Act392](#)  
[email comments RES-21-167](#)

[RES-21:199](#) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM AND CHOICE REGARDING VACCINE MANDATES

Sponsors: Bobby Long

Attachments: [Healthcare Freedom Resolution](#)  
[email comments RES-21-199](#)

### 5. Pending Items

### 6. Other Business

### 7. Public Comments

### 8. Adjournment



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Minutes for the Public Services Committee meeting on March 16, 2021



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## Meeting Minutes Public Services Council Committee

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Tuesday, March 16, 2021

4:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### Election of a Chair

*Councilmember Joe Hafner nominated Chris Gibson as Chairman. Councilmember Ann Williams seconded the motion. No other nominations were considered. All councilmembers were in favor by saying Aye.*

### 1. Call To Order

### 2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

*Councilmember Brian Emison came in at 4:32pm*

**Present** 4 - Joe Hafner;Chris Gibson;Ann Williams and Brian Emison

**Absent** 1 - Bobby Long

### 3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:111](#)

Minutes for Public Services Committee on Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

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

**A motion was made by Councilperson Ann Williams, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 3 - Joe Hafner;Ann Williams and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 1 - Bobby Long

### 4. New Business

### 5. Pending Items

*Parks and Recreation Director Danny Kapales approached with an update, "Parks and Recreation updated basically from 2020 and 2021. On Projects I am just going to go down a quick order of what we have done, what we are looking of doing and just basically update you where we are.*

*Joe Mack Campbell Park, we are in the middle of the pump house, if anybody has ever been out there, we had no pump house in place that irrigated the park and it was in a location that was flooding. What we have done is, we are building up a spot with a*

retaining wall and putting a new pump and box on top of that retaining wall and re-plumbing it. Just getting it up out of the water and making it more attractive looking along with safer for folks that are out there. We have also added a walking path that connects the parking lot that's in front of my office and the Urban Parks Shop, there is a parking lot there that's just to the side of the Joe Mack Campbell entrance. What we have is when the park is shut down, we have a walkers gate, so what happens is people have to park in that road to be able to get in and use the walking trail. By adding this little path, people are able to park in our parking lot and have a dry access to get into the park in the early mornings, evenings and weekends when the park is shut down. It makes it easier for them and much safer parking location. CWL has come in and built a chat road through the woods right there on Lacy Park side to be able to get to their lift pump. There is a lift station on the backside. In the past they had to use our sidewalk to get to it, which was not an ideal situation if you had walkers using the sidewalk and you had a CWL truck coming down it. It just wasn't an ideal situation for them so adding this trail has helped out for them getting in and out. We have also added some drains under the sidewalks; we had some spots that when it would rain water would build up and sit on top of the sidewalks, so we have added some drains to get those sidewalks drained off so when walkers are out they didn't have to bypass those spots or walk through water and get their feet wet during that time period. We are also going to resurface the batting cages; this year we have that in the budget. The entrance walls and signs are going to get the precast pulled and have bricks put in place of them. If you go out there now you will see were the precast is falling apart and crumbling and its got a lot of white wash coming down the red brick, so we are going to update those and clean up the entrance. Obviously perception is reality, if you are pulling into the park and the entrance signs and walls don't look good you are going to think the rest of the park doesn't look good, so we want to make that look right as you are pulling in. Also, we have been working on a cross country trail in Lacy Park which will be good for our high school and college to use that location and be able to run and practice, and have something that feels like theirs; a place to get where they don't feel like they are dodging soccer or baseball while they are out there trying to practice and run.

Southside we have added new walking paths and concrete around the small and the large quads, so when you go out there you will have good and safe walking to get into the park. We've also updated the entrance at the large quad; now when you come into the entrance it's not just a double chain link gate at the large quad. It looks like what we done to the youth quad last year, so both of them have a really professional look when you come to the park. You feel like you have actually arrived somewhere. We have added landscaping and just made it look really nice. We have also added fencing on Caraway Road side in front of the Miracle League, so at this point we pretty well have the entire park secure. Even like when we had this snow storm, we were able to lock the park down and keep people from getting out there in the open fields and tearing up our facilities, which we have had in the past when we have had snow on the ground. Obviously folks like to get out there in 4 wheel drives or atv's and things of that sort in the open fields, and we didn't have that this year since we were able to protect it. Also with adding out there, we done fencing around the electrical boxes. As far as an update this year we're budgeted through the city budget and also A&P is putting money in to turning field 10 around. Field 10 is a field that is kind of turned awkward to the rest of the park. It's not really available for folks when we have tournaments; they have to come outside of our normal location and walk to it. With this update we will be able to change that and put it within the park and make it more usable for folks; update the lighting, score board and just make it represent what the rest of the park it and much more usable space.

*Craighead Forrest we're finishing up the siding updating, putting all new siding, putting a nice 4 foot high rock siding around the base of the band shell, so it's a real nice change for the Craighead Forrest band shell. We have also added an overlook, basically a wooden deck overlook, right behind the Joe Martin pavilion, so if you actually go out to Craighead Forrest and go out behind the Joe Martin pavilion you can walk out over an overlook. There is a standing counter at the end so say if you are having a quick lunch meeting; you go out there open up your lunch and stand there having your meeting over looking the lake, it's just a really pretty sight. Along with that we have had all the restrooms resurfaced, we have had this epoxy resin put in, the floors were all cleaned and partially up the walls were cleaned and this epoxy resin was put down on the floors and the walls. It seals out for any liquid or anything of that sorts to soak into the concrete or the walls, so it makes it easier for our folks to go in and clean and sanitize the facility. It makes things look that much better when you go into them. We have also be cleaning out the disk golf course. We have two 18 hole golf courses; we just finished up the second one. If you go out there you will see there was a lot of underbrush and limbs pulled out and cleaned up, moved out to the old firing range, we have a nice big pile we are going to have to clean up and burn out at some point. Along with that we are currently clearing out the underbrush between the loop road and the lake, so as you drive through you'll see that there is a lot of that brush and the growth that was underneath is cleaned up. We have taken out a lot of the damaged or dead trees and just making the park more open, much more inviting for folks. When you are driving around Loop Road you can see through to the parking lots; I think it makes people feel a little bit safer when you are out there walking the trail and you know you can see the cars and people moving around the park. I just think it makes it much more inviting for folks to utilize.*

*Along with Urban Parks we have added new back stops at Stalling Park. In the past we have had a couple wooden post with some chain link fence on it; it just wasn't a very safe option, so now we've added actual back stops so it makes it much more safe for kids to go out and utilize for practices or just neighborhood kids to have a ball game in that park.*

*We are in the process of finishing up walking trails at CWL Park that was added. That came from a grant that the west end group had worked on, so that is going to have a full quarter mile loop around that park which makes it nice for parents if they are there with their kids on the playground or at practice they also have a place to walk around and exercise at the same time.*

*We have added a fence around the parking lot at Langbrook Park to kind of keep people from driving out into that park. We were having issues with the same thing like trucks or atv's getting out there and damaging that open space so this will put people were they are supposed to park and let the kids and the folks that want to utilize the park on their feet using it.*

*The skate park was complete other than getting some of the dirt work and a couple of the rails put in place, but the skate park was doubled in size. If you haven't had a chance to go look at it, it was a big change, we have basically added a lot of flat surface and some corner ramps that basically a lot of beginners can get out there and now skate board. That skate park was not really a skate park for beginners in the past and now it is, so now it is going to be a lot more useable and that much more beginner friendly.*

*We have also, as far as park clean up, the guys have been doing a lot of cleaning up ditches, underbrush, things that they haven't been able to get to in the past and we are*

*really working hard to get those things cleaned up around our local Urban Parks.*

*We did get the Outdoor Recreation grant for Union Park. That was approved so we are going to be updating that park right there on the corner of Union and Monroe. A plan is adding a 60X40 pavilion/band shell that will be utilized for everyday use for people downtown but also if we have concerts and things of that sorts under the band shell. During the month of December it will a setting for the ice skating rink to go under so we'll actually have a covered place for the ice skating rink, be able to wrap it in Christmas lights and make that very inviting. We are also looking at adding a playground at the same location. One of the pieces we are looking at adding is called a global motion, which is a really large climbing ball that you can spin. Doesn't spin real fast but it spins fast enough that kids can have fun on it and enjoy it. I think that would be a really nice feature for downtown for the folks that live downtown or just for folks visiting downtown and have a place to go and enjoy a green space.*

*As we moved on to Northside Baseball Complex, we did a lot of clean up out there last year, we still have a lot left to go. We are hitting that as we can between other projects, but the goal is to get the four main fields in the middle much more useable for practices. We have got kids over in that neighborhood that are needing places to practice right now and getting ready for some teams. I have got some local citizens that are developing teams in that area, and I want to make sure they have access to a park close to them to be able to practice, so that when they do take their teams out to Joe Mack that they are prepared to be able to play and compete and have fun in a game that they are developing a love for.*

*ASU link, that trail has been in design, we added another piece to that as far as a grant, so we have rolled that design into the original design and the plan right now is for that to be finalized this fall. Hopefully we will see construction start this fall, and that whole section will go from the corner of Church and Creath all the way down to Marion Berry. There will be a full accessible trail from downtown to ASU at that point.*

*The Shooting Sports Complex restrooms right now are under construction, and the range building and the maintenance building will be advertised for bid on March 28th.*

*The tennis facilities, those will be getting resurfaced this April. The company will be here right after Easter. They will be starting on Joe Mack Campbell Park doing that 2 full tennis courts and then adding 6 pickle ball courts on top of it so that will be universal. Then while they are doing Joe Mack they will be patching Earl Bell. There were some layers there that need to be fixed so will be patching that. Once they complete those two they will transition over to Allen Park and do a full resurface to those 12 courts. New surfacing, new nets, new poles and just making that whole court look like a brand new court. We are changing coloring a little bit. We are going to that medium blue and the green you see when you watch professional tennis across the country. That is what we are going to make it look a lot more professional and what much more people are seeing.*

*As you move on with Programs, I'll try to make this a little bit quicker, as far as the programs. Covid was tough last year. We still had programs but the Covid was tuff. We had to re-evaluate basically everyday how we were going to do things, but we still had things. We had softball, we had some soccer, basketball, we were not able to do a lot of basketball last year but we are now this year. As we look at softball, we have got 25 tournaments on schedule right now and plan on adding in a few more. We have the spring league consisting of youth, junior high, adult league, church teams, men's league, co-ed, and also this year we will have miracle league. You know last year we*

*didn't have the spring or the fall, that was just something with Covid that we were not going to be able to do, but we are still in the conversation of how we are going to do the miracle league but we are going to have the miracle league this year. Soccer, right now we are roughly at 1100 children signed up for soccer, which those numbers are down and we know why they are down, but they are down but 1100 kids is a lot of kids playing soccer. We will be doing that starting in April. We have the Play it Again Classic April the 24th and 25th. We will be doing a 3 B 3 soccer program through the summer along with 3 B 3 tournaments and then the Riceland Foods Harvest Cup will be August 28th and 29th. The other programs we did run last year were elementary tackle football, flag football, cheerleading, City Stars basketball, elementary basketball, rugby, rockwall climbing club, target golf, volleyball, we also partnered with NEA tennis and that program is just continued to blow up. I would say there probably is close to 500 participants in that program. It's just amazing to see that you take a program and put the right people running it what can actually happen, and that's just a testament to what Pat Malone and his team has been able to do for our community; I am really proud of what they have been able to do. The Jonesboro baseball, we've actually done some changes there, or should I say they have done some changes there. They are going to have reckly junior high league and travel league this year and right now they have on schedule 5 tournaments. One is this weekend and to even go back to softball, we have a tournament this weekend. We have 42 high school teams that are going to be at Jonesboro Friday and Saturday, which is the largest high school tournament in the state of Arkansas and it will be right here. It is the Bearcat Classic and so very proud of what Brookland Schools; their coaches done a wonderful job of building that tournament over the years and it's a great partnership for us and to just see those high school kids get to come to our park and be able to utilize it and enjoy that facility.*

*After that we have the pool. We ran it at 50% capacity and it just showed the need we had in Jonesboro, because even running at 50% capacity we had a line every day. There was a line of people waiting outside to get into that facility. It showed what we need. We need more pools, we need more access for people here in Jonesboro, more water access. We need more places to give swim lessons; there are kids out there that need to learn how to swim and one pool is not enough to teach them.*

*And then last, big event that's happening here in the next few weeks is the Jonesboro Open. It has over 300 participants signed up for it coming from, I believe, 36 different states, so you are looking at those folks coming here and spending over a week in Jonesboro. Whether they are going to be at the campgrounds or staying in a hotel; spending money right here in Jonesboro for an entire week. This is also an event that last year had over a million views online watching this event. That is over a million views of people going, Jonesboro. There is not anything else that we do here in Jonesboro that we can say that about but this event is. It's pretty amazing to see and if you get a chance, we are looking at April 12th-18th, come out and enjoy it. It's going to be at Craighead Forrest at both of the courses there and out at This side of Heaven there at the end of Casey Springs Road. All 4 courses will be packed throughout the week, activity going on. Any Questions?" Chairman Chris Gibson asked, "Danny can you give me a quick update, I know you and I had talked earlier in the year on some heaters for the city pool, can you give me an update on that?" Parks and Recreation Director Danny Kapales answered, "Yes, I know I passed along a quote on 1 heater and currently, with working with the JETS program, they are the ones really wanting the heaters in place, because it is going to benefit, as far as making sure that our kids that are on this travel program, I am kind of letting them lead the way on finding the appropriate heater to me and right now we have got 1. I am needing more than 1 to be able to move forward, so until they get the other quotes to me I'm at a road block on*

getting you anymore information.” Chairman Chris Gibson states, “Ok, thank you.” Councilmember Joe Hafner comments, “I did think of one question I had, Danny I don’t mean to blind side you with this, in the restricted funds there’s about \$27,000 in dog park funds. What are the future plans for maybe improving the dog park we have or maybe adding another dog park or two? Have you thought about that much?” Danny answers, “Yeah, currently I don’t have a specific plan for where that money would go, but we are in discussions. I actually have got a meeting setup with some students about a potential dog park, not saying that is exactly where we would put it, we’re we are discussing, but their ideas will help maybe where we may find a spot and take their ideas and put it there. Councilmember Joe Hafner commented, “Ok, thank you, I don’t have anything else.”

JETS Director Michael Black approached with an update, “It’s been a challenging year, just a little comparison between 2019 and 2020. In 2019 our total ridership overall was 132,866 and for 2020 it was 99,351. It breaks down to our fixed route was 27% down between 2019 and 2020. Overall we were 25% down but our paratransit increased by 2%, so the none emergency medical is still very much a necessity even during a pandemic. In 2020 when the pandemic was announced, JETS started requiring wearing a mask on April 6th and we also went fair free that same day to help protect our drivers and customers alike; get the people on the bus and get them toward the back of the bus because we did wrap off the front 2 rows of seats to insure driver safety. Our buses, of course we were cleaning them every night, but we began using antimicrobial sanitizer that after we clean it’s fogged into the bus once it’s parked and sets and sanitizes itself over night. We do that every single night after we run the buses. Shortly after that we came up with an idea to build, what I call a COVID compartment, it actually isolates our driver, using a crystal clear shower curtain from the customer area and it’s turned out to work pretty good. Right now we are still limiting our bus capacity to 9 with our driver that includes 10 due to such a confined space. We will re-analyze that towards the end of the month depending on what the governor does with the emergency order, but our mask mandate will still remain in place whether customers are vaccinated or not according to the federal mask mandate on all mass transit whether it be public or commercial; mask must be worn at all times. We actually went fair free from April 6th to October 3rd. Our fixed route logged 35,672 rides and paratransit was 4,262 rides with a total of free fair of 39,934 rides. When we began we thought that we could go fair free on fixed route and not have our paratransit do that but once FTA got back me they said if you are going fair free due to the pandemic you have to all the way across the board, so we were fair free on both services. Our fair box revenue was down 54%; as you can imagine being fair free for half a year. In 2019 we brought in \$80,987 just strictly through the fair box and in 2020 we brought in \$36,619.

Moving on to 2021, JETS began operation using the 100% funded Cares Act money on January 1st. I do expect a replacement paratransit vehicle to arrive late April or early May, and expect 2 new buses approximately midyear. Our sidewalk projects that were discussed during the Cares Act funding with the council will begin upon FTA approval. We are very much expecting ridership to grow approximately mid 2021 due to the rising cost of fuel prices. We’re in process of trying to come up with a plan for that. Hopefully we will be able to be back to full, our buses have a capacity of 23 passengers plus driver, and if we can do that we can handle it. We may need to add additional service, of course that would make our operational side of the Cares Act funding go away a little quicker but it may become a necessity if fuel prices reach what they are possible predicting at \$4-\$5 a gallon. That’s all I have at this point. Any questions?”



**6. Other Business**

**7. Public Comments**

**8. Adjournment**

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

**Aye:** 3 - Joe Hafner;Ann Williams and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 1 - Bobby Long



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## Text File

File Number: RES-21:167

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**Agenda Date:** 9/21/2021

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**In Control:** Public Services Council Committee

**File Type:** Resolution

### A RESOLUTION DECLARING JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, A PRO-LIFE CITY

Whereas, the city of Jonesboro, Arkansas, in accordance with Act 392, enacted into Law by the 93rd General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, wishes to affirm and dedicate itself as a “Pro-Life City;”

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence declares that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, including the right to life;

Whereas, the United States Constitution declares in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments that no person shall be deprived of life without due process and equal protection of the law;

Whereas, the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 68 declares the policy of the state is to protect the life of every unborn child from conception until birth;

Whereas, it is the duty of local government to protect the unalienable right to life of every person within its jurisdiction, regardless of what higher ranking civil authorities may decree;

Therefore, without hesitation, inhibition, or compromise, The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas resolves to provide equal protection for life at all stages from conception until natural death and will be known in action and deed, recognized, and designated as a “Pro-Life City.”

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2021  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1544

5 By: Representatives Underwood, Lundstrum, Bryant, Haak, Dotson, Furman, Bentley  
6 By: Senator G. Stubblefield  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AFFIRM THE RIGHT OF A MUNICIPALITY TO  
10 DECLARE THE MUNICIPALITY A PRO-LIFE CITY; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO AFFIRM THE RIGHT OF A MUNICIPALITY TO  
16 DECLARE THE MUNICIPALITY A PRO-LIFE CITY.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 54, Subchapter 8, is  
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 14-54-805. Pro-Life City designation.

24 (a) A municipality may state by resolution:

25 (1) That the policy of the municipality is to promote and  
26 protect the dignity and humanity of all persons at all stages of life from  
27 conception until natural death;

28 (2) That the municipality is to be known as a "Pro-Life City";  
29 and

30 (3) The following findings:

31 (A) The Declaration of Independence declares that all men  
32 are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain  
33 unalienable rights, including the right to life;

34 (B) Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 68, states that the  
35 policy of the state is to protect the life of every unborn child from  
36 conception until birth;



1                   (C) It is the duty of state and local government to  
 2 protect the unalienable right to life of every person within each respective  
 3 jurisdiction; and

4                   (D) The United States Supreme Court found in Poelker v.  
 5 Doe, 432 U.S. 519 (1977), that the United States Constitution does not  
 6 prohibit a municipality using democratic processes from expressing a  
 7 preference for childbirth rather than abortion.

8                   (b) A municipality that passes a resolution under subsection (a) of  
 9 this section may promote the Pro-Life City status in a manner consistent with  
 10 other law, including without limitation by:

11                   (1) Placing signs along rights-of-way near the boundaries of the  
 12 municipality;

13                   (2) Advertising in any promotion, advertisement, or public  
 14 relations effort;

15                   (3) Placing signs or banners on municipal property;

16                   (4) Placing a slogan or other notation on municipal utility  
 17 billing or other communications to municipal residents;

18                   (5) Producing and distributing signs, decals, or other material  
 19 for businesses or residents to voluntarily use and display;

20                   (6) Promoting at festivals, parades, or other public events;

21                   (7) Urging municipal employees to develop and implement  
 22 innovative and creative ways for promotion;

23                   (8) Placing a slogan or other notation on publicly owned  
 24 vehicles;

25                   (9) Declaring pro-life observances, such as a pro-life day or  
 26 pro-life month;

27                   (10) Encouraging local schools and civic clubs to promote the  
 28 dignity of human life;

29                   (11) Encouraging local places of worship to promote the sanctity  
 30 of human life;

31                   (12) Erecting monuments or other permanent memorials to lives  
 32 lost to abortion;

33                   (13) Establishing a cemetery or other place for the dignified  
 34 burial of the unborn and for memorials to those who have died in an abortion;  
 35 and

36                   (14) Using public service announcements.

**APPROVED: 3/17/21**

From: Chenoa Summers <chenoasummers314@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 10:33 AM  
To: Harold Copenhaver HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org  
Bcc: City Clerk cityclerk@jonesboro.org  
Subject: Worrying Upcoming City Council Resolution Proposal

Hello,

I wanted to express utter disgust at the upcoming resolution to be proposed by Bobby Long affirming that Jonesboro is a "pro-life" city. If Jonesboro becomes a "pro-life" city, I expect a lot more aid coming to single mothers, mothers with children who have disabilities, expanded access to birth control, and mask and vaccine mandates at the city level. After all, if you want to preserve life, make sure people don't die from the coronavirus, which is entirely preventable with vaccines and wearing masks. In addition, you have to care about those children on the other side of the uterus.

I am a woman and I can make my own decisions. I don't want old white men making decisions about my reproductive rights. I think having the city proclaim it is a pro-life city sends a very bad message for women's rights and will be detrimental to attracting young people to the city - something that is already an issue.

Thanks,  
Chenoa Summers  
6055 Beaver Run, Jonesboro

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From: Garrett Barnes <garrett.barnes47@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 4:49 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; Bill Campbell <BCampbell@jonesboro.org>; Brian Richardson <BRichardson@jonesboro.org>; Tony Thomas <TThomas@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES-21:167; Public Services Committee

Dear Public Services Committee,

As well-intentioned as it may be perceived by Councilman Long, the proposed *Pro-Life City* resolution is, at very best, extraneous. Given Mr. Long's wife is employed at *Options on Main*, I would think such a resolution would verge on constituting as a conflict of interest for Mr. Long, but perhaps the City Attorney would be willing to elaborate a bit more on that than I.

Arkansas Act 392 of 2021 is a law that encourages municipalities, and other bodies, to promote pro-life stances and arguments to the general public. Most of these stances and arguments defy standing rulings of the Supreme Court of the United States. These standing rulings include, but are not limited to, *Roe v. Wade*, *Doe v. Bolton*, *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa v. Casey*, *Colautti v. Franklin*, and *Stenberg v. Carhart*.

Most, if not nearly all, of the actions by this council are already pro-life. These existing actions are also far more conducive in supporting life *after birth* than what Mr. Long's resolution proposes. Here are some ways the council can echo its past actions while continuing to be more pro-life rather than merely and solely *pro-birth*:

1. Support Mayor Copenhaver's Trail System grant proposal.
2. Fund more sidewalks throughout Jonesboro or continue sidewalks that abruptly end for no reason.
3. Repair sidewalks that are in disrepair and remove overgrown vegetation.
4. Fund more bike lanes on city streets so cyclists and motorists are safer.
5. Fund additional after-school programs (including nutrition) in city facilities.
6. Fund additional inspections and necessary upgrades to city infrastructure.
7. Fund more sky-cops in high-crime areas.
8. Fund more GRIDSMART traffic systems for city intersections.
9. Pass and strictly enforce a residential habitability code.
10. Fund new pocket parks in underserved areas of the city.
11. Support a Housing-First Initiative to address homelessness.
12. Pass a city mask mandate to be re-evaluated every 30 days (similar to public schools) for all of the city's facilities.
13. Promote the COVID vaccine and subsequent boosters.

I strongly encourage the council to refrain from aligning itself with radical laws made by one of the most conservatively radical state legislatures in the country or attempt to promote stances that defy standing rulings of the Supreme Court of the United States. Our local governments can and should continue rising above the extremism that has infected our state and federal legislatures.

This resolution should be respectfully heard but resoundingly rejected by the Public Services Committee. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Barnes  
518 W. Jefferson, Jonesboro, AR

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From: Chenoa Summers <chenoasummers314@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 5:27 PM  
To: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Re: Worrying Upcoming City Council Resolution Proposal

Thank you, Bobby, for pointing that out - my address is 6055 Beaver Run Lane. Apologies.

Thanks,  
Chenoa Summers  
605 Beaver Run, Jonesboro

On Mon, Aug 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org> wrote:

Thank you for your comments. Just a few things...

I didn't catch your address. Normally I like to verify those providing input live in Jonesboro.

Also, this is not about masks, vaccines, disabilities, mandates, ect. Its about equal protection for all life. All other arguments are distractions. Your assumption is that all births from unwanted pregnancies result in a strain on society.. That is false. If you say that is not the assumption, then you would have to concede that you don't really know what holds for the life of any person. The issue here is do we value life or not.

You do have control of your body and I nor anyone else should tell you what to do with your body. As you know, pregnancy creates a situation where it is just not your body. The fact that one can kill an unborn baby and the mother continue living is clear proof that it is no longer just your body. Its silly to think that once pregnant, a woman then has 2 heads, 2 brains, 2 hearts, 20 fingers and toes. But that is exactly what you are saying.. You are saying that you should have control over a heart that is not yours, a mind that is not yours, toes and fingers that are not yours. If you say they are not yours, then you are making the choice pertaining to someone other than yourself. Which is it? Do you believe a pregnant woman all of a sudden has double the number of toes, fingers, heart, mind, eyes, ect or are you really different that the baby, you just want control over the life of a other individual.

I don't know if you really want to make the argument that those with disabilities are not worthy of life or some are less capable of a full and productive life. Would you be open and agreeable and support the proposition that any person with a disability should be terminated? If not why?

You mentioned bad for attracting young people to the city. Are you aware of statistics that I am unaware of. If so please provide them. I would love to look at them.

I am all for equal rights and protection for women and girls, men and boys. The difference between you and I is that I feel the constitution of both our state and federal government protects everyone, both born and unborn.

Every life has the right to live, to be free, and be happy. This is not about reproductive right, it about equal protection for all. If you are against that, then we will have to agree to disagree.

Sincerely, Bobby

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From: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 5:31 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Dear Madams and Sirs,

I am writing in regards to Bobby Long's proposed resolution to declare Jonesboro a "pro-life" city. I am a citizen, taxpayer, business owner, and parent in Jonesboro. This resolution should

receive a minimal amount of discussion and should *not* be advanced beyond the Public Services committee. Regardless of anyone's opinions on the issue, there are zero actions the city can take to effect any changes in abortion law. These matters are decided at the federal and state levels, and there is no point in wasting the city's time with culture war fodder.

In a Facebook post regarding the resolution, Bobby Long stated, "It would thrill my soul for every city, town, and county in this state to adopt this ordinance or one like it." I was not aware that the purpose of city government is to "thrill" anyone's soul. Please pass on this resolution so you can focus on important matters that are in the city's purview. Jonesboro is a rapidly growing community, and its citizens deserve less grandstanding and more problem solving.

Sincerely,  
Valerie Carroll  
Cypress Springs Road, Jonesboro, AR

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From: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 3:22 PM  
To: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Re: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Mr. Long,

It's not about "truthful" or "appalling" (words I never used in my email...so curious about where that's coming from). It's about *useful*. As established in this country, abortion law is federally protected with some restrictions, and states can apply further restrictions, which may or may not be challenged in court. Cities and municipalities do not enter the equation. The resolution contains no actionable language; "pro-life" is a political, not a legal, term. It amounts to a statement of political belief that you are asking the City of Jonesboro to endorse. Which is not the proper role of the city or the council.

I've read the resolution and I can't see one practical thing that it does or doesn't outline. It appears to quote the Declaration of Independence, cite the existence of the 14th and 15th Amendments, and reference a similarly toothless Arkansas Constitutional Amendment before stating Jonesboro "will be known in action and deed" as a "Pro-Life City" without *stating any actions or deeds*. As I best I can tell, the intended effects of this resolution are to:

1. provide grist for the "culture war" (this is shorthand for the way a certain segment of Republicans seem to have stopped focusing on policies in favor of fomenting outrage about "controversial" cultural issues like abortion, LGBTQ rights, and critical race theory)
2. increase *your* visibility and cultural cache vis a vis said culture war
3. alienate Jonesboro citizens and officials who do not agree with you
4. waste the city's precious time in trying to solve problems that actually are in the city's purview



It's clear you feel very passionately about this issue. That's true no matter what side you are on! But passion can be informed by anything; city policy must be informed by reason. I am uninterested in a debate on the issue of abortion with you or anyone else; no one's mind will be changed, and doing so will only create strife that wastes time and energy for everyone. In the future, I would simply ask that you concentrate your efforts on practical matters that are within your jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Valerie Carroll  
Cypress Springs, Jonesboro

On Wed, Aug 25, 2021 at 6:07 PM Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org> wrote:  
Your view is appreciated even though it saddens me that there is such a disdain for life. Let's be clear, it's not about abortion law it's about sanctity of life and our commitment to protecting it. Life deserves respect at all stages of development. If you disagree then we will just have to disagree.

Just for clarification, what section of the resolution do you find is not truthful or appalling?

I stand for protection of the life of the unborn. If you oppose me, what do you stand for?

And I will reiterate it. It DOES thrill my soul at the proposition that cities and counties would stand for the life of the unborn. No qualms about it.

Bobby

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From: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>  
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:49 PM  
To: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>  
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RE: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Hello Ms. Carroll,  
My original post outlines some of the more obvious usefulness of the resolution, the main one being a dedication to and commitment to protecting the life of the unborn.

Like I said before, it's about abortion but protection of our most vulnerable who cannot speak for themselves.

I think we can agree that any mention of any conservative stance can and many times will be seen as divisive, a propagating a culture war.

The reality is our general legislators felt differently. They felt that the ability of a community to formally verbalize its commitment to protecting unborn life is something that would be desired by those searching for a place to call home. I felt the same.

It come down to this, I know I'm not going to change your mind and you are not going to change mine. Those council members will have to determine if a declaration of life is something their constituents would support or not. They will also have to be settled with the proposition of what a no vote would insinuate.

I, for one, would jump at the chance to vote yes because 1) I think it would be good for the city, 2) I think the majority of my constituents would not only approve but support the resolution, 3) I personally support the ability offered by Act 392 to do so, 4) Its not about abortion but about life and our commitment to it, I think that could say a lot about our city just as opposing this would also say alot 5) I'm not concerned about starting a culture war... its already here and I will jot be silenced or deterred from doing what I feel is right and right for the city.

Sincerely,  
Bobby

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From: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 12:56 PM  
To: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Re: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Mr. Long,

Thank you for pointing me to Arkansas Act 392, as that legislation does include some specific actions that a city may take. They appear to be focused primarily on marketing and promotions: signage, slogans, festivals, etc. I absolutely take issue with the language in that bill (to me, "unborn" is the most Orwellian word in the American political landscape), as well as the actions it outlines. They "promote life" in the same way that a Coca-Cola campaign might promote sustainability or diversity--it's a hook to make the viewer "feel good," but doesn't actually accomplish anything.

You mention that the Arkansas State Legislature and you feel this is appropriate because your constituents support it; perhaps "culture war" is a bit cynical, but it seems apt in cases like these where what's at issue is a *message* meant to placate people's feelings, not an actual policy meant to affect the day-to-day lives of all citizens. Conservatives and progressives will never reach an agreement regarding the morality of abortion. No one ever reconsidered their position on the abortion issue because someone on the other side screamed at them that they hate babies or hate women. The only common ground is in practical solutions meant to address the root causes of abortion: low wages, lack of maternity leave and job protections, lack of family support, housing insecurity, lack of access to health care in general and birth control more specifically, availability of quality childcare options, domestic violence, and age-appropriate sex education that adequately prepares children to make good decisions when they become adults. These are the kind of "pro-life family values" I think most reasonable people could support at least in part.

As a constituent of the city and of the state of Arkansas, I am not in favor of this resolution or any others that equate to enshrining a political opinion as law. I am in favor of policies that improve the overall quality of life for Jonesboro and its citizens.

Thank you,

Valerie Carroll  
Cypress Springs, Jonesboro

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From: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>  
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 1:55 PM  
To: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>  
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RE: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Hi Ms. Carroll,  
Just a few comments..

Using a term "unborn" is a perfect description of what I'm talking. Maybe its just that the using the term reiterates the fact that its not just a clump of cells but a person. If so, don't that person have the same right to life as any other. You mentioned root causes as sort of a plausible justification for abortion. (Again, you are bringing abortion into this, Im not.) If that is the case, then would you also agree to the same justification being used at the ponit the elderly or any person at any stage life be prone to death if they cause an undue hardship on society or their kids or anyone else? Talk about an Orwellian concept! Every year, there are over 50 million babies aborted.. 125000 per day. Thats Orwellian.

You say that protecting life does not impact our day to day living and community.. I would strongly disagree. The sex education in schools you boast about has been going on for years.. more teens are becoming pregnant, contracting STDs yet we continue on. No one wants to talk about the mental health of those who have abortions.. (Remember, you brought up abortion, not me)..

The main themes prevalent in why women are having abortion according to a Guttmacher study is finances and lack of partner support. Again, is lack of partner support and financial reasons valid for taking the life of those inside the womb (I purposefully didn't use the term unborn) as those outside the womb? If not, what's the difference?

Again, no one is scream or calling anyone baby killers although

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From: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 2:29 PM  
To: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Re: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Mr. Long,

I specifically said I wasn't interested in debating abortion with you. I know what I would say to all of your points and what you will say back. I offered some middle ground in saying perhaps policies designed to address root causes would serve the goals of both sides, and you twisted that to implicate I'd be in favor of killing off our elderly population, a ridiculous thought experiment that has no basis in reality nor bearing on the subject at hand. Which, despite your protestation, is abortion.

I'm not the one who invented coded language like "prolife" and "unborn" to specifically talk about the issue. Arkansas Act 392 directly states in Section 1.D, "the United States Constitution does not prohibit a municipality using democratic processes from expressing a preference for childbirth rather than abortion." So please don't say I'm making this about abortion--I'm responding to something that already is. My position remains that regardless of one's personal moral or political positions, it is inappropriate for the city to formally adopt them for the purposes of promotion and marketing to a specific constituency.

Regards,  
Valerie Carroll  
Cypress Springs, Jonesboro

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From: Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>  
Sent: Friday, August 27, 2021 2:33 PM  
To: Valerie Carroll <valerie.k.carroll@gmail.com>  
Cc: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RE: Regarding a proposed committee resolution

Ms. Carroll,

I am going to respectfully disagree with you. I feel designating Jonesboro as a pro life city will be good for Jonesboro and something the residents would support. I must make a valuable distinction.... an ordinance is law a resolution is a declaration of resolve. Mine is not law but a declaration of a committment to life.

Thanks,  
Bobby

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From: Steven Summers <steven.m.summers@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:00 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: No on RES-21:167!

I'm aware that Mr. Bobby Long is attempting to push a "pro-life" resolution through the Public Works committee. Such a resolution is a waste of the committee's time and seems to simply be a way for Mr. Long to incite his base going into next year's elections. Given Mr. Long's maskless public appearances at an anti-vaccination rally this past Saturday, I also doubt that Mr. Long is sincerely pro-life anyway. As such, please kill this resolution in committee so that you do not

waste the full council's time.

Steven Summers  
6055 Beaver Run, Jonesboro

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From: steve floyd <steve082072@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 2:41 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro-Life resolution

Aldermen,

Good afternoon and I hope this email finds you well. I am writing this email in support of the pro-life resolution that is being presented by Alderman Bobby Long. I ask that our city council vote Yes and adopt this resolution. This would help make Jonesboro an even better city to live in. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Thank You,  
Steve Floyd  
5421 Southwest Drive  
Jonesboro, AR 72404  
870-219-4747

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From: Larry E. Corbett <lalocorbett@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 4:06 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro-Life

I support Bobby Long's Pro-Life resolution and request your support and vote for the same

Larry Corbett  
6006 S. Caraway, Jonesboro AR

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From: Sandra Hester <714trslhester@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 5:52 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Resolution

Aldermen of Jonesboro,

I am writing to encourage the passing of Pro Life resolution for Jonesboro. This would seem to be an easy one to pass, but I want to make sure that the Council knows the feelings of the citizens.

The State Assembly has passed this resolution and that is a reflection of Arkansas citizens.

Please consider this as a yes vote for the Pro Life resolution.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Tommy and Sandra Hester  
5601 CR 333, Jonesboro

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From: WHITNEY WILLIAMS <wwilliam@astate.edu>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 5:59 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Jonesboro should be a 'pro-life' city.

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

The Declaration of Independence records that all men are created equal and have certain unalienable rights (granted by God). The fourth and fifth amendment of the US Constitution affirms that no person shall be deprived of life without due process and protection of the law. The Arkansas Constitution (Amendment 68) states that it is the policy of the state to protect the life of the child from conception to birth. It therefore follows that it is also the obligation of every city in Arkansas to protect the live of every person in it jurisdiction (including life in the womb).

I totally concur with City Council Member Bobby Long that it is appropriate for the City of Jonesboro to declare itself as a pro-life city and protect the life of all citizens, even life in the womb.

I respectfully request that each member of the City Council of Jonesboro support and recognize that it is a “Pro-Life City.”

Sincerely,  
Whitney Williams, Ph.D  
912 Willow Oak, Jonesboro

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From: Jane Marzewski <janemarzewski@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 8:24 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject:

I urge you to adopt the pro-life resolution put forth by Bobby Long. How good it would be for Jonesboro to be a light in these dark times.

Sincerely,  
Jane Marzewski  
1516 CR 360, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: David Tennison <tennison915@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:52 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro life resolution

I support the proposed pro life resolution that is being brought before the City Council by Bobby Long.

Thank you

David Tennison  
4310 Hallie Lane, Jonesboro AR

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From: John Cooper <jncooper02@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:28 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Resolution

Please reject the proposed “Pro-Life Resolution “. This has nothing to do with city government and will only lead to further division among our community. City Council should not be used to further the agenda of local political committees and other special interest groups.

John and Sue Cooper

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Senator John Cooper  
District 21  
P.O. Box 16801  
Jonesboro, AR 72401  
870-761-0130

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From: Pauletta Folden <paulettafolden@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:58 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: PRO LIFE CITY

What a wonderful concept for our town, to declare our GODLY values to Protect the most vulnerable !!!

Pauletta Folden  
3525 E. Nettleton, Jonesboro

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From: Melody Kennedy <luneytunes0@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 11:39 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject:

Please pass the pro-life resolution. We do not believe in murdering babies. Please pass this resolution and show our support of doing what is right in the face of today's world. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Melody Kennedy  
Rains, Jonesboro

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From: Rebekah Evans <rebekah.laurel@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:22 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Oppose RES 21:167

Dear City Council Members,

Please oppose RES 21:167.

Regardless of anyone's personal stance on abortion, this resolution has nothing to do with the business and governance of the city of Jonesboro. There is a great deal that needs to be done in our city; I urge you to focus on policies & decisions that move our city forward, build community, and provide for the needs of Jonesboro residents. Please do not waste time on issues that are divisive, unproductive, and outside of the scope of city governance.

Sincerely,

Rebekah Evans, Ph.D.  
Charleston Drive  
Jonesboro, AR

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From: deltondunn <deltondunn@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:38 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES-21:167 - Declaring Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

I am standing in support of Alderman Bobby Long with the pro-life resolution for our city.

Delton Dunn  
4609 Rockport Dr  
Jonesboro AR 72404

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From: paul vellozo <vellozo.p@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:41 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Resolution

Dear Mayor and Aldermen: A resolution has been proposed to make Jonesboro a pro life city. I oppose this. It appears to be a political stunt.

There are things the city could do but in my opinion is not doing enough of. Support vaccination, mask use and other public health measures to combat Covid 19. I am a physician and am seeing a record number of patients in the hospital and office with Covid-19. My emergency physician colleagues are getting exhausted and some are getting infected with Covid while taking care of people who do not care for their lives or the lives of others.

So instead of political gestures, I request that the city be a pro vaccination city. We lag the country in vaccination rates and lead the country in rates of Covid infections and hospitalization and ICU use. Please use your valuable time tackling real problems rather than political statements.

Thank you



Dr. Paul Vellozo  
3811 Wolfchase  
Jonesboro

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From: Zachariah Carlson <zachariah.carlson@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:02 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver  
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: I oppose RES-21:167

Hello,

I've just learned of RES-21:167, a resolution declaring Jonesboro, Arkansas, a pro-life city. I'm writing to state my absolute objection to this resolution and ask that it die in committee. It seems purpose-built to fill council chambers with crowds of citizens on each side of the issue, so that half of them are needlessly antagonized by the final vote.

I am actually in favor of pregnant people getting the support they need. Food for the underfed, housing for the unhoused, stipends for the underpaid, and legal termination of the pregnancy for those who do not wish to be pregnant. This resolution offers no commitment to any of that, and is thus not pro-life at all.

Thanks for your time,  
Zachariah Carlson  
2000 Bunker Hill, Jonesboro, AR

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From: Kaleb Webb <kaleb.webb72@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:46 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: "Pro-life" resolution

Councilmembers,

Please do not support or vote in favor of the proposed "pro-life" resolution. This resolution is nothing more than an act to try and stoke a culture war.

Pregnancies have many factors that come along with them, and folks should not be shamed for making a decision that is best for them and their families. Instead of passing this meaningless ordinance, advocate and support policies of substance that will ensure we have a city and society where we can adequately support pregnant people. For example, support better programs for struggling mothers or give students adequate sexual education courses. I know that city council members may not be able to do all of this singlehandedly, but surely you can advocate for them.

Do not support this ordinance.

Thank you,

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Kaleb Webb  
Danner Avenue

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From: Renay! <bottle.of.shine@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 7:45 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES 21:167 — no, nope, absolutely not, this is a cursed object, please discard

City Council,

RES 21:167 is an ethically hollow resolution that ignores history, medical science, and social science, devoid of actionable items. If the "pro-life" community would like to be taken seriously, here are some suggestions the city could look into for potential action:

- work with local school districts to expand access to sexual health education
- invest funding into helping residents at risk from domestic abuse and reproductive coercion
- subsidized or free child care programs that operate on non-standard hours
- expanded and free after school programs at Jonesboro community centers
- expanded public transit for working families and subsidized fare programs
- helping the unhoused or families who are at risk of being unhoused

RES 21:167 is embarrassing for Jonesboro. Please reject it.

Renay Williams  
Bunker Hill  
Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Harris <chasrharris@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:11 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: April Leggett <ALeggett@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: NO to pro life city

I have learned that our far right alderman, Bobby Long, is proposing that by your votes, Jonesboro be named a "pro-life city". The ultra right wingers are doing everything they can think of to move Arkansas and our nation to the far right of the ideological spectrum. This is a bad political stance that divides us even more.

PLEASE vote NO on this divisive proposal!

Thank you,

Charles and Susan Harris  
2508 Hidden Hill Cr  
870-926-9123

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From: LaVita Brown <defenseundercover@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 3:48 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro-Life

Why would any Christian be against Pro-Life? This is not an issue about a woman's health !This is an issue for a child's life. If women have an issue, teach them about birth control. If a woman does not want a child there are many couples praying for a child that would be blessed to adopt an unwanted child. DO NOT USE THE REASON AN ABORTION IS THE BEST SOLUTION. THE BEST SOLUTION IS SAVE A LIFE AND TEACH BIRTH CONTROL. MANY PEOPLE ARE AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY FOR A MURDERER BUT ARE WILLING TO TAKE THE LIFE OF A CHILD! WHERE DO YOU STAND?  
LaVeda Brown  
2003 Timberridge, Jonesboro

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From: Shannah George <rtwwllc@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 1:29 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Charles Frierson <CFrierson@jonesboro.org>; Brian Emison <BEmison@jonesboro.org>; Charles Coleman <CColeman@jonesboro.org>; Chris Moore <CMoore@jonesboro.org>; Ann Williams <AWilliams@jonesboro.org>; Chris Gibson <cgibson@jonesboro.org>; John Street <JStreet@jonesboro.org>; Mitch Johnson <mjohnson@jonesboro.org>; Larry J. Bryant <LBryant@jonesboro.org>; Joseph Hafner <JAHafner@jonesboro.org>; Bobby Long <BLong@jonesboro.org>; David McClain <DMcClain@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES:21-167 - Declaring Jonesboro Pro-life City

Jonesboro City Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the issue of Jonesboro being put forth as a “pro-life” city. I am all for LIFE, however, I am for enhanced life among all socio-economic groups, from conception to death. Pro-life as I believe this is being referenced generally means the preservation of the embryo. I don’t believe any Arkansas city has earned the right to represent themselves as enhancing life across class and station. We still very much are a caste system.

As a psychologist, I hear and see things that are unbelievable that are heavily influenced by the very votes of those who are pro-life. Legislation is against programs which would support babies and disadvantaged mothers once they are born. The mothers are the ones who bear the burden of losing income and work opportunity when they are forced to have children they can’t afford even if they want them. Just last week, several of us gathered clothes for a family of 9 children. The mother was housing them in a tent and prostituting them!! Criminal? Mental illness?? Probably both but our city and state are not concerned enough about this segment of our population. I work with case workers who are constantly having to try to help these people in the face of budget cuts. I am also aware of struggles with the homeless in this area. All of these humans get put on a trajectory of promiscuity, mental illness, trauma reaction, imprisonment, addiction, health issues and death. Far from pro-life.

So please, if this city wants to tackle resolution of these types of problems I am all for us being framed as a pro-life city.

Sincerely,

Dr. Hope M. Gilchrist  
1407 Cole  
Jonesboro, AR

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From: Darrell Kahl <dgkahl57@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 3:07 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro-Life Resolution

Since the majority of Jonesboro's citizens stand for righteousness, it seems fitting that we would call our city Pro-Life Therefore, we ask each of you to please exert a strong effort to have the Pro-Life Resolution proposed by Alderman Bobby Long approved.

Thank you,  
Darrell & Dina Kahl  
621 Melody Lane, Jonesboro, AR  
dgkahl57@gmail.com

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From: Patty Minga <22003parrot@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 4:34 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: pro-life proposal.

Dear aldermen and ladies, I encourage you to support Bobby Long in the pro-life stand. When we kill and allow abuse to happen to the most vulnerable we will be held accountable. As leaders of this community we are to hold up a standard that provides safety, freedom, and security for all of our citizens. We are a TEAM.

In Christ  
Patty Minga  
Vine Street, Jonesboro

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From: Kathryn Burns <kdburns999@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 6:58 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES-21:167

Dear Council Members,

I respectfully ask that you reject the proposed "Pro-Life City" resolution.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Burns  
Park Hill Blvd, Jonesboro 72404

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From: M T <m-trusty@live.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 7:36 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES-21:167

I oppose RES-21:167 declaring that Jonesboro be a "Pro-Life City". I may be pro-life but I am not going to look down upon any one who is pro-choice. We are each entitled to have the right to make choices for ourselves and not be made to feel like social outcasts because we do not think alike. Shame on whoever came up with this idea to promote Jonesboro this way.

M-Trusty  
4305 Race, Jonesboro

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From: ejs6696@yahoo.com <ejs6696@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 8:09 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Opposition to RES 21: 167

To whom it may concern,  
I am a heartily disappointed and concerned constituent. Councilman Bobby Long's proposal of RES 21: 167 serves as a divisive shot at women and healthcare providers. "Pro- life" is a misnomer that actually means a woman's choices are no longer hers and her doctor's to make. In a time where so many lives are being lost in our area, it seems "pro- birth" would be a more accurate term for Long's proposal. Instead of fixating the public on an issue that is unconstitutional, let's focus our efforts on educating and providing resources that would make abortion a non- issue. It's 2021. Why rewind to 1973? Why inflame the masses on yet another issue? Please consider this my strong opposition to this resolution.

Thank you,  
Erika Askeland  
1205 Belwood, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Asad Khan <asad337@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, September 3, 2021 10:01 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Oppose RES 21-176

Dear City Council Members,

Please OPPOSE Res 21-176. The city of Jonesboro has no jurisdiction regarding abortion, and it is not in the best interest of our community to waste time debating this divisive issue.

Asad Khan, MD  
3614 Charleston, Jonesboro

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From: Hard L <weino7@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 1:19 PM  
To: Council Coments <CouncilComments@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: April Leggett <ALeggett@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Please support Councilman Long's Resolution

Thanks,

Howard L. "Hard L" Weinstock  
Wilkins Avenue, 72401-5024  
Ward 4, District 5

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Tedder <lltedder@suddenlink.net>  
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 2:32 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES:211-167

Dear Jonesboro Aldermen;

I am asking you to let the above mentioned resolution die in committee. There is absolutely no need for such as we all fall under the laws of the State of Arkansas and the Federal Government. The resolution serves no real purpose as it does not amend a law, make a law, help anyone, solve any problem and seems only put forth to rally a certain demographic. I think your time can be spent in more productive ways.

Sincerely,

Lisa Tedder  
Registered voter in Jonesboro  
3506 Big Creek Cove, Jonesboro AR

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-----Original Message-----

From: Barry Tedder <bt Tedder@suddenlink.net>  
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 2:37 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES:21-167

Dear Aldermen;

I am requesting that you vote to let this resolution die in committee. It serves no useful purpose and frankly, I think there are more pressing issues for the city government to deal with. Thank you for your time,

Barry Tedder, MD  
3506 Big Creek Cove, Jonesboro, AR

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cara Sullivan <carasullivan1@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 10:17 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES-21:167

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to Mr. Long's resolution to declare Jonesboro a "pro-life city." This is a cynical move to bolster Mr. Long's base and gain political capital by whipping people up into a frenzy—exactly what we don't need more of right now. This will only create division.

It is my feeling Mr. Long ought to focus on the work of the city, as should all city council members, rather than waste everyone's time inventing more problems for us to address.

Cara Sullivan  
1120 S Main St  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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-----Original Message-----

From: Micah Jaramillo <micah.j0617@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 10:49 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Prolife city

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to notify you that I support Bobby Long's resolution to make Jonesboro a prolife city.

Micah Jaramillo  
1204 Chimney Chase, Jonesboro

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From: Pat Gleghorn <pat\_gleghorn@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 11:41 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: RES:21-167

It seems some Council members need to look more deeply into issues in Jonesboro that affect all ages and all citizens. Mr. Long tried to quote from Arkansas Amendment 68. What he did not do is complete that segment of the Amendment which states: "to the extent permitted by the Federal Constitution." You don't want to mandate a vaccination that can also save the life of a child, but..... Why don't you dig deeper and see how you can better the lives of the hungry and neglected children in Jonesboro.

Patricia Gleghorn, Registered Voter  
1614 S Church St  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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From: R SHIPLEY <r72401s@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:58 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Jonesboro is Pro Life

I am excited to see that Jonesboro is going to take a stand as a Pro Life City! I am an avid supporter of life! Abortion is not the answer. Please vote to make Jonesboro Pro Life! So much sadness and pain is going on in this world. We need to see some good. Please support the lives of the unborn.

Reba Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jack Shipley <r72401s@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 7:23 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro Life!

I am Pro Life and I want to live on a Pro Life City. Let's make this happen and vote Jonesboro Pro Life.

Jack Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

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From: Robin Martin <ramartincpa@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:50 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Support the resolution to make Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

Dear City Officials,

I'm writing to ask that you support the resolution to make Jonesboro a Pro-Life City. Life begins at conception as the organs and body functions begin to develop and the heartbeat is soon detectable. We need to stand up for these lives just as we stand for the life of all others.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Robin A Martin, 5005 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brandon Shipley <bt72401s@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:32 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro-life resolution



I believe that Jonesboro and all other cities in Arkansas should be Pro-life. All human life is sacred. The earliest stages in a child's development in the womb show signs of life. From the moment of conception, the soul that makes a human a human is there. There is no blob of tissue that somehow comes to life at the moment of birth. Either they are alive from conception or they are not alive at all.

I urge the council of the city of Jonesboro to declare Jonesboro a Pro-life city and to save the life of every child possible. We must protect the rights of all human beings: born and unborn.

Brandon Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Angel Shipley <ab72401s@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:33 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Pro life resolution

My name is Angel Shipley and I wanted to say I fully support the pro-life resolution for Jonesboro. I believe every life is precious and deserves the chance to live.

Angel Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jack Shipley <r72401s@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:43 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Prolife resolution

I believe that all children are a gift and have the right to live. I want this city to represent what I believe and that resolution to make Jonesboro a prolife city is just that. So please find it in your hearts to let people know where we stand and believe. As a nation we have been letting the minority run things and have been just bystanders. We all know that children are our future. Life begins at conception and that has been proven over and over again.

Make Jonesboro a prolife city so we can be an example to others and maybe even influence them to stand up for life.

From Jack Shipley

Conception is the beginning of life. Please stand against all the bloodshed of innocent life.

Jack Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joshua Shipley <jj72401s@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:49 AM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Pro-life Resolution

I want Jonesboro to be a Pro-Life city, because Abortion is wrong no matter what stage of life the baby is in. All life matters to God, and life begins at conception as proven by science. I know that deep down you know that to, make Jonesboro a pro-life city that stands for our future

Joshua Shipley, 1413 N. Church, Jonesboro

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From: Madelyn Ballard <madelyn.ballard@smail.astate.edu>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:18 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: "Pro-life" resolution

Councilmembers,

Please do not support or vote in favor of the proposed "pro-life" resolution. This resolution is nothing more than an act to try and stroke a culture war. Introducing Jonesboro as a "pro-life" city is just a way to shame women.

Pregnancies have many factors that come along with them, and folks should not be shamed for making decisions that are best for them and their families. Instead of passing this meaningless ordinance, advocate and support policies of substance that will ensure we have a city and society where we can adequately support pregnant people. For example, support better programs for struggling mothers or give students adequate sexual education courses. I know that city council members may not be able to do all this singlehandedly, but surely you can advocate for them. Do not support this ordinance.

Thank you,  
Madelyn Ballard  
Arkansas State University

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From: Aliah Rowe <aliaharowe@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:30 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Jonesboro should not be a pro life city

Hi my name is Aliah Rowe. I've been a permanent resident of Jonesboro for about 3 years now but I was born here. I think making Jonesboro a "pro life" city is extremely harmful. The hateful connotations that are tied to that phrase should absolutely not be associated with Jonesboro. When you think of pro life, you think of the persecution of women. This takes away our privacy from our own bodies. I believe that only God can judge so who are we to place this horrible label on a city full of different beliefs, views and walks of life? Why should we as a city take a political stance on anything? This is misrepresenting of Jonesboro and frankly a complete waste of time and resources. Why not work on creating more jobs in Jonesboro or taking care of our homeless and impoverished? That's more "pro life" than anything I can think of. I am in complete opposition of this ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Aliah Rowe  
607 Gladiolus Dr. Apt E10  
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72404

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From: Jessica Tran <jessica.tran@smail.astate.edu>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:31 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: "Pro-life" Resolution

Council members,

I've recently learned that Jonesboro has plans to take up a "pro-life" resolution in an effort to make Jonesboro a "pro-life city." I am asking that you do not support or vote in favor of this resolution.

I fully believe that no government has the right to shame women for the decisions they make concerning their own health. The notion that this resolution supports "equal protection for all" does not stand when it absolutely ignores the needs of women. The decision to go through with an abortion can come from so many factors (physical and mental health, financial stability, unstable environment, lack of support, etc.) In supporting this resolution, you are openly ignoring these factors and offering no assistance to help counter them.

Instead of making Jonesboro a "pro-life" city, I highly suggest investing in the community and offering support for pregnant mothers. Pro-life isn't just about the unborn, it's also about the people right in front of you. Please do not support this resolution.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Tran  
(318)617-5820  
jessica.tran@smail.astate.edu  
120 Dean St, Jonesboro, AR, 72401

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From: Ashleigh Givens <ashleigh.givens@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:54 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: proposal for city designation

Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to reject the proposal to designate Jonesboro as a pro-life city. Abortion laws are the business of the state and federal government--not the city government-- and there is just no point to such a proclamation other than to stir up conflict along party lines. Please protect the integrity of the non-partisan elected body! It is disturbing to see divisive, partisan politics creeping into the city council agenda, school board meetings, and even the library board. Jonesboro can choose not to engage in this pervasive, divisive kind of rhetoric. Further, these kind of proposals are posturing, plain and simple. The job of the council member is to serve this city, not to set oneself up for future political office runs.

Respectfully,  
Ashleigh Givens  
2301 Paula Drive  
Jonesboro, AR 72404

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From: Kimberly Owens <TrejoKJW@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:57 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver  
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Jonesboro Designation as a Pro-Life City

Good Morning,

I've recently notified that the City Council intends on voting on designating Jonesboro as a Pro-Life City. This is not the purpose of our City Council. This is clearly a partisan issue and it seems that the city council wants to take a partisan stand. The City Council is one of the few remaining non-partisan elected bodies we have left.

This issue is so controversial. All it's going to do is stir up feelings about the issue and add to the division we have already in this city. Please just leave this alone. There are so many other things the City of Jonesboro needs to worry about than this. It is not necessary.

Thank you  
Kimberly Owens  
1604 Whitehaven Ct  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jamie <jamiestahl77@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:01 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver  
<HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Jonesboro being a non-partisan community

I am Jamie Stahl and live at 3000 Bermuda Drive, I've been a city resident for 42 years. I would like to ask the city counsel to avoid voting on Jonesboro being designated as a "pro-life city." Jonesboro is a non-partisan community for all and does not need to take side on this issue. Thank you for your attention

Jamie Stahl  
3000 Bermuda, Jonesboro

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From: COURTNEY HOFFMAN <mattcourth@sbcglobal.net>  
Date: September 9, 2021 at 11:48:27 AM CDT  
To: [cfrierson@jonesboro.org](mailto:cfrierson@jonesboro.org), [bemison@jonesboro.org](mailto:bemison@jonesboro.org), Charles Coleman  
<[CColeman@jonesboro.org](mailto:CColeman@jonesboro.org)>, [cmoore@jonesboro.org](mailto:cmoore@jonesboro.org), [awilliams@jonesboro.org](mailto:awilliams@jonesboro.org),  
[cgibson@jonesboro.org](mailto:cgibson@jonesboro.org), [jstreet@jonesboro.org](mailto:jstreet@jonesboro.org), LJ Bryant <[lj@ljbryant.com](mailto:lj@ljbryant.com)>,  
[jhafner@jonesboro.org](mailto:jhafner@jonesboro.org), [dmcclain@jonesboro.org](mailto:dmcclain@jonesboro.org)  
Subject: Vote down the Pro-Life City Proposal

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing you to ask that you vote against the initiative to name Jonesboro a "Pro-Life City". Regardless of my stance on abortion, and regardless of yours, the city council of Jonesboro is here to serve all the citizens of our city, not to become a partisan body which sets divisive policy. Councilman Long is inserting his own political agenda/aspirations and it really has nothing to do with the mutual good of the citizens of Jonesboro.

Thank you,  
Courtney Hoffman  
3901 Friendly Hope, Jonesboro

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From: Karen Vardell <kavardell@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 12:54 PM  
To: alderman@jonesboro.org  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Oppose Bobby Long's Pro-Life Resolution

I oppose Bobby Long's Pro Life Resolution.

I believe there are circumstances that this would put an undue burden on expectant mothers and even fathers. There are health issues, rape, and incest that no one knows except the victim. This should not be decided by laws forcing people to make a certain choice.

Thank you  
Karen Vardell  
2210 Oak Hollow Lane  
Jonesboro

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From: Shunqetta Cunningham <shunqettacunningham@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:17 PM  
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; Tony Thomas <TThomas@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: OPPOSE RESOLUTION 21:176

Greetings City Leaders,

I am submitting my concerns and hopefulness that you will oppose Resolution 21:176. The proposed city determination is not something a city meets with a title but in merit, character, standards, and the policies that advances the total quality of life for all. When we do this together, we are pro-life.

This proposed resolution will only incite unnecessary divinessnes and just outright drama. We have too many other concerns to address.

Thank you.  
Shunqetta Cunningham  
2108 Bob White, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Emily Allen <emilyeallen@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:18 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Keep Jonesboro non-partisan

Please do not designate Jonesboro a “Pro-Life” city. Jonesboro is full of diversity, lifestyles, and choices, please don’t label the city with partisan politics.

Thank you,  
Emily Allen  
1102 Turner, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Holly Stuart <holly@hollystuart.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:21 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Designation of Jonesboro as a “pro life” city

Please do not allow this to happen. We are a town of people that won’t even wear a mask to save a neighborhood. We are in no way, shape or form pro life.

Please stop this from happening.

Holly Stuart  
6236 Alan, Jonesboro

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From: Beth Robison <robison.beth@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:43 PM  
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro-Life City designation

Jonesboro City Council representatives;

I am a resident of Jonesboro. I understand there is going to be a vote on a proposal to designate Jonesboro as a pro-life city. This is not at all the purpose of a city council. The only point of such a vote or designation is to make some partisan stand, and the council is one of the few remaining nonpartisan elected bodies. As a constituent, I strongly urge you to vote NO on such a proposal, as it is simply a divisive measure that is outside the purview of any city council.

Regards,  
Elizabeth Robison  
4729 Inverness Run Dr  
Jonesboro, AR 72405  
720-244-2106

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-----Original Message-----

From: Holly Stuart <holly@hollystuart.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:51 PM  
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Designation of Jonesboro as a pro life city

Please do not allow this to happen. We are a town of people that won't even wear a mask to save a neighborhood. We are in no way, shape or form pro life.

Please stop this from happening.

Holly Stuart  
6236 Alan Drive  
Jonesboro, Ar 72404

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From: Daniel Zambrano <danzamb001@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:58 PM  
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: City Designation

Hello,

I am a resident of Jonesboro and I am writing you today because of a proposal the city council is going to vote on designating the city as a "pro-life" city. This is an exclusionary act that violates the purpose of the city council, as an entity the city shouldn't be taking sides of issues that alienate any of its citizens, even if the majority of the city aligns with that stance. As an immigrant and and a person of color it is already hard enough to live in this city with homogeneity of white Christianity, I would hope the city council would understand it serves ALL the people of the city.

Respectfully,

Daniel Zambrano  
906 Live Oak Circle  
Jonesboro, AR 72405

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From: Jeremy Jackson <jeremy@jeremyvii.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:12 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Resolution 21-176

Good afternoon,

Please oppose resolution 21-176. I fail to see how such a resolution would have any meaningful effect, other than stirring political noise in a divisive climate.

Thanks,  
Jeremy Jackson  
1308 Medallion Cr, Jonesboro AR. 72404

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From: Lisa Melton <ldmelton47@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:49 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Resolution 21-176

Dear Members of the Jonesboro City Council:

Please oppose resolution 21–176. This is needlessly and unproductively divisive.

Thank you,  
Lisa Melton  
605 W College Ave  
Jonesboro, AR 72401  
281.785.5759

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From: Abigail Avery <abbyclairea@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:52 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Oppose RES 21-176

Dear Council Member,

I am asking the Council to oppose the "Pro-Life" resolution that was recently proposed because the Council has no jurisdiction regarding abortion laws.

Here are some questions the Council should consider if they claim to have a “Pro-Life” position:

- Of all 50 states, Arkansas has the highest rates of teen pregnancy, has the Council worked with any local organizations to prevent this?
- Sex education is proven to be one of the most effective mechanisms in preventing unwanted pregnancies. Has the Council advocated for sex education in Jonesboro's local schools?
- Has the Council supported low-income mothers by giving them resources such as subsidized child care or affordable healthcare?
- Has the Council supported local organizations like the Family Crisis Center to help survivors of sexual abuse?

If the City Council truly wants to declare Jonesboro as a “Pro-Life” city, then the Council needs to do the above actions; if not, then the Council is merely pro-birth, not pro-life.

It is also important to note that there is zero actions the city of Jonesboro can take to change any abortion law created at the state or federal level. This resolution is merely a mechanism to shame and attack the many women and pro-choice citizens that reside in Jonesboro. This resolution was introduced out of ill and misogynist intentions, and bigotry has no place in Jonesboro. There are



many other actions the Council can take to prevent the occurrence of unwanted pregnancies, but the utter lack of action I have seen from this City Council has demonstrated that there is no real interest to establish Jonesboro as a “Pro-Life” city. Once again, this resolution is a tool to attack and shame women, but we will not be intimidated. As women of Jonesboro, we have control over *our* body and no man will ever tell us otherwise.

Please reject the “Pro-Life” Resolution.

Thank you,

Abigail Avery  
1314 Locust Drive, Jonesboro

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From: cara sullivan <carasullivan1@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:01 PM  
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Opposition to Resolution 21-176

Dear Mayor Copenhaver, and the City Clerk's Office,  
I sent this e-mail to the City Council, and am following up by sending it to you to make sure it is counted.

I am writing to express my opposition to Mr. Long’s resolution to declare Jonesboro a “pro-life city.” This is a cynical move to bolster Mr. Long’s base and gain political capital by whipping people up into a frenzy—exactly what we don’t need more of right now. This will only create division.

It is my feeling that Mr. Long ought to focus on the work of the city, as should all city council members, rather than waste everyone’s time inventing more problems for us to address.

Cara Sullivan  
1120 S Main St  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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From: Joe Jackson <jacksonjoe809@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:03 PM  
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: No pro-life City

Hello there

I am a student of Arkansas State University and I have recently heard about the resolution to make Jonesboro, Arkansas a pro-life city. I think it is quite unnecessary, extremely disturbing, and downright shameful that a city would take pride in limiting the healthcare of women.

Women deserve to have proper access to healthcare, and that includes abortion. America being staunchly pro-life is a big reason why many nations see the United States as an underdeveloped

nation. Denying American women access to healthcare that they deserve is extremely unpatriotic. If you love America and believe its citizens deserve access to healthcare, then please deny this resolution.

Thank you.  
Joe Jackson  
State University, AR

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From: John Mixon <jmixon@Coopermixon.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:05 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Opposition to RES-21:167

Dear Members of Council,  
Please oppose Resolution 21:167. This resolution will only create divisiveness. The fact that you are being asked to vote on the resolution is unfortunate and divisive. A vote against this resolution is not a pro-abortion vote. A vote against is a pro-unity vote and a vote against divisiveness. Please work to find unity and vote against this resolution.  
Respectfully submitted,  
John Mixon  
1230 Flint Street, Jonesboro

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From: Skye Abigail Cascio <mrcascio20@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:07 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro Life ordinance agenda

Hello, I'm a life long member of nea and currently living at 501 W Oak Ave 72401, I have recently heard about the proposed pro life ordinance and it raises a few concerns for me. It is an attack on reproductive rights and written by Mr. Bobby Long presumably without female consideration.

Research has proven more sexual education prevents unwanted pregnancies and I believe that would be a better start for the end goal of less kids in foster care and less abortions. Also if you have any questions about why we need reproductive rights I urge you to rewatch a classic movie 'Dirty Dancing' and pay attention to the character Penny.

Please reach out if you have any questions

Skye Cascio  
501 W. Oak, Jonesboro  
(870) 882-3174

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From: Shannon Johnson <shannon.nerys@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:21 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Opposing pro-life ordinance.

Please oppose resolution 21-176. This is a divisive issue for the city. This town shouldn't be anti-abortion because all that it is going to do it cause women to go find unsafe ways which could cause more harm than good.

Best,  
Shannon Johnson  
1203 University Loop East Bldg #3

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From: MissNytemare2020 <tmarie.anderson0912@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:34 PM  
To: Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro life city 🙄

I am Tabitha Anderson and I live at 2014 Maurice st Jonesboro AR 72401. I would like to ask the city council to avoid voting on Jonesboro being designated as a "pro-life city." Jonesboro is a non-partisan community for all and does not need to take side on this issue. Thank you for your attention.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lauren Hannah <lauren@yourfoundation.net>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:51 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Resolution 21-176

My name is Lauren Hannah and I reside in Jonesboro. I am writing to officially state my opposition for Res 21-176. It is a very divisive issue and that it is not the role of the city to make these decisions. I am asking that the City Council oppose Res 21-176.

Dr. Lauren Hannah DSW, LCSW  
3308 Abigail, Jonesboro

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From: Ali Conn <ali.j.conn@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:18 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Oppose "Pro-Life" City Designation

Hello,

My name is Ali Conn. I live at 301 Wildwood Pt, Jonesboro, AR 72405. As a resident of Jonesboro, a genetic counseling student, and a concerned citizen, I would urge you to oppose the resolution to designate Jonesboro a pro-life city.

First and foremost, to call ourselves pro-life, we would need to have a better track record when it comes to keeping our citizens healthy. Arkansas is in the top 10 nationally for maternal and infant mortality largely due to preventable health inequalities. To call ourselves "pro-life" when

more than *double* the number of infants die in our state than in others is an unconscionable misrepresentation of our actual health outcomes\*. Additionally, given Arkansas has the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the nation\*\*, it seems that your efforts could be better directed at ensuring that teens have access to comprehensive sex education rather than allowing them to be surprised by an outcome they could not have known would occur.

I see patients regularly (monthly at a minimum) who have fetal abnormalities so severe that they may decide to terminate the pregnancy. In many cases, the consideration is whether their infant will suffer for the entirety of their short life if they do bring them to term. Some decide that termination is not right for them, others decide to move forward with that option because they feel it is the compassionate choice. In any case, it must remain the choice of that parent. The Texas bill that Arkansas is looking to mimic has no exception for this reality. Forcing someone to carry a pregnancy, fielding questions about when they are due and if they've picked names is unfathomably cruel. I called Bobby Long and asked about this, and he said that it wasn't a high percentage of the abortions performed. Forcing this on just one person is already too many.

There are many reasons that this designation is fraught, false, and unnecessary. I ask that you please vote "no,"

Thank you,  
Ali Conn  
301 Wildwood, Jonesboro

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From: Jenny Petty <jpetty@crafalcons.org>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:23 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Res 21-176

My name is Jenny Petty and I am a resident of Jonesboro (72401). I think the wise position is for City Council to oppose Res 21-176. It is a very divisive issue. I don't feel that it is the role of the city to make these kinds decisions.

Jenny Petty  
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Jenny Petty  
Librarian  
Crowley's Ridge Academy

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**From:** Christian Wilson <chrismwilson1997@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:28 PM  
**To:** alderman@jonesboro.org  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** "Pro-life" Resolution

Councilmembers,

I respectfully urge you not to support or vote in favor of the proposed "pro-life" resolution. Condoning this proposition is a step in the wrong direction.

The criminalisation of abortion makes a mockery of the equal status that applies to women in any other scenario; thus, serving as a direct violation of the 14th amendment of the U.S. constitution. Having abortion within criminal laws contradicts basic legal principles of bodily autonomy and rights; if it's wrong to force someone to donate a kidney even to a dying child, it's also wrong to force someone to sustain a fetus against their will.

Aside from removing people's fundamental rights to govern their own bodies, the problem also arises from a lack of sex education for sexually active teens, and a lack of support for pregnant people. Frankly, as technology becomes more easily accessible, children are more likely to learn about sex. We as adults can do a better job of making sure that they're learning not only about sex, but about safe sex. We avoid it because it's awkward, leaving pregnant young adults and teens to pay the consequence.

Internationally, there are other jurisdictions that have removed abortion from criminal statute, such as Canada and Australia. As a result, this has not caused an increase in the abortion rates, and has provided more constructive grounds to consider how abortion can be best provided in our modern society.

Please consider our concerns and opposition as we speak from a standpoint of equality and equity.

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Best Regards,

Christian M. Wilson  
2508 East Johnson Ave., Jonesboro, AR 72401. Apt. A33

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brooke Bonds <[brookerochelle22@gmail.com](mailto:brookerochelle22@gmail.com)>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 6:03 PM

To: Aldermen <[Aldermen@jonesboro.org](mailto:Aldermen@jonesboro.org)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@jonesboro.org](mailto:CityClerk@jonesboro.org)>; Harold Copenhaver <[HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org](mailto:HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org)>

Subject: OPPOSE RES 21-176

my name is Brooke Bonds and I reside in Jonesboro AR 72404, and I want City Council to oppose Res 21-176. It is a very divisive issue and that it is not the role of the city to make these decisions!

Brooke Bonds  
3700 S. Caraway, Apt. A15, Jonesboro

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From: David McAvoy <[david.mcavoy2@gmail.com](mailto:david.mcavoy2@gmail.com)>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:09 PM

To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Resolution 21-176

I am writing in opposition to resolution 21-176. It is my opinion that the city should occupy itself with things it can actually do something about like streets, drainage, local crime, and other issues and not engage in this kind of political grandstanding and posturing.

Thank you.

David McAvoy  
1524 Charles Dr  
Jonesboro AR 72405

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-----Original Message-----

From: Erin Bradley <eradley9471@icloud.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 7:26 PM  
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Opposition

My name is Erin Bradley and I reside in Jonesboro. I am writing to officially state my opposition for Res 21-176. It is a very divisive issue and that it is not the role of the city to make these decisions. I am asking that the City Council oppose Res 21-176.

Erin Bradley  
2059 CR 905, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Evans <llevans4838@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:24 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Oppose Resolution 21-167

Dear City Council Members,  
I oppose the "prolife" resolution. This is not what a city government is for and it will do nothing more than cause division.

Linda L Evans  
3809 Lafayette Ln  
Jonesboro, AR  
72404

Thank you

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From: Ali Conn <ali.j.conn@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:22 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Cc: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Re: Oppose "Pro-Life" City Designation

Hello,

Forgive me for my second email in just a few hours, but as someone pursuing a master's degree in genetics I do feel that it is necessary to address the argument that Bobby Long posted publicly today. I've pasted the relevant section below:

"As I was reading one of the most uninformed opposition emails this morning to date, I realized a few things which has (sic) been ABSENT from ALL opposition letters. Even those that stated that my resolution was not grounded in science did not come out with this one fundamental denial.

The FACT that NO ONE has DENIED or REJECTED is that the life of the unborn is UNEQUIVOCALLY (sic), UNDENIABLY, HUMAN. Nurtured by the mother, but distinct from her with their own perfectly unique DNA."

All humans have what is called germline DNA and somatic DNA. Germline DNA is what we pass to our children and is present in all cells of our body. Somatic DNA can contain acquired mutations that we will not pass to our children because the cells mutated as they grew. A very simplistic overview of cancer development is that our bodies need mutations in both alleles of a cancer-causing gene. These are most often acquired. Therefore, if I were to develop cancer of any kind, the tumors that grow in my body are technically "nurtured by (me), but distinct from (me) with their own... unique DNA." So, if your support for this resolution hinged on the lack of a scientific denial, I would ask you if I'm required to continue to nurture cancerous tumors in my body simply by virtue of their unique DNA.

You could not compel me to donate blood or a kidney or bone marrow to my child (or any other living person) once out of my womb. It would violate my bodily autonomy. By the same principle, I do not feel that it is right to compel me to carry a child for 9 months at the sacrifice of my own health and risk of death (especially given the outsized maternal mortality rate in Arkansas I referenced in my initial email).

Thank you again, and I wish you all well in this decision. Best,

Ali Conn

301 Wildwood Pt, Jonesboro, AR 72405

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From: Gary Latanich <garylatanich@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:50 PM

To: City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

Subject: Opposition to Resolution

My name is Gary Latanich and I want to register my opposition to Bobby Long's proposal. Society is divided on the issue, but a majority support a woman's right to choose. Advertising our city as pro-life will only divide up further and will not enhance the image of our community with the type of business's we hope to attract in the future. Please my opposition to this proposal to the city council.

Gary Latanich

1904 Woodsprings Road, Jonesboro

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**From:** J.D. Gud0 <[joedragonstrat@gmail.com](mailto:joedragonstrat@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:51 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <[Aldermen@jonesboro.org](mailto:Aldermen@jonesboro.org)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@jonesboro.org](mailto:CityClerk@jonesboro.org)>  
**Subject:** Pro-Life Resolution

Councilmembers,

I urge you not to support or vote in favor of the proposed "pro-life" resolution. This resolution is not only a pure example of self-righteous chest-beating but more importantly, it's an attempt from such feelings to stifle the safe and legal exercise of free will.

Pregnancy, childbirth, etc. have always been a challenging and important part of life for all of us, and while it's something we should all be concerned about, it is not the business of the city's officials to preside over such personal decision making. It's not even our or any state's business, according to the Supreme Court ruling in Roe v. Wade, which has not been turned over as of yet. Voting for this resolution is the first step in a campaign to turn over many rights that protect women's health and their Constitution-given right to choose.

I am as concerned as you are about the health and well-being of mothers and babies. As such, I don't inherently disagree with those who support the pro-life stance in a general sense. Life is wonderful in many ways. However, as passionate as some can be about their position, they tend to only focus on life "on the way". Those I've spoken with have said they want to restrict abortion, but don't mention anything about supporting free birth control or sex education, both things that are statistically proven to lead to less unwanted pregnancy and as you can probably imagine; abortions. They have also never mentioned anything about expanding access to food stamps, day, or healthcare. If you care about supporting the right to life and to choose as I do, I would hope you'd agree with me and many others that a resolution only saying you agree with the aim to criminalize abortion is not the right way.

I hope you will consider our position and request, as honorable duly-elected servants of the community. Hopefully, we can work more closely together in the future.

Regards,

Joseph D. Shipman  
3 Willow Creek Ln, 3211  
Jonesboro, AR 72404

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**From:** Katherine Baker <[keb5u@virginia.edu](mailto:keb5u@virginia.edu)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:52 PM  
**To:** Harold Copenhaver <[HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org](mailto:HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org)>; City Clerk <[CityClerk@jonesboro.org](mailto:CityClerk@jonesboro.org)>; Aldermen <[Aldermen@jonesboro.org](mailto:Aldermen@jonesboro.org)>  
**Subject:** Regarding resolution to make Jonesboro a 'Pro-Life City'

To Jonesboro's city leaders,



My name is Katherine Baker and I live at 906 Live Oak Circle. I have heard about the resolution to make our community a "pro-life city." I would ask that the city council avoid voting on this proposal. We are a non-partisan community, and we should not be taking a side on this issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Katherine Baker

906 Live Oak Circle, Jonesboro

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**From:** Alysa Fenner <alysa.fenner@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 12:20 AM

**To:** City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

**Subject:** Pro-Life City

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Alysa Fenner and live at 979 Links Dr Apt 12 Jonesboro, AR 72404. I would like to ask the city council to avoid voting on Jonesboro being designated as a "pro-life city." Jonesboro is a non-partisan community for all and does not need to take side on this issue. Thank you for your attention.

Alysa Fenner

979 Links Drive, Apt. 12, Jonesboro

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**From:** Shawn Only <shawnonly@msn.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 2:52 PM

**To:** Larry Bryant <LJ@lbryant.com>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

**Subject:** Council resolution - pro life city - ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Councilman Bryant, et al.

I am writing in response to Bobby Long's ridiculous resolution re: making Jonesboro a pro-life city. I am so fed up with uninvited men in our uterus! Enough!

If Bobby Long is concerned about life, then he and the rest of council should be concentrating your efforts on making sure the people of Jonesboro have access to livable wages, have access to healthcare, food, housing, transportation, industry other than the countless fast-food restaurants in Jonesboro (which are killing its people), AND address the countless car accidents, etc. Have you seen all the grossly overweight people waddling among us? Failure to address these kitchen table issues is more important than another unnecessary distraction and resolution! Resolve to fix these first because these issues are what are affecting our day to day.

This endless drumbeat (not heartbeat) for abortion is tired. Most women do not want to have an abortion. I repeat, most women do not want to have an abortion. It is a heartbreaking decision that no one should have to face. Stop with the pro-life lie! If Bobby can't even support public health and safety like wearing a freaking mask, why the hell is Bobby in our vagina!

Until any of the men on council answer the following questions with an honest no, stay out of our vagina and stop with the false concern for life!

1. Did you have sex before marriage?
2. Did you use contraception every time you had sex (you, not the female)?
3. Did you ensure that the female was protected?
4. Have you had more than 1 female sex partner in your life?
5. Do you have sex for procreation only?
6. Do you have sex for pleasure?
7. Have you adopted a child?
8. Have you fostered a child?
9. Have you paid for someone's else's child's healthcare and/or education for 18 years?
10. Have you paid for your or someone else's baby's mama's expenses for 18 years?
11. Have you paid for a female's birth control?
12. Do you educate females or males that aren't your child about sex and its consequences?
13. Are you sure you've never gotten a female pregnant?
14. Are you responsible for the lives you helped create? If so, that life's entire 18 yrs?
15. Do you support females who have been raped? If so, how?
16. Do you support females who have been molested? If so, how?
17. Have you passed any resolutions that support females? If so, what are they? If not, why not?
18. Have you passed any resolutions concerning children? If so, what are they? If not, why not?

I implore you to stop the distraction and madness. Vote NO!

Thank you.

Ms. Shawn Only

141 CR 7822, Jonesboro

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**From:** Ashley Booth <ashleybooth@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 3:31 PM

**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>

**Cc:** City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>

**Subject:** Resolution 21-176

Councilmembers,

I respectfully urge you to please oppose resolution 21-176. This is a divisive issue for the city. Condoning the proposition is a step in the wrong direction.

The criminalization of abortion makes a mockery to the equal states that applies to women in any other scenario; thus, serving as a direct violation of the 14th amendment of the U.S. constitution. Having abortion within criminal laws contradicts basic legal principles of bodily autonomy and rights; if it's wrong to force someone to donate a kidney to a dying child, it is also wrong to force someone to sustain a fetus against their will.

Pregnancies have many factors that come along with them, and woman should not be shamed for making a decision that is best for them and their families. The decision to have an abortion is the womans right to have. Let it be health issues, money issues, or just not the right time in her life. One of the best ways to support our city is supporting better programs for struggling mothers or give students adequate sexual education courses. As a community we can come thru and support each other; and ensure that we all come out on top without taking away anyone's rights.

Thank you for your time,

Ashley Booth  
2402 Circle Dr., Jonesboro, AR

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**From:** EMMA Agnew <williamsemma62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 4:16 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Cc:** April Leggett <ALeggett@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** EES-21:167

Please vote against RES 21:167 sponsored by Alderman Bobby Long. This legislation will serve no purpose, according to Act 392, but to allow for certain 'signage'.. Strict laws are already in place and the loosely translated reference to our Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution Mr. Long mentons in this Resolution were intended to protect former slaves..

Emma Agnew  
1215 Dupwe, Jonesboro

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**From:** Loren Ivener <loreniv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 10, 2021 5:17 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; aleggertj@jinesboro.org  
**Subject:** Res 21-167

"Please vote AGAINST.. RES 21:167 sponsored by Alderman Bobby Long. This legislation will serve no purpose, according to Act 392, but to allow for certain 'signage'.. Strict laws are already in place and the loosely translated reference to our Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution that Mr. Long mentons in this Resolution were intended to protect former slaves.. --

Loren  
313 Watertree, Jonesboro

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**From:** lhsherrill <lhsherrill@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 11, 2021 1:22 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Pro-life Designation

I understand that Jonesboro has the opportunity to be designated a "Pro-life City." I think this would be a wonderful designation to carry, signaling that our community values and protects all. Great idea! Let's do it. In name and deed.

Laurie Sherrill  
Pinewood Circle, Jonesboro

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**From:** Ashley Hill <missmulligan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 11, 2021 1:33 PM  
**To:** Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Res 21-176

Good afternoon. I am writing to *\*oppose\** our community claiming as one collective voice that we are all pro life. Being pro-choice is not synonymous with being pro-abortion, and besides, it is NOT a city or county's place to determine for all citizens who reside within that we all agree on such a divisive and complex issue.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinions.

Ashley Hill  
2815 S Culberhouse St, Jonesboro, AR 72401

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**From:** Robin Martin <ramartincpa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 11, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Please vote to make Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

Dear City Officials,

I'm writing to ask that you support the resolution to make Jonesboro a Pro-Life City. Life begins at conception as the organs and body functions begin to develop and the heartbeat is soon detectable. We need to stand up for these lives just as we stand for the life of all others.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Robin A Martin  
505 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro

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**From:** deltondunn <deltondunn@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 11, 2021 10:20 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** RES-21:167 Declaring Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

I am standing in support of Alderman Bobby Long with the pro-life resolution for our city.  
RES-21:167 Declaring Jonesboro a Pro-Life City

Delton Dunn  
4609 Rockport Dr  
Jonesboro AR 72404

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sharon Stallings <sharonstallings@suddenlink.net>  
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 2:16 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro-life Proposal

Please support the proposal to vote to designate Jonesboro as a Pro-life City. To value life of the preborn is a positive value for our city. Thank you for your service to the community.

Sharon and Herb Stallings  
1207 Dove Road, Jonesboro 72401

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-----Original Message-----

From: Derrick Coleman <mr\_head2003@icloud.com>  
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 9:49 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Pro life Proposal

Good morning city council. I'm email the council in regards to the alderman Long Pro-Life Proposal. I and others doesn't support his idea of this proposal. I wish he would actually do some real work for the city. Instead causing more distractions. Due to the lack of understanding compassion or even comprehension for REAL LIFE. So just say no to this gross idea or any other that comes before the council.

Derrick P. Coleman  
4101 Hickory, Jonesboro

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**From:** Than Boves <tboves@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 12:37 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Do not support resolution that would support Act 392

Dear Aldermen - I am writing to voice my opposition to the divisive, and complete waste of time and resources (and politically motivated) resolution to support Act 392, which would declare Jonesboro as a "Pro-Life City". I want to be clear that I would be just as adamant to reject a resolution to support declaring Jonesboro as a "Pro-Choice City". While there are clearly people that have decided to make abortion rights/non-rights the center of their political lives, you, as our wise elected leaders, should not fall into that divisive trap. Please try to focus on things that the

city council can actually impact, that bring people together, and that will make the quality of life better in Jonesboro, rather than on silly political games that will just divide (and that we/you, as a city/city council), have ZERO control over.

Sincerely,

Than Boves  
2204 Oak Hollow Lane, Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Norris <snorris628@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 1:32 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Support

I support the pro life resolution being proposed by Alderman Bobby Long.

Sarah Norris  
6601 Merrell Drive, Jonesboro

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**From:** Tanja McKay <tmckay@astate.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 3:01 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** "Pro-Life City" Resolution Act 392

Dear Aldermen,

I am writing this email to voice my opposition to the "Pro-City resolution, Act 392, which would declare Jonesboro as a "Pro-Life City". Our community, which I am very proud of, needs to move away from these very political initiatives that would split Jonesboro into two sides. Please don't divide our community, placing religious initiatives on the forefront. We are already experiencing these divides politically on other issues (mask mandates, vaccines) and we need to start to come together, have empathy toward our neighbors, our fellow citizens, which we are so sadly moving away from. You have many citizens from diverse backgrounds who embrace many political and religious beliefs. Some folks have no religious affiliations, but are still part of our community. A community should not take sides as this would certainly do. If you were to vote in favor of this act, you will only carve a path of negativity in our community.

Focus on putting your efforts into important issues that help us to make our community safe, strong and viable. Please don't divide....

Sincerely,

Tanja McKay, PhD  
Professor of Entomology

Arkansas State University  
P.O. Box 599 | State University, AR 72467

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-----Original Message-----

From: Crystal Welborn <crw8596@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 4:14 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Support

I am writing to you to express my support for Alderman Bobby Long's pro-life resolution. This resolution is a hopeful testament to the value and sanctity of life, a belief we should all support. Thank you

Crystal Welborn  
1825 Hwy 349, Jonesboro

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**From:** Deborah Johnson <dsj04487@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 6:23 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** RES-21:167 (Declaring Jonesboro a Pro-life City)

Dear City Council,

RES-21:167 is a ridiculous resolution that does nothing to actually help the city of Jonesboro. Please vote NO and don't waste our valuable time and resources on such empty resolutions.

Deborah Johnson  
Hibiscus Court  
Jonesboro

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**From:** Hard L <weino7@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 9:25 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Please support this "Pro-life City Resolution" - Thanks,

Howard L. "Hard L" Weinstock  
"oorah 1977-'81, hooah '82-2010"

Wilkins Avenue, 72401  
Ward 4  
District 5

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**From:** Matt Smith <[pastormjsmith@gmail.com](mailto:pastormjsmith@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 5:14 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <[Aldermen@jonesboro.org](mailto:Aldermen@jonesboro.org)>  
**Subject:** RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JONESBORO A PRO-LIFE CITY

Dear councilman,

As your constituent, I am urging you to support Bobby Long's resolution to declare a Jonesboro a Pro-Life City. This resolution is a celebration of life and reiterates our commitment as a city to all our residents whether inside the womb or out. I, and a multitude of other voters are paying attention to this important vote. I encourage you to vote for life.

Thank you.

Pastor Matt J. Smith  
Matt & Erica Smith  
805 Gloucester Close  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Grace McCartha <[grace.mccartha@smail.astate.edu](mailto:grace.mccartha@smail.astate.edu)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:09 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <[Aldermen@jonesboro.org](mailto:Aldermen@jonesboro.org)>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <[CityClerk@jonesboro.org](mailto:CityClerk@jonesboro.org)>  
**Subject:** "Pro-Life City" Resolution

Hello,

I am writing to voice my opinion about the "Pro-Life City" Resolution proposed by Mr. Bobby Long. I think that this an extreme measure that will only result in further dividing Americans. Our current political atmosphere is unstable and heated, to say the least, and many people seem to be at opposite ends of the political spectrum. First, it is not correct to say Jonesboro is unanimously a "Pro-Life City" and would be a misrepresentation of the population. Second, spinning people's opinions on abortion access as "Pro-Life" or "Pro-Choice" contributes to sensational feelings about the topic and does not foster healthy or helpful discussions. To me, it seems that this resolution is purposefully trying to anger one group of people and please another group, only further dividing them. There is no compromise apparent in this resolution. This is not for all the people of Jonesboro, this is for a subset of people in Jonesboro. I firmly believe that this resolution should not be allowed to go into effect.

Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration,

Grace McCartha  
1515 Aggie Rd, Apt A3  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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**From:** Taylor Brewer <taylor.brewer@smail.astate.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:02 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Pro-Life Resolution

Councilmembers,

Please do not support or vote in favor of the proposed “pro-life” resolution.

As a woman and citizen of Jonesboro, I hold the belief firm to my heart that it is my choice on whether or not I bear children. I find this proposed concept deeply insensitive to the women who have been through this situation, and to women who wish to not experience this. I predict that this will only create further conflict within the city of Jonesboro and its various communities.

Instead of attempting to enforce this resolution, I would suggest taking the time to do proper research on the potential benefits of abortion, or even get the insight of women who share the same view on pro-choice concepts and why they see it that way. Food for thought.

Regards,  
— Taylor Brewer  
801 University Loop East

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**From:** Eric Watson <ericwatsonmusician@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:10 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Resolution

To whom it may concern,

Please do not support the pro-life resolution against women. It is not right to take away the freedom of choice of women's rights. For women that will need it for health reasons or personal reasons, it shouldn't be taken away. Women need to be able to go through the safe process of abortion.

Thank you and I appreciate your time.

My name is Eric Watson and my address is 2205 Brenon Drive 72401

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**From:** Rike Robinson <rikerobinson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:11 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** An Email Against a Resolution

To the sitting members of this Council,

My name is Robert Robinson, and as a concerned and lifelong citizen of Jonesboro, I find the proposed resolution to “make Jonesboro anti-choice” that is currently being discussed by the council utterly reprehensible. I hope to strongly express my wishes for as many council members to vote AGAINST this proposition.

The unequivocal right to bodily autonomy is inherently American, and I believe that violating this autonomy is conversely inherently un-American. Reproductive rights are essential to a free nation, and to compromise on this value is a betrayal to this nation’s ideals.

Regards,  
R. Robinson  
500 N Caraway Rd, Apt 431

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Rike Robinson

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**From:** Brittney Munoz <brittney.munoz@smail.astate.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** “Pro-Life” resolution

Hello council members,

Please do NOT support or vote in favor of the proposed “pro-life” resolution. This resolution is not good for Jonesboro, and it does nothing to help us.

My name is Brittney Muñoz.  
My address is 3813 Marchbanks Cir. Jonesboro, AR 72405.

Thank you,

Brittney Muñoz

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**From:** Kevin Gore <kevin.gore@stmarksjonesboro.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 2:05 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Letter to the City Council

Please find attached.

Blessings,

Fr. Kevin  
The Rev'd Kevin Gore, SCP  
Rector

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
531 W. College Ave  
Jonesboro, AR 72401  
(870) 932-2124

September 15, 2021

Dear Mayor Copenhaver and members of the City Council,  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. My name is the Reverend Kevin Gore, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 531 W College Ave. I reside at the rectory of the parish. As a constituent and someone who is charged with the cure of the souls in this area, it seems incumbent upon me to write to you at this time. I was undecided on whether to address this matter with you, but seeing the hurt and fear this continues to create, it seems appropriate to speak at this time.

I write to you concerning Mr. Long's recent resolution (which at the time of this letter has not yet been to committee) that Jonesboro proclaim itself a 'pro-life' city. I would hope in the best of circumstances such an ideology is meant from a place of love and concern. Unfortunately, in recent years it seems that such actions have become a vapid, transparently performative nonsense show of partisan politics. It simply reflects the culture wars playing out (and wasting our tax dollars over and over) at the national level; generally done not because there is any concern for the wellbeing of others. I do not know Mr. Long's intentions and I will not speculate on them. I hope for the best.

The problem is such a resolution does nothing to protect life, nothing to truly care for people. It does serve to draw a divisive line in the sand and signals again that a subset of Christians who happen to predominate the population have screamed the loudest and pushed their own theology onto a government which is founded on the principles of not respecting any one faith over another.

There are indeed issues that should concern Christians (and everyone) when it comes to the sanctity of life. Issues that have to do with those who are starving; those who are sleeping on the sidewalks, cast aside by society; those unable to escape the revolving, evil for-profit prison systems we have built; those who are murdered by the state as a draconian form of punishment which does nothing to deter crime. If the city of Jonesboro wishes to take a stand on being 'pro-life', then please invest in shelters. Take a stand against the death penalty. Take a stand against the abusive nightmare that is 'conversion therapy'. Require COVID vaccinations of those who can be. Ensure that everyone has access to healthcare, not just those who can afford to live a healthy life because of the luck of the draw. These are policies that would absolutely show, as Mr. Long puts it, "The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas resolves to provide equal protection for life at all stages".

In a perfect world, I would absolutely want to be at a place where no one ever thinks abortion is their only option. We do not, nor will we ever, live in a perfect world. We live in a broken world. In my faith we acknowledge that we live in a world marred by the choices that take us away

from the Grace and love of God daily, and moreover others are forced to make those choices by how those in power treat them. We abuse the institutions of faith to guilt others into following along with talking points that only divide, and yet provide no actual love or refuge from the pain and fear of the world.

This is not a simple matter that is solved by a city council resolution. Such a resolution only divides us further. The resolution in question should not be moved from committee, and instead your time should be focused on the betterment of our community and the wellbeing of its citizens. Not the divisive show-boating of partisan politics.

Blessings,  
The Rev'd Kevin Gore, SCP  
Rector-St. Mark's Episcopal Church Jonesboro, AR  
Resident of Jonesboro – 510 Shadow Lane, Jonesboro, AR

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**From:** Tony Miller <tmmiller123@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 3:12 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Yes

We should be a pro-life city!

Tony R. Miller, Pastor  
2403 Ritter Drive,  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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**From:** Katherine Wren <mrskatherinewren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 4:53 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Please do not support the resolution to name Jonesboro a "pro-life city"

Dear Aldermen,

My name is Rev. Katherine Wren and I am a citizen of Jonesboro, AR, residing at 2014 Sandbrook Drive. I urge you to please not support the resolution to name Jonesboro a "pro-life city". This proposal accomplishes nothing of merit and is simply an act of political grandstanding for Bobby Long to gain support. City council resolutions should never be used as an act to simply gain name recognition without actual action on behalf of the residents of the city. Secondly, this proposal does not reflect the opinions of all Jonesboro citizens and promotes division of citizens in our city.

We should be working for unity right now, not for division.

I challenge the Jonesboro aldermen who support this issue to do so with words and actions instead of a vote that only creates what they believe to be a positive appearance. I challenge them to support life by funding initiatives and education for foster families and crisis shelters. Those would be actions instead of pretty, useless words, instead of white-washed sepulchers.

Let's work for a better Jonesboro, instead of a Jonesboro that only offers lip-service.

Thank you,  
Rev. Katherine Wren  
2014 Sandbrook Drive  
Jonesboro, AR 72404

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**From:** Traci Burgess <traci.burgess@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 5:05 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Do not support Res. 21:167

I humbly write asking that you do not support RES 21:167 proposing to make Jonesboro a "Pro-Life City." In doing so, not only will you be putting more lives at risk but you will essentially be making the city unsafe for more children. Until there is more funding for sexual abuse prevention and more restrictions placed on the procreation activities of men, women should not be so dangerously restricted in how they make a personal choice about their own bodies and welfare. I am not pro-abortion. I am however, pro-choice, as is the United States Constitution.

Sincerely

Traci Burgess  
Main St  
Jonesboro, AR

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Greg Meeks <gregmeeks@jcbc.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 6:47 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Pro life resolution

Dear Councilman:

As your constituent, I am urging you to support Bobby Long's resolution to declare Jonesboro as a Pro-Life City. This resolution is a celebration of life and it reiterates our commitment as a city to all our residents whether inside or outside the womb. I hope you do the right thing and vote for life. Thank you!

Greg Meeks  
5009 S Culberhouse Rd  
Jonesboro

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Stuart & Michelle Reid <smcmreid@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 8:00 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Resolution

I SUPPORT THE PRO LIFE RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO. WE NEED TO BE A SANCTUARY CITY FOR BABIES GROWING IN THE WOMB.

Michelle Reid  
3912 Casey Springs Rd  
Jonesboro AR 72404

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robin Martin <ramartincpa@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:43 AM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Support Pro-life resolution

Please vote in support of making Jonesboro a Pro-Life City.

Steve and Robin Martin  
505 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro, AR

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Nosser <nosser44@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 7:33 PM  
To: Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
Subject: Support of Pro-Life Resolution

I'm writing to express my support of the resolution proposed by Bobby Long that establishes Jonesboro as a pro-life city. All children should have the right of being protected - especially those who are in the womb. Women have rights to their own bodies, but the bodies within them have rights as well.

Thank you in advance for your support of this resolution.

Mike Nosser  
Jonesboro resident  
5025 Aberdeen Rd.  
Jonesboro, AR 72405

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**From:** Barbara Blackmore <[bbwwjd2@gmail.com](mailto:bbwwjd2@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 7:59 AM  
**To:** Aldermen <[Aldermen@jonesboro.org](mailto:Aldermen@jonesboro.org)>  
**Subject:** Resolution on Protecting our children

Please vote for the resolution to make Jonesboro a Pro-life city! We must speak up for these babies inside the womb, just as we would for those outside the womb. As we stop taking stands for the right and just things, we will continue to see our town go downhill from there—and we will no longer be a safe place for children or their families! Thank you, Don and Barbara Blackmore --

Don and Barbara Blackmore  
2804 Nottingham Way

Jonesboro. 72404

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**From:** Travis Marsico <travismarsico@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 11:31 AM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Cc:** City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** No on Resolution 21-167

My name is Travis Marsico, and I live on Timber Creek Lane in Jonesboro. Please do not support Resolution 21-167. This is a divisive issue for the city, and having our city taking a particular religious view is not right. I want Jonesboro to be welcoming to people of all faiths and beliefs.

Sincerely,

Travis Marsico

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lisa Crabtree <lisacrabtree87@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:34 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Pro-Life

Please support Bobby Long's Pro-Life Resolution. We should be protecting all life and we have to be the voice for the unborn!

Lisa Crabtree  
1524 Sullivan Cir  
Jonesboro AR 72404

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## Text File

File Number: RES-21:199

**Agenda Date:** 9/21/2021

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**Status:** To Be Introduced

**In Control:** Public Services Council Committee

**File Type:** Resolution

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE FREEDOM AND CHOICE REGARDING VACCINE MANDATES

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro believe and affirm healthcare freedom and choice as it concerns vaccine mandates, of the rights of individuals to bodily autonomy, of the right to individual healthcare decision making, individual liberty, freedom of association, the right to privacy, and the right to work without being forced by one's employer to receive a vaccine, and the human rights inherent to making healthcare decisions they deem best for themselves, individually, and for their families.

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro believe competent adult individuals have the right to control their own healthcare decisions and should not be mandated to make healthcare choices required by their employer, government, or any other authority other than themselves.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the City of Jonesboro hereby advise and request that our elected state Senate and House Members elected to represent the people of this state, pass legislation directing employers in Arkansas, healthcare authorities and officials, and all other persons holding authority over Arkansas residents and citizens, to:

1. Allow competent adult individuals to make their own decisions as to whether they take the COVID19 vaccine(s);
2. To make it against the laws of any state or local government in Arkansas for an employer (private or government), to require, as a condition of employment, proof of receiving the COVID19 vaccine;
3. To make it against the laws of any state or local government in Arkansas to require as a condition to receiving public services, generally available to all persons, proof of receiving the COVID19 vaccine;
4. To make it against the laws of any state or local government in Arkansas for that government to discriminate against people in any way based on their COVID19 vaccine status;
5. To require employers to protect the privacy of their employees and not to inquire regarding or disclose or cause to be known the COVID19 vaccination status of employees;
6. To prevent an employer from discriminating in favor of or against and treating employees differently because of their COVID19 vaccinated status;
7. Prohibit private and government employers from fining, increasing healthcare premiums, or otherwise causing a negative financial effect or create an undue personal burden including but not limited to excessive mandatory testing or other screenings on employees or those receiving government



services based on their COVID19 vaccinated status.

Therefore, be it further RESOLVED, that the City of Jonesboro urges the General Assembly to pass legislation enacting the proposals outlined in this Resolution.

That the Mayor of the City of Jonesboro expeditiously and in writing, advise the elected officials who are potentially to vote on this matter in the state of Arkansas of this Resolution.

**Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates**  
**Sponsor: Alderman Bobby Long**

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro believe and affirm healthcare freedom and choice as it concerns vaccine mandates, of the rights of individuals to bodily autonomy, of the right to individual healthcare decision making, individual liberty, freedom of association, the right to privacy, and the right to work without being forced by one’s employer to receive a vaccine, and the human rights inherent to making healthcare decisions they deem best for themselves, individually, and for their families.

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4. To make it against the laws of any state or local government in Arkansas for that government to discriminate against people in any way based on their COVID19 vaccine status;
5. To require employers to protect the privacy of their employees and not to inquire regarding or disclose or cause to be known the COVID19 vaccination status of employees;
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Approved and Passed by the City of Jonesboro this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

**From:** Robin Martin <ramartincpa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:51 AM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Support Healthcare Resolution

Please sign the healthcare resolution shown below so our state Senate and House can get laws passed to protect Arkansas citizens from vaccine mandates.

Thank you, Steve and Robin Martin, Jonesboro  
505 Lamb Lane, Jonesboro

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**From:** deltondunn <deltondunn@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 9:59 AM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

**Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates**

Delton Dunn  
4609 Rockport Dr  
Jonesboro AR 72404

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**From:** Christy Thompson-Dunn <cdunn0507@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 12:35 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates

**Resolution Supporting Healthcare Freedom and Choice Regarding Vaccine Mandates**

Christy Dunn  
4609 Rockport Dr, Jonesboro, AR 72404

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**From:** paul vellozo <vellozo.p@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:30 PM  
**To:** Aldermen <Aldermen@jonesboro.org>; City Clerk <CityClerk@jonesboro.org>; Harold Copenhaver <HCopenhaver@jonesboro.org>  
**Subject:** Vaccine mandates. Mask mandates.

Dear Aldermen , mayor Copenhaver, city clerk.

I hear that there is a misguided resolution being proposed to limit vaccine mandates including those that apply to healthcare professionals under the guise of “freedom“.

There is a long history of public health mandates to ensure the well-being of the public. This has more to do with the health and safety of the population rather than the notion of individual freedoms and liberties. One does not have the freedom or liberty to knowingly harm other people when health experts have advised certain evidence-based and common sense measures.

To be clear I am a physician, I work every single day in the front lines of healthcare. We are seeing a lot of desperately ill people that would not have been ill or hospitalized or die if they had just taken the vaccine. To encourage people to do otherwise is irresponsible and is not something that should be endorsed by the city administration.

I urge the City Council to resoundingly reject any such misguided resolutions.

Thank you very much  
Paul Vellozo MD  
3811 Wolfchase Lane, Jonesboro

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