



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 7 - Mitch Johnson;David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-23:102](#) Minutes for the Public Safety Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

4. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-23:043](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, THE DEFINITIONS OF INOPERATIVE VEHICLES

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

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

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-23:265](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 122 Coleman Dr. Jonesboro, AR 72401; Parcel # 01-144063-02500: OWNER: Larry Beaty

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [122 Coleman Inspection Report](#)
[122 Coleman Boarding and Securing Certified Affidavit](#)
[122 Coleman Map](#)
[122 Coleman Precondemnation Notice Affidavit 2](#)
[122 Coleman Precondemnation Notice returned signature card](#)
[WIN 20230406 09 59 12 Pro](#)
[WIN 20230406 09 59 39 Pro](#)
[WIN 20230406 10 00 12 Pro](#)
[WIN 20230406 10 00 14 Pro](#)
[WIN 20230406 10 00 16 Pro](#)
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Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

[RES-23:266](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH APCO INSTITUTE FOR PRE-ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MEDICAL CALLS FOR E-911 DISPATCH

Sponsors: E911

Attachments: [APCO Intellicom Quote](#)
[Priority Dispatch Quote](#)
[Total Response Quote](#)

Councilmember David McClain said, I had a quick question Mr. Chairman. What exactly does this do? It says lifesaving services. What does that mean? E-911 Director Ronnie Sturch approached the podium and said, thank you Councilman McClain. What this services is, it is a service that provides pre-arrival instructions for dispatchers on medical issues for someone that calls 9-1-1 that has a medical issue. There are guidelines and guide cards that they provide and our dispatch can provide that pre-arrival instruction. For example, CPR, we can tell the caller over the phone how to perform CPR on the subject, the victim and so forth. But, we can do that for numerous medical calls. Any type of medical call that we have, they have these programs that have been created for the dispatchers to provide those instructions. We have to do that under the guidance of a medical director. Medical director has to sign off and approve all the protocols and all the pre-arrival questioning and instructions. I hope that answers your question. Councilmember David McClain said, thank you. Councilmember Chris Moore said, so is it a literal card system or is it a computer program? Director Ronnie Sturch said, no sir, it is a computer software program that's installed. Now, we do receive, as part of that pricing, we receive what they call the guide cards. They are flip cards that are for backup in case the systems goes down. We do have the actual paper or flip cards, if you want to say, as a backup to the software. Councilmember Chris Moore said, so the medical director will approve it one

time for the system and then it'll be good for the length of the program? Director Ronnie Sturch said, yes sir. The medical director works with APCO to develop the questioning that the dispatcher has to ask the caller. There's certain questions that are required. The medical director signs off on that. There's pre-arrival instructions that the dispatcher gives, it's all scripted and fed to the dispatcher. The medical director has to sign off on that. Once they've signed off, they create the software, they develop it to put in our system. And the guide cards, they print those and then that is good until the medical director or someone decides to change that. If they want to, they don't have to. Once it's set in place it's there, unless medical protocols change. You know, CPR has changed over the years. The way you gave it 20 years ago was different from the way you give it now.

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, Mr. Chair, so Ronnie I just want to make sure I got this. This is new or renewing this? Director Ronnie Sturch said, this is new. This is to develop and install the software on our system. If you read through it, there is an annual recurring cost. I think it's \$1,000 per position. We have seven positions, console positions, so there would be a recurring cost of \$7,000 per year with this. Again, looking at the quotes, the other two were both around \$15,000 per year plus a lot more on the initial cost.

Councilmember Chris Gibson said, are there any statistics out there that give us how many lives are saved using these protocols? Just out of curiosity. Director Ronnie Sturch said, I'm sure there are. I'm not fully aware of all the statistics. I can't answer that for you. I can get those. I do know the CPR, that the chances of survival, if the CPR is started immediately by the caller with the dispatcher instructing them prior to the arrival of First Responders or EMS personnel. I think the chance of survival goes up like five to ten percent. It doesn't sound like a big number, but when you're talking about someone's life, and if you're taking a hundred calls and you save five or ten lives a month that's a lot of lives. I think it's something we truly owe the citizens of Jonesboro and Craighead County. It is life-saving. It does save lives, it's been proven. Again, I don't have the actual numbers on some of them but I can get those. I think it's something we owe the citizens of this community to provide this service to them.

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, Mr. Chair just a final comment. I know as we analyze the contributions from the county and other's that they just need to pay their share of this over time too since it serves everybody. Director Ronnie Sturch said, yes sir. That would be under our E911 budget. They have their cost sharing portion that automatic. They're prorated share.

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

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant