



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

Present 6 - David McClain; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Charles Frierson

Absent 1 - Bobby Long

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:021](#)

MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Attachments: [Public Safety Minutes 02182020](#)

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

[MIN-20:067](#)

Minutes for the Special Called Public Safety Committee Meeting on July 13, 2020

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-20:119](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND ACCEPT THE 2019 COVID-19 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [award letter](#)
[Copy of City of Jonesboro 2020 COVID Starting Budget Form](#)
[ESG COVID Sub-Grant Addendum](#)
[47377 N00 DHS 9600 - revised \(002\)](#)
[47377 N00 ATT3 Disclosure \(003\)](#)
[email](#)

Councilmember Charles Frierson said, it lists that this \$100,000 is to be for homelessness prevention. Does that limit us in any way? City Attorney Carol Duncan asked if Community Development Director Regina Burkett had logged into the ZOOM meeting. Deputy Clerk April Leggett said, no. Attorney Duncan stated that she did not know the answer to the question asked by Councilmember Frierson. Councilmember David McClain said, my question is similar to Councilmember Frierson's or is this going toward somebody who's in the process of being removed from a home because they lost a job, what does that look like? Councilmember Chris Gibson said in my eyes that would be homelessness prevention.

Chairman Mitch Johnson asked City Attorney Carol Duncan if she had a copy of the letter and what her thoughts were. City Attorney Carol Duncan said that that may be what they mean by it. Obviously if you are helping with rental assistance, you are preventing someone from becoming homeless. I would need to ask Regina Burkett, Director of Community Development to see the actual grant application. My thought is those could mean the same thing. It does say rental assistance under homelessness prevention. Councilmember Frierson said, I am certainly for it, I just wondered if we were held down to less than what we thought. Councilmember Gene Vance said, we have restrictions on every one of those grants, and if we don't get it somebody else will.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road. I just wanted to say that Regina Burkett, Director of Community Development is doing a wonderful job finding grants for Jonesboro. She works hard looking for grants to help our city. I think this is a really good grant that has come up.

Community Development Director Regina Burkett explained that there were several different category's for the grant. We applied for the rental assistance and it goes along with homelessness. I have called them to ask them about building a homeless shelter with some of this money. They told me it could not be used for that. I also asked them if we could do temporary shelter, like hotel rentals and they said, no that we could not do that either, because we do not have a shelter for homelessness. So, that is why we just decided to do the rental assistance program.

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

[RES-20:120](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND ACCEPT THE 2020 STRONG SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE MICRO GRANT.

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [2020 SSCI Micro-Grant Agreement](#)

Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Gene Vance, to suspend the rules and walk-on RES-20:120. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

[COM-20:025](#) MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT FROM VECTOR MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR JONESBORO FOR MAY 2020

Attachments: [City of Jonesboro 5-2020 Report](#)

Filed

[COM-20:032](#) MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT FROM VECTOR MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR JONESBORO FOR JUNE 2020

Attachments: [City of Jonesboro VDCI June 2020](#)

Filed

[COM-20:042](#) MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT FROM VECTOR MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR JONESBORO FOR JULY 2020

Attachments: [Jonesboro July 2020](#)

Filed

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Bobby Long