



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, May 19, 2009

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

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### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.**

#### **1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.**

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

#### **3. Roll Call by the City Clerk**

**Present** 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

#### **4. Special Presentations**

##### **COM-09:062**

A proclamation read by Mayor Harold Perrin recognizing the Jonesboro Leadership Class of 2009 for organizing Jonesboro's 1st City Employee Lunch Celebration.

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

**This item was Read.**

##### **COM-09:063**

Mayor Perrin will read a proclamation recognizing the week of May 17-23, Public Works Appreciation Week.

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

**Attachments:** [Public Works Employment Statistics](#)

**This item was Read.**

### **Presentation by Police Chief Michael Yates regarding the new Police Department website**

*Chief Yates discussed the new website, located at [www.jonesboropolice.com](http://www.jonesboropolice.com) or [www.jonesboropolice.org](http://www.jonesboropolice.org). He explained they will be able to use the website to share information concerning gang activity and it will be able to be accessed by police officers while they are in their vehicles. He stated the website should be fully operational by the end of the month. He noted the whole thing is being paid for with drug forfeiture money.*

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

*Approval of the Consent Agenda*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

**MIN-09:047**

Minutes for the City Council meeting on May 5, 2009.

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

**This item was approved on the consent agenda.**

**MIN-09:049**

Minutes for the special called City Council meeting on May 11, 2009.

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

**This item was approved on the consent agenda.**

**RES-09:064**

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH MID-AMERICA SPORTS MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE BASEBALL GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS AT DERAL BURROW BASEBALL PARK.

**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

**Attachments:** [Mid-America Sports Management Agreement \(Little League\) 2009-2012](#)

**This item was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-047-2009

**RES-09:072**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO TO CONDUCT A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT OF URBAN IN-STREAM ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE IMPAIRED WITH EXCESS SEDIMENTS, NUTRIENTS, BACTERIA, AND TRACE METALS

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**Attachments:** [Vegetative Management Agreement](#)

**This item was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-048-2009

**RES-09:073**

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ARKANSAS STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER REGARDING THE RELOCATION OF THE CACHE RIVER BRIDGE AND THE BAYOU DE VIEW BRIDGE

**Sponsors:** Parks & Recreation

**Attachments:** [AHTD Memorandum of Agreement on Historic Bridges \(Cache and Bayou De  
Guidelines for Preserving and Rehabilitating Restoring and Constructing Hsiti  
Cost Estimate for Bridges \(3\)](#)

**This item was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-049-2009

**RES-09:080**

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER CAMERON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**Attachments:** [Bid 2009-21 - Bid Tab](#)  
[Contract Documents - Cameron](#)

**This item was approved on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-050-2009

**6. New Business**

*Ordinances on First Reading*

**ORD-09:024**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF STATE HIGHWAY 91 AND LACY DR., AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS.

**Sponsors:** Public Works and Mayor's Office

**Attachments:** [LACY REZONE PLAT](#)  
[Rezone Application City of JBORO Lacy Rd](#)  
[MAPC Report](#)

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

**This Ordinance was Held at one reading.**

**ORD-09:032**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES LOCATED AT 4800 E. JOHNSON AVE. (49N) FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL AND C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO PD-C PLANNED DEVELOPMENT COMMERCIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 49N WEST OF BRIDGER ROAD AS REQUESTED BY NEA BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH

**Attachments:**    [Rezoning Plat](#)  
                          [MAPC Report](#)  
                          [NEA Baptist Criteria and Covenants by MAPC](#)  
                          [CD2 Conceptual Development Plan](#)  
                          [CD3 Development Conditions](#)  
                          [CD4 Conceptual Grading Plan](#)  
                          [CD5 Conceptual Utility Plan](#)  
                          [Conceptual Masterplan](#)  
                          [Conceptual PD\\_m-color](#)  
                          [Development Conditions](#)  
                          [Project Narrative](#)  
                          [Zoning](#)  
                          [Zoning Application](#)  
                          [Parking Lot Information](#)

*Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

*Councilman Moore asked the ordinance be held at one reading. Mr. Ed Hargraves from the consulting firm that prepared the rezoning application asked the Council proceed with three readings at tonight's meeting. Councilman McCall stated he had questions regarding drainage, noting in the area there have been numerous issues with drainage due to the development. Mr. Hargraves explained they met with the City Engineer today and are aware of the drainage problems in the area. He added they are prepared to do on-site detention to make sure they do not have runoff. Discussion was held concerning the entrances to the property. Mr. Hargraves stated they are working with the Highway Department and Engineering Department to resolve any issues. Councilman Fears questioned whether they have met with the public in that area to address any neighborhood concerns. Mr. Hargraves answered yes, they had a public meeting about a week or ten days prior to the MAPC meeting with 15 or 20 residents in attendance. He added thier radius of notification was 500 feet and they sent out 52 notices.*

*Mr. Preston Williams, property owner on the northern part of the proposed rezoning, stated he does not oppose the project, but is concerned about parking lot security. He discussed the crimes that could take place there. He noted the employee parking lot is close to his property and 20% of the crimes could take place there. He stated they would like a chain-link fence to keep people off their property. Mr. Hargraves stated security is a prime concern and there will be 24-hour security cameras. He added they are still developing the site plan and are taking his information into consideration.*

**This Ordinance was Held at one reading.**

#### *Resolutions To Be Introduced*

**RES-09:083**

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF PART OF LEROY STREET LYING EAST OF DONALD STREET AND NORTH OF OLIVER STREET AS REQUESTED BY NETTLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Attachments:**    [Petitions](#)  
                          [Plats](#)  
                          [Utility Letters](#)  
                          [Planning Department Letter](#)

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

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-051-2009

## **7. Unfinished Business**

### *Ordinances on Second Reading*

#### **ORD-09:027**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO C-4 LUO NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT - LIMITED USE OVERLAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HIGHLAND DRIVE BETWEEN CRAFTS DRIVE AND BROWNS LANE AS REQUESTED BY DOROTHY HILL AND CONNIE WOODS

**Attachments:**     [Plat A](#)  
                              [Plat B](#)  
                              [MAPC Report](#)

*Mr. Skip Mooney, attorney for the opposition, stated all of the issues were addressed at the MAPC meeting and they no longer have any objections.*

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

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-026-2009

## **8. Mayor's Reports**

*Mayor Perrin explained they will be working with Legacy Landfill concerning a composte site. He also stated he will be meeting with the department heads during a retreat in June in order to look at City's progress over the past six months and upcoming budget. He added they have sent a letter to the vendor regarding the Master Street Plan in order to ask for more information. He explained the Master Land Use plan is being held up due to the Master Street Plan.*

*Mayor Perrin stated they are hoping to have a draft computer policy for the Finance Committee to review at the meeting on Thursday. He explained they recently sent letters to the Highway Departments regarding traffic flow at certain intersections in town. He further explained they have received approval for a double left hand turn lane on Windover and Highway 1 and a double lane on Parker turning onto Highway 1.*

*Mayor Perrin announced the City's sale on June 13. He also announced the fleet maintenance software will be installed at the Police Department before being disbursed to the other City departments who will be using it. He stated 13 tornado sirens have already been installed.*

**COM-09:065**

List of Street Department projects as provided by Mayor Perrin on May 19, 2009.

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

**Attachments:** [Project List](#)

**This item was Read.**

**9. City Council Reports**

*Councilman Street explained at the MPO meeting today MPO Director Amin Ulkarim indicated they will be interviewing people on October 8 regarding sidewalks. He added they are asking for volunteers to provide input.*

**RES-09:088**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PROGRAM YEAR 2008 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND TO APPROVE A SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - RECOVERY FUNDS (CDBG-R) AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**Sponsors:** Community Development

**Attachments:** [Council Communication](#)

*Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and add a resolution to the agenda. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-052-2009

*Councilman Gibson thanked the Police Department for their help addressing a speeding problem in his ward.*

*Councilwoman Williams announced the Finance Committee recently voted to change the time and date of their regular meetings, but that won't take affect until June.*

*Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place an ordinance on the agenda. All voted aye.*

**ORD-09:033**

ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PURCHASE A GMC YUKON FOR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

*Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.*

*Councilman Moore explained the Mayor's Office will be purchasing a used vehicle and their current vehicle will be used by the Police Department. He noted the Police Department has enough money in their budget to purchase the used vehicle for the Mayor's Office.*

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

*Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-027-2009

*Councilman Moore asked for an update concerning Principal and APERS. He questioned whether they are still waiting on an actuarial study in order to compare the two plans for the employees retirement benefits. Mayor Perrin explained they have the actuarial study back from Principal. He further explained the comparison regarding Principal and APERS should be back from Wentz sometime next week. He added he, Councilwoman Williams, Human Resources Director Gloria Roark and Finance Director Jim Barksdale recently met with Principal Financial Group and will meet with them again to discuss the City's annuities. He asked if any Council member has questions to let him know so they can cover those concerns during the meeting with Principal. He added he hopes to present something to the Council in the next 30 to 45 days.*

*Councilman Moore then discussed property the City owns on the corner of Chestnut and Huntington. He stated he has been contacted by a citizen with a concern about water standing in one of the areas where a house had been torn down. Councilman Street noted there are two lots and both of them retain water and need to be cleaned up from the ice storm. Mayor Perrin stated they would take care of it.*

*Councilman Hargis noted tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m. there will be a meeting at the airport to show an air service that is interested in doing business at the Jonesboro Airport. Mayor Perrin explained it's his understanding the Jonesboro Airport will be working with other towns in Arkansas, such as Hot Springs and El Dorado, to provide air service.*

*Public Works Director Erick Woodruff stated they have received the preliminary site plan regarding the layout of the Street and Sanitation facility. He further explained they are getting a cost estimate and are on schedule.*

## **10. Public Comment**

**COM-09:061**

Request by Ms. Bridgette Davis to address the City Council regarding her mobile

vending business.

**Attachments:**     [Supporting information](#)  
                                 [Letter from Mayor's Office](#)

*Ms. Davis questioned how people can set up mobile units in parking areas without clutter, yet being able to maintain an income for their families. She noted the money would not be used towards fund raisers; rather, it would be for personal income. Councilman McCall asked Ms. Davis for more details. Ms. Davis reiterated the income would not be for fund raisers. She gave the example of someone setting up a concession stand for furniture, fruits, etc., and not just mobile units. She noted some people just have cars that would be set up with things set up, such as racks with shoes on them. She stated it would be in vacant lots or in some business parking lots. She asked the Council to revisit the ordinance to allow for people to be able to do that type of business. She explained not everyone can work or afford daycare. Councilman Fears noted the ordinance was set up in order to regulate the number of people with those types of businesses so there's not one on every street. Councilman McCall questioned whether Ms. Davis was speaking on her behalf, for something she wanted to do. Ms. Davis answered no, she's speaking on behalf of the community. Mayor Perrin explained he, City Attorney Phillip Crego, City Planner Otis Spriggs and Mr. Woodruff met concerning the topic. He further explained the topic came up due to a fundraiser Ms. Davis was interested in having for her church at the parking lot at Kmart and Sears, which she has permission to do. He added during the discussion Ms. Davis proposed the City look at the ordinance to allow for mobile units to be used for things other than fundraisers. He added it would fall under Public Works.*

*Mr. Robert Sartin expressed concern about the City re-striping two neighborhoods that went bankrupt. He asked if the re-striping was coming out of City funds. Councilman McCall questioned what neighborhoods Mr. Sartin was referring to. Mr. Sartin answered Jamestown and Maple Valley. Councilman Street stated he had the same concerns, but the neighborhoods were bonded. City Engineer Craig Light explained the developer that purchased the remaining lots in those subdivisions posted money with the City to cover the costs, but the City would still be picking up some of the cost. He further explained the City is paying for lots that were previously developed. Mr. Sartin proposed the City retain money from the sale of remaining lots from developments where the developer hasn't finished the developing in order to pave the streets in those areas.*

*Mr. Kent Craford, CEO of Seaport Airlines, invited the Council and members of the public to the meeting tomorrow so Seaport can introduce themselves to the public. He noted they will be doing some demonstration flights starting at 8:30 a.m.*

**This item was Read.**

## **11. Adjournment.**

**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this meeting be Approved on the Consent Agenda. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

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Harold Perrin, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donna Jackson, City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_