



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Present 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Bobby Long;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent 2 - David McClain and Chris Gibson

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:092](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on October 19, 2021

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 4 - Chris Moore;Bobby Long;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-21:049](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Engineering

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

Aye: 4 - Chris Moore;Bobby Long;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-21:226](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO REQUEST THAT THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT) TO LOWER SPEED LIMITS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilmember Chris Moore said, "Mr. Chair, as a representative of that area I would just like to say that the Johnson corridor most definitely needs speed limit reduced especially when you approach State Street and Valero on that section of 91 so I'm all in favor of it." Councilmember Bobby Long said, "I think from what Craig had stated, lowering it to 35 will also allow us more opportunity to do other safety measures that keeping it at 45 would keep us from doing so now."

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

Aye: 4 - Chris Moore;Bobby Long;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

[RES-21:284](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CONTENTS OF THE POLICY MANUAL OF THE JONESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [2020 Policy Manual-Complete](#)

Councilmember Chris Moore said, "Are there any major changes Chief that you could highlight for us or are they just housekeeping?" Chief Rick Elliot of the Police Department approached the podium, "There's a lot of housekeeping and then any policy is a living document, so as things change across the country we have to change policy accordingly. Our policies are based on standardized national policies from the IACP and AACP, but this is part of the housekeeping thing we do about every 3-4 years. Is to bring the policies to Council to vote on and that takes a burden off of us in an event of a lawsuit that policy is actually set by Council instead of the Chief. The biggest things that we face from policies response to aggression due to intervene is one of our newest policies; basically if an officer is mistreating somebody the other officers have a duty to intervene and stop that behavior. That came as a result of some of the things that have taking place across the country in the past year. I felt it was important to have that as a standalone policy, but other than that most policies are pretty much in place although there were a few changes." Councilmember Chris Moore said, "Good deal, at 380 pages I can't say I sat and read it. That's a big document." Chief Elliot said, "It is. We constantly go through this and any time there is something big that goes on across the country we always sit down, command staff, and look at our policies and make sure there isn't any deficiencies that we need to address. Like I said, it's an ongoing process but this step here also, we're going through a accreditation process and this is one of our last steps that Council has to approve your policy before we submit to the Accreditation Board." Councilmember Chris Moore said, "And that's about every 3-4 years?" Chief Elliot said, "About every 3-4 years we just routinely bring it up and it just takes the agency off the hook, it's set by the Council not the Chief." Councilmember Chris Moore said, "I remember when the Municipal League or somebody recommended that we do that at one point." Chief Elliot said, "It is. That's exactly where it stems from and this is the question that comes up at lawsuits, "Do you dictate policy or is it set by Council", so it's set by Council."

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

Aye: 4 - Chris Moore;Bobby Long;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Chris Moore; Bobby Long; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison