



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 1, 2014

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

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PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:20 P.M.

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Regarding the abandonment of utility easements located south of Springs Valley Drive as requested by Matt Rankin

No one spoke in opposition to the abandonment.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-14:059

Proclamation by Mayor Harold Perrin to Mr. Paul Calkin

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

MIN-14:070

Minutes for the City Council meeting on June 17, 2014

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-14:084

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE EAPDD FOR A GIF GRANT FOR THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SOFTWARE SAFETY PROGRAM

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Award Letter & Grant Agreement GIF Traffic Lights.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-084-2014

RES-14:087

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PMAM CORPORATION TO OBTAIN HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

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Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-085-2014

RES-14:088

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN JETS AND TOTAL LIFE HEALTHCARE

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Sponsors: JETS

Attachments: [Contract](#)

This item was Postponed Indefinitely.

RES-14:091

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE CAPDD FOR A GIF GRANT FOR THE MIRACLE LEAGUE

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [CAPDD Grant Agreement for ML.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-086-2014

RES-14:092

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE FY 2014 CDBG ACTION PLAN

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [CDBG Action Plan 2014 Grant Agreement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-087-2014

RES-14:093

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1300, 1302, 1304, 1308, 1312, 1314, 1316 OAKHURST, AND 107 S. FLOYD STREET, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO JEREMY MOORE

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-088-2014

6. NEW BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-14:035

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF

JONESBORO

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Councilman Gibson offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After adoption of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-036-2014

ORD-14:037

AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING AND TESTING, LLC FOR LAND SURVEYING AND MAPPING SERVICES AT OAKLAWN CEMETERY AND NETTLETON CEMETERY

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

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

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-037-2014

ORD-14:038

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A CERTAIN TECHNICAL CODE 2010 ADA STANDARD CODE TO THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC COMPLIANCE

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Councilman Gibson offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-038-2014

ORD-14:039

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A CERTAIN TECHNICAL CODE 2012 EXISTING BUILDING CODE TO THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING CURRENT CODE FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC COMPLIANCE

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Sponsors: Inspections

Councilman Vance offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-039-2014

ORD-14:040

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER 105-147 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO.09:010 AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A CERTAIN TECHNICAL CODE ENTITLED THE 2010 ARKANSAS MECHANICAL CODE, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMMEDIATE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Councilman Gibson offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-040-2014

ORD-14:041

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 105-53 AND 105-54 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, REPEAL ORDINANCE NO.97:1727 AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE A CERTAIN TECHNICAL CODE ENTITLED THE 2011 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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Sponsors: Inspections

Councilman Gibson offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Coleman, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-041-2014

ORD-14:042

ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON AN UNIMPROVED TWENTY FEET (20') WIDE & A TEN (10') FEET WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED SOUTH OF SPRING VALLEY DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY MATT RANKIN

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Attachments: [Abandonment Plats](#)
[Petition](#)
[Utility Response Letters](#)
[Planning & Engineering Letter](#)

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-042-2014

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

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RES-14:094

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY WEST OF FLOYD STREET AS REQUESTED BY MAX DACUS, JR. AND DON LEMAY

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Attachments: [Petition](#)
[Plat](#)
[Utility Letters](#)
[City Letter](#)

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: R-EN-081-2014

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN COUNCIL

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ORD-14:031

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1802 COMMERCE DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY JACK ELAM

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Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Street informed the Council that the property owner, Jack Elam, has asked for the rezoning to be tabled again until August 19, 2014. He explained Mr. Elam is still working out some issues with the rezoning and needs more time. It was later noted by Councilman Street that the proper date should be August 19, 2014, instead of August 18, 2014, as he originally motioned.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman

Darrel Dover, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily until August 19, 2014. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

RES-14:052

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at: 3905 Hill Dr, Manufactured Homes 1 thru 11 and Shed, Owner Marvin & Jacqueline Cleamer (Deceased) Hiers Linda Varner, Marlene Zelt and Ronald L Edmiston.

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Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report 3905](#)
[Case File 3905 Hill Dr](#)
[Email from Planning Department](#)
[Photos of property](#)

Attorney Marty Lilly, representing the estate, explained he has been able to work out the issues with the condemnation since the last meeting. He has met with City Attorney Phillip Crego and City Planner Otis Spriggs to discuss the matter. They do not oppose proceeding with the condemnation. He further explained they agreed the nonconforming use will be available until February 1, 2015, and if anyone is still living in the mobile homes they will assist in getting the people off the property. City Attorney Crego noted that they are starting the one year on February 1, 2014, because that is the date of the first visit by Code Enforcement to start the condemnation process. The nonconforming use will end on January 31, 2015, if no one purchases the property and brings in new mobile homes during that time.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: R-EN-082-2014

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Last week he met with the leaders of the local civic clubs to get ideas on how to better the city in the future and to discuss the current projects of the city.

The city has advertised for bids for cleanup services due to the storm in June. Bids will open on July 9th. The company will have 45 days to clean up the storm debris. He asked for the continued patience of the citizens. The city has also received a verbal commitment from ADEQ to burn some of the debris at the Strawfloor facility.

He invited everyone to a re-lighting event at Bridge Street bridge on Thursday, July 3,

2014, at 8:30 p.m. The bridge will be part of the historical register.

The city will be putting up a Welcome to Jonesboro sign on Highway 49 near the fairgrounds soon.

Year to date, the city has removed 26 homes and rehabbed 4 homes, with 4 demolitions being approved at the last Council meeting. He commended Code Enforcement for their work. A lot of work is also being done by the property owners to clean up their property.

Grants Administrator Heather Clements discussed a recent visit by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for projects in North Jonesboro. The EPA assisted the city in receiving technical assistance from Kansas State University to come up with a strategy to for an area-wide planning grant. They will look at an area from Main Street to Caraway Road, from Aggie Road to Belt Street for revitalization. It will go along with an agreement the city has with HUD for technical assistance in order to start getting CDBG funds to work on economic solutions for North Jonesboro. Mayor Perrin added they are planning a trip to Austin, Texas to meet with the EDA to request funding for the floodplain in North Jonesboro. He expects to ask for about \$8 million for improvements.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-14:095 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-14:095

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICE FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Sponsors: Engineering

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: R-EN-083-2014

Councilman Street commended the Street and Sanitation Departments for their work during the recent storm.

Councilman Woods asked for an update from the Parks Department concerning city swimming pools or a water park. Mayor Perrin asked for the update to be held at the next meeting because they plan to visit another area to look at their facilities. They plan on presenting something to the Council concerning an aquatics park.

Councilwoman Williams stated she is proud of the greenway. She then asked when the sidewalks on Caraway will be constructed. Mayor Perrin answered the bids should go out soon.

Councilman Moore asked for details regarding the limited use process and appeals process regarding a proposed Kum N Go gas station on Main and Cherry Street that which nearby property owners are opposing. Mr. Spriggs explained the required process for a convenience store in a C-1 area would be to ask for a conditional use, which means there will be about 11 items that have to be met before it can be considered for approval by the MAPC. If the conditional use is approved, the opponents can appeal the issue to Circuit Court. If the conditional use is denied by the MAPC, then the applicant can appeal the decision to the City Council. He noted conditional uses are an administrative decision that is presented to the MAPC only. It was also added that property would not need to be rezoned.

Councilman Coleman stated the mosquitoes are getting bad in the city. Mayor Perrin explained Vector Mosquito Control is flying over the city tonight to spray. The city has asked for double services, flying and truck services, to help with the mosquito problem. He asked if citizens are having problems they can call the company for help. Councilman Johnson, chair of the Public Safety Committee, asked for someone from Vector Mosquito be in attendance at the next Public Safety meeting to discuss the mosquito problem. It was noted that the reports made by Vector Mosquito are in Legistar in case people want to read them.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mr. Courtney Tatum, 1512 Wofford, stated the mosquito problem at Joe Mack Campbell Park is horrible because the company only drives along the roads, but doesn't go into the fields to spray. He added he also lives next to a retention pond. Vector sprayed in his neighborhood on Sunday, but the mosquitoes were back on Monday. He stated it's hard for parents to watch their kids play baseball at Joe Mack because of the mosquito problem. He added he called Vector and asked that they come out to the park at night to see the problem, but he was told by the woman at the company that they don't have time to do that. Mayor Perrin stated he will talk with the company about the park.

Mr. Tatum also stated that whoever cuts the grass at the detention pond near his home on Wofford park their vehicles in the nearby property owner's yard. He asked that they employees stop parking on private property.

Mr. Tatum then expressed concern about the Kum N Go proposal on Main and Cherry. He stated a gas station doesn't need to go in the middle of a quiet neighborhood because there is one two miles down the road.

Mayor Perrin stated he will look into whoever is mowing the detention pond and if the city has done any damage to the neighbor's property then it will be taken care of.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk