



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance.

Present 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-18:109](#)

MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Attachments: [Public Works Meeting Minutes 11082018.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-18:081](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 42 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD ARTICLE VI SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS AND AMEND CHAPTER 117-138 AND 117-139 OF THE ZONING USE TABLES

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Jonesboro Fire Department STR.pdf](#)
[Short Term Rental Permit Application.pdf](#)
[STRP Affidavit.pdf](#)
[STRP Instructions.pdf](#)
[STRP Notification Template.pdf](#)

Councilmember Gene Vance said I have one question and it has to do with the fire department's requirement. They have the requirement for a smoke alarm, but they don't have any requirements for carbon monoxide alarms. I think with what has happened recently in that particular industry that they might want to look into that.

Councilmember Chris Moore said if that is language that needs to be amended then we could simply amend that to say smoke alarm. City Attorney Carol Duncan said I think that's really just an attachment with some guidelines from them. It's not really part of the actual ordinance and we can amend that by staff. Councilmember Vance said it can be changed by the fire department and us not be involved in it. Ms. Duncan said correct. Councilmember Vance said, Chief Miller, if you will, please make that suggestion to at least look into it.

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said I have a question for Planning Director Derrel Smith. In the last part where it was talking about the C-1 variable, does that mean that if somebody had something zoned commercial they could build something that would seem almost like a single-family house for short-term rentals? Mr. Smith said the reason for the CR-1 and the C-1 is that they allow residential uses on the upper floors now. So, if there are apartments downtown that would fall under that, they would be allowed to do the short-term rentals.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-18:183](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO NAME THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED DOG PARK LOCATED AT THE EARL BELL COMMUNITY CENTER THE MIDTOWN DOG PARK AT EARL BELL COMMUNITY CENTER.

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Parks and Rec Dog Park Naming Letter .pdf](#)

Mayor Harold Perrin said we have talked to Mr. Bell and there were a lot of comments made during the dedication. We don't anticipate this being the last dog park. So, we would like to have this named Midtown Dog Park at Earl Bell Community Center, since it's right in the middle of the city. Mr. Bell had absolutely no problem with that. I think it's more distinguished of what it is and where it's at. Chairmember John Street said so you want to amend it. Mayor Perrin said if I could get a motion to do that it would be great. Councilmember Chris Moore said I will make a motion that we recommend to full council that it be named Midtown Dog Park at Earl Bell Community Center.

City Attorney Carol Duncan said one more thing to avoid confusion. We adopted an ordinance, the rules, which also call it the Earl Bell Dog Park. So, we'll be bringing back an amendment to that ordinance that changes the name in that ordinance, and it may have some other changes in the rules that have come to our attention. To avoid confusion, you will see an amendment to the dog park rules ordinance that changes the name to this as well, and also makes maybe a couple of other changes, but it will come to committee.

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

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-18:189](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTINUE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO STREAMGAGES IN JONESBORO

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [2019 Agreement.pdf](#)

Chairmember John Street said this is something we've done every year for quite a few years now. Mayor Harold Perrin said this ties into the core study, too. This is our contribution in the full study of that area. Councilmember Chris Moore asked if it was at the same price that we've always paid or was there an increase. Mayor Perrin said I think it is the same price. If I'm not mistaken. Councilmember Moore said I know it's been the same the past couple of years. Chairmember Street said Engineering Director Craig Light indicated that it was the same price.

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

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-18:193](#)

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

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilmember Chris Moore asked if this was the new signal at Henson Road. Mayor Harold Perrin said it's on Dan Avenue. It's the one where we cut the road in going into the Lacy property. Chairmember John Street said it's next to Joe Mack Campbell Park. Councilmember Moore said it's across from Henson Road. Mayor Perrin said yes sir. It's already up and we have the signal heads covered up and as soon as we get this approved, we can start getting that functional. Councilmember Moore said I saw that it had bike lanes or wide sidewalks, or something right there, too.

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

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said I had mentioned the crosswalk on Highway 141 in front of Parker Park. I don't know if that's a state issue or a city issue. Have they looked at it in any way? Engineering Director Craig Light said the Metropolitan Planning Organization, MPO, is working with the highway department on possible solutions to that crosswalk. I don't know what their timetable is and I don't think anybody from MPO is here tonight, but we can get that information to you. Councilmember Dr. Coleman said okay. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Chairmember John Street said I think it was over budget, if I'm not mistaken, on the

one on Johnson. Maybe that was included with that, but I think they've got it back down to within like \$263. So, it should be forthcoming pretty soon. Mayor Perrin said right.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams