



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

5:30 PM

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

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent 1 - Gene Vance

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-17:082](#) PRESENTATION BY MAYOR PERRIN TO VALLEY VIEW VOLLEYBALL 2017 STATE CHAMPIONS

Read

[COM-17:084](#) PRESENTATION BY MAYOR PERRIN TO AUSTIN COOK

Read

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

[MIN-17:133](#) Minutes for the City Council Meeting on November 21, 2017

Attachments: [Council Minutes 11212017](#)

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

RES-17:184

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JONESBORO BASEBALL BOOSTERS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW TURF AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Attachments: [MX-2610N 20171127 134527.pdf](#)

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-17:091

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TRANSFER OF LOCATION OF PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FROM THERAPY OF JONESBORO, INC. d/b/a THERAPY

Attachments: [Ordinance.pdf](#)
[Application for Transfer of Location of Private Club Permit.pdf](#)
[Private Club License Transfer or Change of Business Review and Conditions](#)
[JPD Approval.pdf](#)
[Lease Agreement.pdf](#)
[Alcohol Application Fee Receipt.pdf](#)
[Copy of ORD-17-071.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and offer by title only. All voted aye. Councilmember Street asked to hold this at the first reading. Mayor Perrin said that we would hold this at one reading.

Held at one reading

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-17:174

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE FY2017 CDBG ACTION PLAN

Attachments: [Funding Approval Agreement 2017](#)
[RES 17 115](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-17:083

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE LAND BANK COMMISSION; TO SET FORTH CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilmember Moore asked if this could be held to three readings. Mayor Perrin said yes, he would like for that to be done. It will be held at the second reading.

Held at second reading

ORD-17:086

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO RM-8, RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 800 SCOTT STREET AS REQUESTED BY BARBARA TOSH

Attachments: [Appeal Letter.pdf](#)
[AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117\(Tosh\).docx](#)
[Plat.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
[Staff Report.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary 17-27 800 Scott Street APPREAL.pdf](#)

Scott Troutt, attorney with Troutt Law Firm, said his address is 5626 Hollow Creek Lane and his office address is 247 S. Main Street. I am here primarily to answer any follow-up questions that may be had on this particular ordinance. We are coming to the third reading of this particular ordinance and I want to make sure that any concerns the Council may have since the last meeting that I address. I believe I indicated in my last comments that I would be amending the letter of appeal. For full disclosure, I have not done that as of yet. I had a personal issue and I should be able to get that out very promptly. I do sincerely apologize for not having done that yet. I did want to be here in case there were any other questions, comments, or concerns that I could perhaps help assuage the Council majority.

Mayor Perrin asked Mr. Troutt if he was going to make some changes. Mr. Troutt said I am going to make an amendment to the letter regarding the reasoning behind the appeal. That was something that came up in our previous meeting that I do want to go ahead and get that done so it is out there.

Held at second reading

ORD-17:087

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR, ADOPTION OF THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT, AND FOR THE FINANCIAL CONTINUITY OF 2018, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [2018 Proposed Budget](#)
[John Gay Email.pdf](#)
[Budget 2018 Amended.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned that we hold that at the second reading.

Held at second reading

ORD-17:089

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM RESIDENTIAL, R-1 TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3217 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY JOE HAYNIE OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Attachments: [Rezoning Ordinance.pdf](#)
[3217 SW Drive Plat.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary - Council.doc.pdf](#)
[Aerial View of Location.pdf](#)
[Pam Alexander Handout.pdf](#)
[Pictures of Rezoning Property.pdf](#)
[Property Owner Notifications.pdf](#)
[Quit Clam Deed.pdf](#)
[Real Property Transfer Tax.pdf](#)
[USPS Receipts.pdf](#)
[USPS Return Cards .pdf](#)

Mr. Jim Gramling, attorney representing First Baptist Church, with Owens, Mixon, & Gramling, 100 E. Matthews, said we had a community meeting before we submitted the original application. Only one person showed up, Mr. Tom Finch. He is the landowner to the immediate west and he did not express any opposition. He came there for informational purposes. At the MAPC meeting, there was a Ms. Pam Alexander and I believe her letter is now on the Legistar website there. She was also not in opposition to the application. She was concerned about sidewalks and making sure that with future developments, the sidewalk procedure was properly followed. So, there has been no opposition to this. The Planning Commission Staff Report found that it met all of the criteria. It is on Southwest Drive, on a state highway. Mr. Finch made the comment that if you can't get something zoned commercial on a state highway, then where can you. It obviously passed the MAPC unanimously. There was one absent member and one abstention. Given the location, I think the application for C-3, Limited Use excludes adult entertainment and alcohol and tobacco sales. I am happy to answer any questions anyone may have.

Held at second reading

ORD-17:090

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM RESIDENTIAL, R-1 TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4150 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY ASHDOWN PLAZA, LLC

Attachments: [Rezoning Ordinance.pdf](#)
[4150 SW Drive Plat.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary - Council.pdf](#)
[Aerial View of Location.pdf](#)
[Pictures of Rezoning.pdf](#)
[Property Owner Notifications.pdf](#)
[USPS Receipts.pdf](#)
[USPS Returned Green Cards.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned to hold it to the second reading. Mayor Perrin said that we would hold it at the second reading.

Held at second reading

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

The October 2017 Financials have been sent to you all. If you have had a chance to look at those and if you have any questions, feel free to ask me or Chief Financial Officer Bill Reznicek.

Last Friday, we had our volunteer gala which was attended by several hundred people at the Hilton Garden Inn which was very impressive and we did hand out a lot of certificates to people who have donated their time and their effort, their unselfish time I would say to a lot of the non-profit organizations here in town. So, that was real good.

Building permits last month were \$9,043,429. The breakdown is 56% on commercial and 44% on residential. Commercial is still on the top.

To remind everyone, we do have a winter conference on January 10-12, 2018 in Ft. Smith. Some of you may have already made arrangements to go to that. I hope you do. It is an excellent conference and it looks like there is going to be some good ideas on the agenda and in the workshops.

The Police Department will be doing shop with a cop with the Rotary Club. The Chief announced that the other day. It has been a tremendous program for our children here in Jonesboro. Also, our body cameras are all up and running. It is free the first year, but now we are already in the process of looking for grants to help pay for those body cameras. Grants Administrator Tiffny Calloway and I will be in Washington, D. C. in January meeting with the Department of Justice on that grant. At least that one and some other ones.

The City broke another record on our FaceBook. We now have over 11,000 followers on our FaceBook, which I think is good. We try to get everything on there as quick as we can so that the citizens can look at that and let them know what we are doing in the City.

The 911 Center is having their audits conducted. I don't see any problems with those. I think those audits will be clean.

This Thursday night is the Jonesboro Christmas Parade. Also, there is a public hearing on Highway 1B and Parker as well as Southwest Drive and Parker which will be

held at 4:30 p.m. in the lobby of City Hall. There will be displays there and also the Highway Department and our staff there to answer any questions that you may have on those two projects.

I, along with Grants Administrator Tiffny Calloway, did have a chance last week to meet with Price Gardner. He is the attorney with the Friday Firm that has been retained to look at the Citizens Bank Building and give us some options or tell us the things we need to be looking at on that project. I was amazed at the work he has done already. He is very difficult to get a hold of. We did talk to him and in that discussion, we did decide to hold up on that report and get back in touch with him in January and give him some more ideas. The reason for that is that not only has he been looking for what is there and what can be cleaned up, but he has also been discussing with some people in Little Rock, the feasibility or possibility of coming to Jonesboro and taking that building and developing it. In that regard, Ms. Calloway and I along with Mike Downing, Dr. Len Frey, and several people tomorrow will be flying to Springfield, Missouri. We will be meeting with the Mayor and looking downtown at a building that was just like or pretty similar to Citizens Bank that they remodeled and redeveloped. So, we are going to be meeting with them and all of their staff to get all of the ideas of how they did it and how it was paid for. I will bring you all a report back on that. In fact, I will dictate it and send you all an email on it in a couple of days so you can have a chance to look at it.

On our ABC and our A&P audits, Chief Financial Officer Bill Reznicek has visited with his people. They will be going out and getting the copies that they send to the State of Arkansas. Basically, what we have been doing is going out and looking at being given the receipts and not a full audit on those. I know next month they are going to go with a complete checklist and will be a full audit on anyone that pays an ABC tax and/or an A&P tax.

I am pleased to tell you that this week we did get a letter from Parks & Tourism. The City of Jonesboro received another grant for \$98,965 and this will be for Hump Track Course that will be located at Craighead Forest Park. I think there is only one of those in the state or maybe two. This is a big addition or this will be a big addition to Craighead Forest. We are real pleased to get that award.

Building permits again right now year to date, I know I have already given you last month, but we have already done \$139,384,891.62. In 2016, we were at \$205,463,150 so building permits are down a little bit and we are looking at that for the year. We do have some that are coming forward. We have two major projects. One that has been announced is the convention center. Those plans have been reviewed, but we also sent a letter to Mr. O'Reilly and his staff to get that to us for any final things that they may have changed. Clark Construction has been hired to do the construction. They will mobilize in February and supposedly should be completed by March of 2019. We will be looking at their plans. We have already done a great deal of research on their plans, but we want to make sure and see if they have made any changes on that.

[COM-17:083](#)

OCTOBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Attachments: [10-2017 State Turnback Report.pdf](#)
[2017 October Franchise tax report - Copy.pdf](#)
[2017 October Rev. Exp and Changes in FB.pdf](#)
[Oct 2017 Hotel Tax Comparison .pdf](#)
[October 2017 Deposits Collateralization Report - Copy.pdf](#)
[Required Reserves October 2017.pdf](#)
[10-2017 Expenditure Report.pdf](#)
[10-2017 Revenue Report.pdf](#)
[10-2017 Sales tax.pdf](#)

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said at the Public Works Committee meeting earlier this evening, it was asked that RES-17:190 be walked on to tonight's agenda. So, therefore, I move that we suspend the rules and place RES-17:190 on tonight's agenda. Councilmember Ann Williams seconded that. All voted aye.

RES-17:190

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE RACE ST. SIDEWALK & RR PED. CROSSING - JOB NO. 2017:26

Attachments: [Change Order 1](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-17:190. 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: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Councilmember Joe Hafner said we do need to recognize Grover Evans passing. He passed away I think it was Sunday. He served many years on the council. Like Austin, he brought a lot of good attention to Jonesboro through Paralympics. I remember growing up as a life guard at the YMCA. Grover was classified as a quadriplegic, but he had some movement of his arms. Grover would come down there and train. I would worry about him less than some of the able bodied people. He was quite a gentleman. He brought a lot of joy to a lot of people.

Mayor Perrin said that he served several years on the Council with Grover Evans. He was on my advisory board at Mercantile Bank. I got to know Grover quite well. I appreciate you saying that. I will be at the visitation here in Jonesboro on Thursday. Councilmember Hafner said the visitation will be from 3-4 on Thursday. Mayor Perrin said the final services will be in Little Rock. I appreciate you reminding me of that. Councilmember Hafner apologized for speaking out of order. Mayor Perrin said that

was fine and no problem at all.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Casteel, 1902 Independence Cove, said she wanted to brag on the Street Department. They have done some fabulous work in Scenic Hills. We have nice, clean drainage ditches. We have a lot of new areas that are now concreted and there are sidewalks in front of them, that tickles me to death. Even guard rails so that the kids walking through the subdivision don't get hurt. The guys have done a fabulous job. It looks so much better than when they started. I just wanted to thank them all for that.

Mayor Perrin said thank you very much. It is an honor and a privilege for me to serve with our people here. We consider ourselves a family when you have 580 people all over the City of Jonesboro. It is a pleasure for me to go all over, to Little Rock and out of state, and brag about our City. What I am doing is bragging about you all, what you all have done to make this City what it is today. I certainly never take it for granted. It takes all of us to make this City what it is. We never stop trying to find funds for projects for the City. We do appreciate that.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk