



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 5 - Joe Hafner; John Street; David McClain; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent 2 - Anthony Coleman and Ann Williams

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-26:030](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 4 - John Street; David McClain; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and Ann Williams

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-26:040](#)

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDS; AND, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY26 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) THROUGH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ARDOT)

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

Aye: 4 - John Street; David McClain; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and Ann Williams

[RES-26:041](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,

ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 505 W. WOODROW, PARCEL 01-144073-17500, OWNED BY THOMAS & LINDA BOBBITT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,826.87

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [INVOICE REQUEST.pdf](#)
[OFFICIAL INVOICE.pdf](#)
[VIOLATION NOTICE.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 4 - John Street;David McClain;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and Ann Williams

[RES-26:042](#)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilmember John Street asked to be recused from RES-26:042 due to his position on the CWL Board.

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

Aye: 3 - David McClain;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and Ann Williams

Abstain: 1 - John Street

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember David McClain said, Mr. Chairman, I had a couple of things. I want to ask a couple of questions about. Just trying to get some clarity if I can. So, I know we were presented last, I think it was last week, about our tournaments and just trying to figure out if somebody could explain to me. I know we had some information provided but really would like for us to have some more financials and maybe kind of what led to that decision. The reason I'm asking, from my recollection, it seemed like programs, the tournaments were ran and they made money. So now I'm just confused how we're all of a sudden, we're losing money. Maybe there's something I'm not seeing that you guys, that you're seeing.

Parks Director Jim Stearns approached the podium and said, sure. What I try to do with this expense report is just account for all of the additional expenses that in the past weren't taken into consideration. Councilmember David McClain said, like give me an example of one. Director Jim Stearns said, just like, for example, when I... on the second page of the spreadsheet, where it talks about community center staffing outside of normal hours. So, once we left outside of normal hours, we tried to account for the amount of money we spent to staff that that we normally would not. So, we tried

to create the actual real value of that. And then, like, when you see the sports coordinators planning prep that game day, what I wanted to do is I wanted to show that number of amount of time that it took them away from their day-to-day jobs to help put on this tournament. We don't have a true tournament director in our department. We have a sports staff that, in the middle of this tournament, we were in the middle of basketball season. And so what I tried to do with that additional expenses, that totaled \$8,000, that was the amount of time that staff didn't get paid for the tournament. It took them away from their duties as park employees to put on this tournament. Councilmember David McClain said, so it wasn't real dollars. It was time. Director Jim Stearns said, that's correct, yes, sir. That is correct. And I should have clarified that in the description. Councilmember David McClain said, Yeah, yeah, yeah. Okay. Director Jim Stearns said, and I apologize for that. Councilmember David McClain said, okay.

Chairman Joe Hafner said, yeah, that was going to be... like, I haven't had a chance to study the spreadsheet like as close as I wanted to so far, but that was going to be one of my questions, because I know I had some more time for you on there. I believe you're a salary employee. So, again, it wasn't really additional money. Director Jim Stearns said, no, it wasn't a true expense as far as the dollar amount expense. We tried to account for the amount of time people took away from their day-to-day jobs to put this tournament on to make it happen. You know, it was kind of handed in our lap in December, and we wanted to make sure that, as the tradition was, it was a pretty good, strong tournament with Jonesboro's reputation. And so, what we want to do is make sure it happens. So, we really took all of the staff away from their normal. Like, my pool manager gave up, I can't remember how, here it is. I mean, he spent 20 hours helping out with the tournament, on just one of the tournaments. So, he took away from his pool duties, prepping for the pool for the spring and summer to help with the tournament. We just pulled together as a team, but we wanted to include that as a time expense to show that that was a true cost of what it cost us to put that on. But it wasn't a dollar value, no.

Councilmember David McClain said, so our account, if you will, the account is still accumulating. Are we still in the positive, in the negative? And I guess if we didn't include that, if that's not real money that went out the door, then we should be... Director Jim Stearns said, so, yeah, in the real money that showed we made, we made, I want to think, it was about a \$10,000 net revenue that we made on the two tournaments. Chairman Joe Hafner said, yeah, I mean, obviously if it was an hourly employee, that was an additional expense. They weren't additional hours on top of the regular hours. Director Jim Stearns said, correct, that is correct. Chairman Joe Hafner said, but if it's like a salary employee... Director Jim Stearns said, so like the sports coordinators, pool coordinator, community center coordinator, they did not get paid additional money.

Councilmember David McClain said, so are we, I guess the comment was we're out of the tournament business. So, are we saying we're getting rid of putting tournaments on, or are we saying that's a possibility? Chairman Jim Stearns said, no, no. I truly... we've talked about this as a team. If the Ridge is not ready in January, we, our Parks Department, will make sure that these two volleyball tournaments will continue their tradition in Jonesboro. We only put on one other tournament. We put on a tournament for the Jonesboro Basketball Youth League. Most of the other tournaments that happen in the city are put on by a private organization. We don't put on an end-of-the-year city youth sports tournament. Councilmember David McClain said, right, right. Director Jim Stearns said, because we try not to emphasize the competitive side of that. As far as out, we don't want to appear to be in competition with the Ridge. We want to support the Ridge fully in their tournaments.

Councilmember David McClain said, right. Director Jim Stearns said, and so we don't want to put tournaments on in our facilities while they're trying to put on larger tournaments in their facilities. We don't want to compete with the same fan dollars so to speak.

*Chairman Joe Hafner said, also, part of the purpose of the Ridge is to open up our community centers. Councilmember David McClain said, correct. **several talking at once** Chairman Joe Hafner said, for the neighborhood kids and not have tournaments there, have them at the Ridge, and let the community centers be open to the public. Director Jim Stearns said, so it would be much more accessible to the public for public activities. We've got to try to create some additional adult sport leagues as well.*

Councilmember David McClain said, I guess the last thing in terms of this. When we look at... I don't know if other councilmembers may have questions, but if they do, they know if we could get another report maybe on the agenda. I don't know, Mr. Chairman, if we need to do that. And then also maybe look at how the gun range is performing. I don't know if that's been included. I don't think that was included in our last bit of information, but we'd like to have some information on the gun range and how it's performing every year financially. Director Jim Stearns said, sure. Councilmember David McClain said, and see where that's at. Because I know that's been a big undertaking. I don't think financially it's been the greatest. Director Jim Stearns said, so we was... the point-of-sale system was approved. We placed an order today for the equipment. We're hoping to have it to be in place, we would like to say this weekend, but most likely it will be on the 18th or the 25th. Councilmember David McClain said, okay. Well, I'm talking about if we can get something on the agenda. I don't know if you would have to request that. But, I mean, as far as maybe more discussion around our performance on our tournaments. Director Jim Stearns said, on tournaments, yes sir. Councilmember David McClain said, and then also, like I said, if we can get a report on our gun range is how it's performing, how the gun range, financially, how it's performing. Director Jim Stearns said, out at the gun range? Councilmember David McClain said, yes. Director Jim Stearns said, certainly. Yeah, I can put that report together for next Tuesday. Councilmember David McClain said, okay. That'd be great.

That's all for Jim. But then I think the last thing, Mr. Chairman, I would like to, I don't know when the last time we bid out our deposits, I know that conversation I had... I brought that up a few years ago. But I'd like to maybe recommend that we take a look at that and see what's out there as far as rates, as far as returns, and see what other banks have for us. I think the rule of thumb for most public entities is looking at doing that every couple of years, and I think that's something we should definitely take a look at and see what type of rates we can get. Chairman Joe Hafner said, okay.

Councilmember David McClain said, thank you Jim. Director Jim Stearns said, you're welcome.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - John Street; David McClain; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Anthony Coleman and Ann Williams