



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Agenda Finance & Administration Council Committee

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Tuesday, April 14, 2026

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MIN-26:030 Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

### 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).

RES-26:041 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](#)

RES-26:042 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR CITY-OWNED PROPERTY

Sponsors: Engineering

### 5. PENDING ITEMS

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



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## Text File

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**In Control:** Finance & Administration Council Committee

**File Type:** Minutes

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



# City of Jonesboro

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## Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

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Tuesday, March 31, 2026

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

**Present** 5 - Joe Hafner; John Street; Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

**Absent** 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-26:025](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 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; Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-26:031](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR LEASE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE SANITATION SIDE LOAD TRUCKS, ONE SANITATION FRONT LOAD TRUCK AND ONE SANITATION REAR LOAD TRUCK

**Sponsors:** Sanitation and Finance

**Attachments:** [AEF Document Package - CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS \(8\).pdf](#)

*Chairman Joe Hafner said, so, in summary, I think this is seven vehicles. We'll make 24 payments of \$58,098.53. There'll be a balloon payment at the end of \$1.7 million. So, we'll pay a total of, it looks like, \$3 million, I'm sorry, \$2 million, we'll pay a total of about... Are we going to do the balloon payment? Do we usually do the balloon payment? Yeah. We'll pay a total of \$3.1 million, \$2.9 million of that will be principal, and the interest will be about \$210,316.31.*

*Finance Department Director Steve Purtee approached the podium and said, I did want to clarify that this is the third re-up of that same group of seven trucks. We started that, you know, six years ago now. And, as has been the case, we anticipate that the dealer will execute the buyback at the end of that contract term, as we've done the previous two. Chairman Joe Hafner said, and just to clarify, these aren't the same seven trucks, these are new trucks. Director Steve Purtee said, yeah that's correct. They are. Chairman Joe Hafner said, these are all 2026 trucks. Director Steve Purtee said, that is correct. They're brand-new trucks. Yeah, my mistake. Chairman Joe Hafner said, yeah, I know after two or three years of repair and maintenance cost starts being really high on these trucks, so. I know from personal experience. Director Steve Purtee said, this has been very successful for the city and the Sanitation Department. Chairman Joe Hafner said, yeah, and also getting to pay it out over months instead of having to come up with it all at one time, it is beneficial.*

**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;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

[RES-26:033](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3648 HUDSON , PARCEL 01-144102-09400, OWNED BY NEEDSPACE HUDSON, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,115

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [COUNCIL NOTICE](#)  
[OFFICIAL INVOICE](#)  
[REQUEST FOR INVOICE](#)  
[VIOLATION NOTICE](#)

**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;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

[RES-26:034](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2620 CRAWFORD#11, PARCEL 01-144273-02200, OWNED BY HILLTOP RENTALS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3257.34

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [242672\\_VIOLATION LETTER](#)  
[COUNCIL NOTICE](#)  
[INVOICE REQUEST](#)  
[OFFICIAL INVOICE](#)

**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;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

[RES-26:035](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 607 ALFRED WATKINS, PARCEL 01-144083-14500, OWNED BY WESLEY KYLE GRIMES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [COUNCIL NOTICE](#)  
[INVOICE REQUEST](#)  
[OFFICIAL INVOICE](#)  
[VIOLATION NOTICE](#)

**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;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

[RES-26:036](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1100 HUNTINGTON, PARCEL 01-143134-01900, OWNED BY VERNON WOOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$415

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [COUNCIL NOTICE](#)  
[INVOICE REQUEST](#)  
[OFFICIAL INVOICE](#)  
[VIOLATION NOTICE](#)

**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;Ann Williams;Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain

**5. PENDING ITEMS**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

*Chairman Joe Hafner said, I know Mr. Stearns, our Parks director, wanted to give us an update on some of the events that they've had going on. Parks Department Director Jim Stearns approached the podium and said, yeah, I just want to give you guys a quick update on the basketball season we just concluded. We have six weeks of youth basketball. We had nearly 975 kids signed up for basketball, 37 games, every Saturday, over the last six weeks, and we had 7,717 paid attendees that attended to basketball. Between all of our expenses, revenue, et cetera, we made an overall net of \$3,030.92. And so, youth basketball's pretty solid. Concessions were really well. We did a really good job with expenses. Staff had did a really good job on that. So, I just*

want to give you guys a quick summary of youth basketball.

Field sports will start this weekend, so in another six weeks, I'll bring another summary back to you guys. Also have a quick summary of the two volleyball tournaments that we held back in January, February. There was a question about the revenue that we generated in that tournament, we generated about \$70, if I can have my numbers real quick, about \$70,000 we generated on those two tournaments. On the Icebreaker, which was the first one, it was the largest one. We ended up profiting about \$995 on that tournament. It had a lot larger. And then in the We Care tournament we ended up losing about \$7,500. So those two tournaments, in the tournament business ourselves, we really lost about \$6,505 on those tournaments. So, I can get you guys, if you like, I can email you an expense report if you want to see that, have a look at that. It's really tough to be in the tournament business. That's why we've kind of stepped away from that realm in Parks and Rec and really concentrated mostly on our youth sports programs.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I have some questions that doesn't concern to that. I guess here lately I've had people ask me about the way that they going to pay. About credit cards and stuff like that. And I keep wondering, what about all these people that don't have credit cards? Director Jim Stearns said, so we are actually demoing a cashless option tomorrow with the Finance Department. We hope to, probably not by opening day of field sports on the 4th of April, but by the 11th of April we hope to be able to offer a cashless option at all of our events. And we'll continue to purchase that equipment throughout the season to be able to be cashless in all our facilities. We're not going to go completely cashless. We're going to offer a cashless option. So, you'll still be able to pay cash at the gate and the door and the concessions, but we will offer that option to use credit/debit card for those events.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, well, I asked that question, you know, a lot of people ask me about, talking with me about that, but, you know, matter of fact, I guess because I worked at ASU one time, they were talking about how ASU was losing a lot of money behind the cashless deal. And I don't, for the people in Jonesboro who don't have cards or that type thing, it kind of bothers me that they can't be able to enjoy the items that other people do that have a card. Director Jim Stearns said, our goal in Parks is to never discriminate against people that don't have access to credit or debit cards, or don't want to send their kids with the credit or debit cards to an event. But we want to offer that option for those people that feel like that's easier for them. And so, we will not ever be completely cashless unless told differently. But we want to offer that option for accounting purposes, as well as a lot of people, that's all transactions that they use.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I get another question. Will there be bargain days over at the pool? You know, I have a lot of people, a lot of people have talked to me about how high it costs to get into the pool over there. And the only thing I can do is just, as a councilperson, is just ask the questions, you know. Will there be bargain days or will the tickets be the same? How's that going to work this summer? Director Jim Stearns said, so are you asking me if the fees will be the same?

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, yeah. Director Jim Stearns said, so we don't anticipate changing the fees, the entry fees, to our events at this time. We're going to evaluate that, probably, over the next six months, as we go into this cashless transaction opportunity for sells. But, we don't anticipate changing our fees.

Councilmember Ann Williams said, is there such a thing as a season pass where someone can, you know, get a family season pass, and save money by doing that instead of buying individual tickets, you know? Director Jim Stearns said, yes, ma'am, that's correct. We're going to offer season pass for field sports this year. You can buy

*those at the community center now, or you'll be able to buy those at the gate. We're also offering a season pass at the pool this year. Councilmember Ann Williams said, oh, okay. Director Jim Stearns said, to save money. Councilmember Ann Williams said, so that would be a little bit cheaper than buying individual tickets for a family. Director Jim Stearns said, yes ma'am. And the pool season passes, there'll be a monthly and a seasonal. Councilmember Ann Williams said, ok. We had those growing up but they were like a dollar. You know, back then when I was young. Director Jim Stearns said, if you had a season pass you were a big dog.*

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 4 - John Street; Ann Williams; Charles Coleman and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Anthony Coleman and David McClain



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300 S. Church Street  
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## Text File

File Number: RES-26:040

**Agenda Date:** 4/14/2026

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**In Control:** Finance & Administration Council Committee

**File Type:** Resolution

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).

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas understands the Federal-aid TAP Funds are available at 80% Federal participation and 20% local match to continue the construction of the Culberhouse Multi-Use Trail Connector to Craighead Forest Park; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas understands that Federal-aid Funds are available for this project on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished and proof of payment prior to actual monetary reimbursement; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated project cost is \$2,144,639.73 and the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas is requesting \$1,715,711.73 in TAP funding with a local match of \$428,928 and an additional 1% ARDOT administrative fee of \$17,157, calculated from the TAP Federal share, for a local funding total of \$446,085; and,

WHEREAS, this project, using federal funding, will be open and available for use by the general public and maintained by the applicant for the life of the project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION 1: The Jonesboro City Council supports the submission of the FY26 TAP application to continue the construction of the Culberhouse Multi-Use Trail Connector to Craighead Forest Park and hereby authorizes the ARDOT to initiate action to implement this project.

SECTION 2: The Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the application.

SECTION 3: The City of Jonesboro, Arkansas will participate in accordance with its designated

responsibility, including maintenance of this project.

SECTION 4: The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above stated project.

SECTION 5: The Jonesboro City Council pledges its full support and hereby authorizes the ARDOT to initiate action to implement this project.



# City of Jonesboro

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## Text File

File Number: RES-26:041

**Agenda Date:**

**Version:** 1

**Status:** To Be Introduced

**In Control:** Finance & Administration Council Committee

**File Type:** Resolution

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: HALTOM'S 2ND ADD 10' LOT 2 ALL LOT 3

WHEREAS, THOMAS & LINDA BOBBITT, the owner of record, was properly notified of a code violation at 505 W. WOODROW, and refused to remove or correct the conditions identified by the code enforcement officer of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas; and,

WHEREAS, the code enforcement officer corrected the code violation on 02/03/2026 using city funds in the amount of \$5,826.87; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro seeks to perfect a lien against the affected property to cover the cost of the work pursuant to A.C.A 14-54-903.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1: The city should proceed with placing a lien on the property located at 505 W WOODROW.



**CITY OF JONESBORO**  
**Code Enforcement**  
Request For Invoice

To: Tosha Moss                      Date: February 4, 2026                      Case # 244503

Property Address: 505 W. Woodrow St. Jonesboro, AR 72401 APN# 01-144073-17500

Notice to Repair or Remove Sent on: November 20, 2025  
Deadline for Owner Abatement: December 22, 2025  
Demo Completed On: February 3, 2026

Need to send the following charges to this person.

Property Owner: Thomas & Linda Bobbitt  
300 Sundown Ln.  
Jonesboro, AR 72405

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>AMOUNTS</u>
Title Search	\$ 250.00
Newspaper Publication	\$ 241.80
Attorney Ad Litem	\$ 770.88
Demolition Charge	\$ 3,500.00
Certified Postage for Notices	\$ 41.12
Standard Postage for Notices	\$ 3.07
Admin Fees	\$ 1000.00
Filing Fees	\$ 20.00
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Total	\$ 5,826.87

Thank you,  
Scott Roper  
Jonesboro Police Department  
Code Enforcement Division  
PO Box 1845  
Jonesboro, AR 72403



DATE	INVOICE NO
2/4/2026	0070190

<b>BILL TO</b>
Thomas & Linda Bobbitt 300 Sundown Lane Jonesboro, AR 72405

DUE DATE
3/11/2026

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	EFFECTIVE RATE	AMOUNT	DISCOUNT	CREDIT	BALANCE
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PREVIOUS OUTSTANDING BALANCE 275.00

Code Enforcement Charges:

Filing Fee - 505 W Woodrow	1.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
Admin. Fee - 505 W Woodrow	1.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Standard Postage for Notices - 505 W Woodrow	1.00	3.07	3.07	0.00	0.00	3.07
Attorney Ad Litem - 505 W Woodrow	1.00	770.88	770.88	0.00	0.00	770.88
Title Search - 505 W Woodrow	1.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Newspaper Publication - 505 W Woodrow	1.00	241.80	241.80	0.00	0.00	241.80
Certified Postage for Notices - 505 W Woodrow	1.00	41.12	41.12	0.00	0.00	41.12
Demolition Charge - 505 W Woodrow	1.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00

**INVOICE TOTAL: 5,826.87 0.00 0.00 5,826.87**

PLEASE DETACH BOTTOM PORTION & REMIT WITH YOUR PAYMENT

For questions please contact us at (870) 932-3042

DUE DATE	INVOICE NO
3/11/2026	0070190

Customer Name: Thomas & Linda Bobbitt  
Customer No: 023390  
Account No: 0035582 - Code Enforcement Charges

**Please remit payment by the due date to:**

City of Jonesboro  
300 South Church Street  
PO Box 1845  
Jonesboro, AR 72403

Invoice Total: 5,826.87  
Discounts: 0.00  
Credit Applied: 0.00  
Ending Balance: 6,101.87

**INVOICE BALANCE: \$5,826.87**  
**AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_**



# JONESBORO

## ARKANSAS

### *Notice of Repair or Remove*

11/20/2025

THOMAS & LINDA BOBBITT  
300 Sundown Ln.  
JONESBORO AR 72405

Case #: 244503  
Subject: 505 W WOODROW, JONESBORO, AR 72401

Dear THOMAS & LINDA BOBBITT :

At its meeting on 11/18/2025, The City Council of the City of Jonesboro adopted a resolution finding and declaring the subject property to be a nuisance that must be repaired or removed. A copy of the Condemnation Resolution is enclosed.

You are hereby directed to board and secure the structure at all times until the structure is brought into full compliance with applicable building or abatement codes or until such time as the structure is razed and removed. Boarding and securing the structure does not relieve the owner of the requirement to diligently repair, rehabilitate or demolish and remove the structure.

If you decide to abate this nuisance you must obtain necessary permits and commence abatement work with thirty (30) days from the date of condemnation by City Council. The permits shall expire forty-five (45) days from the date of issuance. Abatement work is expected to be completed before the permits expire. **A fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 may be imposed and an additional fine of \$250 for each day thereafter.(Ord. 11.32.12)**

In the event you have not obtained necessary permits and commenced work to abate the nuisance with in thirty (30) days from the date of condemnation by City Council the City will take actions required to abate the nuisance. All costs of abatement will be billed to you as owner of the property. Payment of this bill will be actively pursued. A tax lien will be placed on the property until payment is received in full. **A fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 may be imposed and an additional fine of \$250 for each day thereafter.(Ord. 11.32.12)**

Should you have any questions about this process, please call the City's Code Enforcement Office at 870-933-4658.

Cell: 870-926-1404 Email: [dcooley@jonesboro.org](mailto:dcooley@jonesboro.org)

Sincerely,

David Cooley  
Code Enforcement Officer



# City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street  
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## Text File

File Number: RES-26:042

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**Agenda Date:**

**Version:** 1

**Status:** To Be Introduced

**In Control:** Finance & Administration Council Committee

**File Type:** Resolution

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

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro is requesting that City Water and Light provide free utilities at the following location:

6106 Southwest Drive

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1: That City Water and Light requested by this resolution to provide free utilities to the location listed above.

Section 2: To permit such services to be provided without charge, the City of Jonesboro hereby affirms to City Water and Light that the ultimate use of CWL utilities so provided is now and shall remain a use or purpose which the City is engaged in as part of its governmental or proprietary functions under authority to it by state law.