



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY 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 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent 1 - Gene Vance

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-13:028](#)

Downtown development presentation by Mr. Ben Owens, Sr.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mr. Owens discussed future downtown development for continued improvement. He explained downtown Jonesboro includes north Jonesboro and should continue with revitalization so it can become more like Highway 351. He further explained the Greenway Trail will help when it connects with downtown Jonesboro and the Matthews Medical Mile. ASU has issues with Aggie Road and improvements can be made to how Aggie connects with Johnson Avenue and further to downtown Jonesboro. He noted potential funding sources are HUD and CDBG grants, along with private foundations and local interest groups. He noted the precursor is infrastructure and now is the time for that thinking and planning. HyettPalma developed a plan in 1999 for the City. They would like to present their findings with planners, such as HyettPalma, and to organize a group to help with the process. Councilman Coleman agreed that the timing is right, but the Council and community will need to be involved in order to get people to understand it. He expressed concern that Jonesboro could start consistently seeing more days with 150,000 people in town. He questioned how the City could adequately be prepared for that.

Mayor Perrin explained he was on the Council when the HyettPalma study was done. He remembers how they discussed loft apartments and retail downtown. Today you see those features downtown. He will be requesting information from HyettPalma and will present the information to the Council. Mayor Perrin agreed that downtown is not just Main, Union and Church Streets. It is much more than that and that is what needs to be looked at and addressed.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

MIN-13:032

Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 2, 2013

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made that this Minutes be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

RES-13:050

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PAYLESS FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A OUTFIELD SIGN AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Payless Furniture and Appliances](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-051-2013

RES-13:052

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH J CHRISTOPHER TOYS FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A OUTFIELD SIGN AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [J Christopher Toys](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-052-2013

RES-13:053

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH FIVE GUYS BURGER FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A BASEBALL FIELD AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Five Guys Burgers Contract](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY

VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-053-2013

RES-13:057

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE JONESBORO JETS

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Jets Contracts](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion passed BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-054-2013

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-13:014

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Moore abstained from voting and discussion with this ordinance.

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Moore who abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Abstain: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-014-2013

ORD-13:015

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Fears abstained from voting and discussion with this ordinance.

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, with the exception of Councilman Fears who abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Abstain: 1 - Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-015-2013

ORD-13:016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Dover 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-016-2013

ORD-13:017

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2405 STADIUM BOULEVARD AS REQUESTED BY TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Councilman Moore questioned whether the ordinance has any opposition. Mayor Perrin stated he did not know of any opposition. He questioned whether the Planning Department knew of any opposition. They indicated no.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-13:020

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 651 W Huntington, Owner: Caren Hughes.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report018](#)
[100E2184](#)
[100E2186](#)
[100E2193](#)
[100E2187](#)
[100E2194](#)

No one spoke on behalf of this condemnation.

Passed

Enactment No: R-EN-055-2013

RES-13:023

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 1444 W Huntington, Owner: Louise Hensley / Gordon Hensley

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report016](#)
[100E2206](#)
[100E2204](#)
[100E2200](#)
[100E2199](#)

No one spoke on behalf of this condemnation.

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-056-2013

RES-13:025

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 410 Borgman Parcel #01-144173-16000 Owner: Larry O. Williams

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report039Inspection Report](#)
[Inspection Report013](#)
[100E2511](#)
[100E2509](#)
[100E2510](#)
[100E2512](#)
[100E2513](#)

No one spoke on behalf of this condemnation.

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-057-2013

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He and MPO Director Marsha Guffey will be at the Highway Department meeting in Little Rock tomorrow. He will ask to be put on the agenda in June in order to make a presentation concerning the eastern bypass.

They met with Burlington Northern Railroad. They assured him the Fisher Street crossing will be fixed. They discussed whether there would be any railroad money or federal grants available for an overpass over the railroad crossings on Highland Drive. The company will get back with them about that.

He will be in Washington D.C. next week with several other people. They have a meeting with the federal highway director and the Department of Transportation to discuss any federal funding that may be coming down from that level. They hope to receive another application with regards to an environmental study on Commerce Drive related to the eastern bypass. They met with Lori Tudor from the Highway Department last week, who showed them various alternative routes. It would connect Highway 63 to Clinton School Road.

He thanked the Americorp employees for helping the community.

The Building Facilities Committee met last week. They looked at four properties to sell because they do not anticipate the City needing them in the future – 508 West Monroe, 1103 Cobb, 5300 CW Post Road and 417 South Patrick.

They have signed off on surveying Patrick Street because of the narrow width. That will help them determine how much of the land the on Patrick the City will be selling. The first phase of the survey will go from the railroad tracks to Washington Avenue. The second phase of the survey will take it to Matthews Avenue.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street complimented Mr. Owens on his presentation. He also complimented the Quality of Life unit for their work with getting older buildings condemned in order to provide an opportunity for redevelopment.

Councilman Woods thanked the Mayor for the survey concerning Patrick Street. He also thanked Mr. Owens for his presentation.

Councilman Moore also thanked Code Enforcement and Lt. Nelson for their work. He stated if it wasn't for Code Enforcement, then the changes would be more negative.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk