



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Council Committee

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Tuesday, July 19, 2011

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

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### 1. Call To Order

*Mayor Perrin was unable to attend.*

**Present** 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

### 2. Approval of minutes

**MIN-11:053** Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 21, 2011

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

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

**Aye:** 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

### 3. New Business

#### *Ordinances To Be Introduced*

**ORD-11:055** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING AND ESTABLISHING NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF

**Sponsors:** Police Department

*Police Chief Michael Yates explained the parking problem was brought to his attention after meeting with some of the Neighborhood Associations concerning some unique parking problems. He added most of the items listed in this ordinance already exist in some form or another, but in order to find some compromise over some issues of blocking sidewalks he felt some of the terminology needed to be more narrowly defined. He noted the City has a parking ordinance that affects the downtown parking area, but if the City adopts this then it will give the City a way to deal with the parking problem throughout the City.*

*Discussion was held concerning the definition of what parking in the street means. Chief Yates stated as long as an emergency vehicle can get through a street then the rule concerning parking on the street for some areas does not apply. He added he will welcome any suggestions concerning this ordinance.*

*Councilman Mikel Fears stated he received some calls from some Property Owners Associations and citizens concerning parking on the street and was wondering if this*

will allow the Property Owners Associations to put signs up in their neighborhoods. Chief Yates answered it will not apply to the Property Owners Associations, but the City could put up the signs if need be. He noted enforcing this ordinance will be primarily complaint driven. He added the City can ask the person to move the vehicle and if that doesn't work then a citation could be given, but as long as the obstruction requirement is met then it would be covered by this ordinance.

Discussion was held concerning parking in residential areas.

Chief Yates explained one of the most common complaints the City receives is people walking in the street and obstructing traffic. He added there is a requirement in this ordinance that states when a sidewalk is available you have to use the sidewalk.

Councilman Chris Moore asked if this just needs to be reviewed or placed on the Council agenda. Chairman Johnson answered that it can be placed on the Council agenda, but have 3 different readings so if this ordinance needs reworded then it could be.

**A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

#### **4. Pending Items**

COM-11:053 Mosquito control update for June, 2011, by Vector Disease Control International

**Attachments:** [Mosquito report for June, 2011](#)

Councilman Chris Gibson asked that Vector give a report concerning the gnat problem at the next meeting.

**This item was Read.**

#### **5. Other Business**

#### **6. Public Comments**

#### **7. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears