



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

Public Works Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Nominating & Rules Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 8 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent 4 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 4 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

MIN-09:129 Minutes for the special called City Council meeting on December 10, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes December 10, 2009](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

MIN-09:135 Minutes for the City Council meeting on December 15, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

RES-09:136 A RESOLUTION TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO BE A HOST AGENCY FOR EXPERIENCE WORKS.

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Experience Works Agreement](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-001-2010

RES-09:207 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE ROTARY CLUBS OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Rotary Clubs of Jonesboro Construction Agreement Fort Rotary Extension 11](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-002-2010

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-09:105 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF JONESBORO MASTER STREET PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS OF CHAPTERS 101, ARTICLE III, AND CHAPTER 113, ARTICLES III & IV, OF SUCH TECHNICAL CODE, AND ADOPTING SUCH AMENDMENTS AND MASTER STREET PLAN BY REFERENCE

Sponsors: Engineering and Planning

Attachments: [Chapter 101, Article III](#)
[Chapter 113, Articles III & IV](#)
[Master Street Plan Code Amendments Redmarks](#)
[ACCEPTABLE](#)
[PREFERRED](#)
[msp_map_DEC_1](#)
[MPAC Record of Proceedings Master Street Plan 12 08 09](#)
[Walkability Study](#)

The ordinance was read for the second time by title only.

Ms. Pam Alexander asked if there were any questions concerning the Walkability Study. Mayor Perrin stated he was impressed by the study and thanked Ms. Alexander for her assistance in making the study. He noted some of the items that are in the Walkability Study will be addressed in 2010 through the Street Department.

He explained they will be bidding out crosswalks and identifying intersections which will be improved. He further explained a meeting will be held this Thursday, January 7, to start the process.

Councilman Hargis stated he was also impressed by the study and the work performed by Ms. Alexander. He added there are not a lot of specifics in the Master Street Plan and questioned whether the Walkability Study should be incorporated into the Plan. Ms. Alexander explained it is her understanding that during the comprehensive planning process another look will be taken at some of the issues pointed out in the Walkability Study.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Held at second reading . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 4 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

ORD-09:112 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES; FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO COMMERCIAL (C-3) LIMITED USE OVERLAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1840/1846 HIGHLAND DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY THE WINDLE FAMILY TRUST-AGENT:CIVIOLOGIC, INC.

Attachments: [Windle Plat](#)
[Staff Summary RZ09-22 Windle Family Trust Council](#)

Councilman Street questioned whether there was any objection to the rezoning. City Planner Otis Spriggs explained there was one abutting family that had concerns. He further explained their concerns were addressed at the MAPC meeting and were added to the ordinance.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Hargis, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 4 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-001-2010

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-09:083 AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY ARTICLE 1, SECTION 101-1 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPT THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS BY REFERENCE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF GUIDING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Land Use Policy Narrative Final October 22 2009](#)
[Proposed Land Use Map & Appendix Maps](#)
[MAPC Record of Proceedings](#)
[Land Use Opposition - Easley](#)
[2009 land use map FINAL](#)

The ordinance was read for the third time by title only.

Councilman Street stated he knows there were some citizens who had concerns about the Land Use Plan and noted the Plan is still a working document. He added he hopes they have educated the citizens enough to know the Plan is not a rezoning and rezonings will still have to be brought before the MAPC and the City Council.

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman McCall, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 4 - Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-002-2010

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

The Mayor reported the following items:

The Corps of Engineers will be starting work on January 15 and he has already sent out the scope of work to the Council members.

He noted he and City Clerk Donna Jackson will be attending the Washington, D.C. fly-in trip with the Chamber of Commerce at the beginning of March and recommended rescheduling the March 2 Council meeting. Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to reschedule the March 2, 2010, City Council meeting to March 4, 2010. All voted aye. He added they have some extra time during the trip in which they hope to meet with the Corps of Engineers, Department of Transportation, Department of Energy, Department of Housing & Development, the EPA and the Department of Justice. He stated he will report to the Council members what happened during those meetings when they return from Washington.

A meeting is being held on Friday, January 8, with Legislative Audit in Little Rock concerning the recent 2008 Legislative Audit report.

The State of the City address will be ready at the next meeting.

The multi-year budget process will start at the end of this month. He will be meeting with the department heads to discuss each department's needs for 2011 and 2012.

Actual amounts from the 2009 budget will be reported at either the next Council meeting or the first meeting in February. They will be doing cleanup through Thursday. He will send out the information before the meeting in order for the Council members to evaluate it before the meeting.

He and many Council members attended an MPO planning meeting at the Chamber of Commerce today. He stated it opened his eyes as to what is possible through the MPO and Planning Departments. He added he would like to set up a meeting at the first of February in order to generate more ideas and will be reviewing with the department heads some of the things discussed at the meeting.

Arkansas Business Today reported the State Department of Finance and Administration released their numbers for the tax revenues in December. It was reported revenues were down by \$20.9 million and is below forecast by \$50.4 million. It was added funding may need to be cut in regards to state turnback. He noted he will be attending some of the meetings during the Legislative Session in February so he will be aware of where cuts may be made.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street stated the MPO meeting could not be possible without everyone's participation and support. He explained the meeting was very important and there is a lot of funding out there the City could take advantage of.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to add RES-09:213 be added to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:213

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALL SERVICE ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 29 FLASHING BEACONS AND 2 CROSSWALK SIGNALS - JOB NO. 2009:48

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Specs](#)
[Plans](#)
[Bid Tab](#)
[Agreement](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 4 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-003-2010

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and add ORD-09:116 to the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-09:116

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 06:104 AND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES AND REMOVING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD FOR CITY WATER AND LIGHT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 4 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-003-2010

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and add ORD-09:117 to the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-09:117

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JIM EAGAN AS TREASURER FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 4 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: O-EN-004-2010

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to suspend the rules and add RES-09:214 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:214

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A 20 YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman

Ann Williams, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 4 - Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

Enactment No: R-EN-004-2010

Councilwoman Williams reiterated the Mayor's earlier comments commending the MPO meeting held earlier today at the Chamber. She also thanked Mr. Drew Merriman for his work to line up the presenters at the meeting.

COM-10:001

Statement as read by Councilman Jim Hargis at the City Council meeting on January 5, 2010.

Attachments: [Statement](#)

Mayor Perrin explained a lot of things have happened in 2009 that will prevent issues addressed in the 2008 audit from happening again. He further explained with checks and balances now in place monthly and quarterly reports will be given regarding City accounts. He added the meeting to approve the audit report will be held on Friday, January 8, 2010. He noted there will be an explanation of some of those funds. Councilman Hargis stated there should be some trail of where the funds went.

This item was Read.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City employee Larry Jackson explained he recently met with the Mayor, Operations Director Gary Harpole and Human Resources Director Gloria Roark concerning the employee benefits and the new employee handbook. He stated benefits turned out better than he expected for employees. He further explained the benefits will be better in 2010 as opposed to 2009. He added that although the employees did not receive cost of living increases, the number of benefits increased.

Mr. Harold Carter, 902 Toni Drive, questioned whether the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Commission would be public. Mayor Perrin answered the meetings are open to the public. Mr. Carter asked where he could get the information as to when and where the meetings will be held. Mayor Perrin stated the commission and its subcommittee meeting dates and times will be published so any citizen can attend the meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 4 - Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;Gene Vance and Mikel Fears

Harold Perrin, Mayor Date: _____

Attest:

Donna Jackson, City Clerk Date: _____