



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY - 5:15 P.M.- Huntington Building - 900 W. Monroe

PUBLIC WORKS - 5:45 P.M. Special Called Meeting - Huntington Building

FINANCE - 6:00 - Special Called Meeting - Huntington Building

PUBLIC HEARING - 6:15 P.M.

No opposition was voiced.

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 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent 1 - Mitch Johnson

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-09:123](#)

Proclamation to bring awareness to cognitive diseases.

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Representative Butch Wilkins and Dylan Seals, a ninth grader at Valley View Schools. Rep. Wilkins thanked Mayor Perrin for the proclamation and noted the Buddy Walk will have their walk the same weekend as the Memory Walk. He added he appreciates everything everyone is doing.

This item was Read.

[COM-09:120](#)

Proclamation to Mr. Wallace Fowler and Mr. Kelly Pope for their leadership efforts in the City of Jonesboro's Beautification Program.

Mayor Perrin presented proclamations and keys to the City of Jonesboro to Mr. Fowler and Mr. Pope. He noted their work in the beautifying Highway 63 has earned a two page report in this month's issue of City & Town Magazine, which is published by the Arkansas Municipal League and is state-wide. Mr. Fowler thanked Mayor Perrin and City Council for his help in the beautification program. He noted the county

has also been helpful with the beautification efforts.

This item was Read.

COM-09:121

Proclamation in recognition of Hope Week.

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Ms. June Morse.

This item was Read.

COM-09:125

Proclamation declaring October 8, 2009 as Walkability Day in Jonesboro.

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Ms. Pam Alexander. She encouraged everyone to participate in the walk in order to make Jonesboro a more walkable community.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, 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; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

MIN-09:093

Minutes for the City Council meeting on August 31, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-09:129

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1718 BUFFORD STREET, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A DETENTION POND

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Mayor's Letter](#)
[Offer and Acceptance - Easement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-09:130

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 3730 MOORE ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIGHTING FOR THE WELCOME TO JONESBORO SIGN.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

RES-09:139

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ZERAUS COMMUNICATION (SPRINT) FOR JONESBORO'S WIRELESS COMMUNICATION NEEDS

Attachments: [Cell Phone Bids](#)

Later in the meeting, City Attorney Crego explained they will preparing an addendum to the Sprint master contract that will include Jonesboro-specific provisions. Mayor Perrin noted the City will be receiving an \$11,000 credit and a Blackberry server for the phones.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-09:058

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING A RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 212 E. WORD AVENUE KNOWN AS LIBERTY STREET ALLEYWAY, A PORTION OF LIBERTY STREET, LYING NORTH OF WORD STREET

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[Rennell Petition](#)
[Utility Letters](#)

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

Councilman Woods abstained from discussion and voting since he is asking for the abandonment.

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

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

Abstain: 1 - Rennell Woods

ORD-09:059

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SURVEY OF THE PIPE INVENTORY THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Finance

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

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

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

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

ORD-09:065

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIE FOR DAVID ABERNATHY

Attachments: [Staff Summary RZ09-17 David Abernathy Rezoning Council Plat - David Abernathy](#)

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

Councilman Dover asked if there was any opposition. City Planner Otis Spriggs answered 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 an unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-09:054

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES LOCATED AT 2506 AND 2510 E. JOHNSON AVENUE FROM C-4 AND R-1 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AS AT 2506 & 2510 EAST JOHNSON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY JAMES CARR AND WILLIS AND CAROLINE GRAY

Attachments: [Carr & Gray Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only as amended. City Attorney Phillip Crego noted the ordinance has been amended to include the Limited Use Overlay language and recommended the Council start at first reading.

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

Councilman Dover questioned whether there was any opposition to the rezoning. Mr. Spriggs answered no.

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

Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin informed the Council he and City Engineer Craig Light will be traveling to Memphis this week in order to start the project with the Corps of Engineers. He added the City received \$130,000 grant for the project. He stated they have a lot of data that will help with the in-kind contribution.

Mayor Perrin stated Legislative Audit is still at City Hall, but he anticipates an exit interview within the next two to three weeks. He also stated there will be another public hearing regarding the Master Land Use Plan and the Planning Department is continuing to compile information for the plan.

He explained the Engineering and Street Departments have over 846 work orders stacked up because the City hasn't been in the field much over the past few years. He further explained he is working with Mr. Light and Street Superintendent Floyd Lemm to improve the turnover rate so they can respond in 24 hours.

Mayor Perrin stated they met with Ms. Karen Bassett from ADEQ concerning the landfill. He stated he hopes the City will authorize the purchase of an incinerator in order to get limbs and other debris cleaned up at the landfill.

Mayor Perrin announced a ribbon cutting ceremony for Highway 67 at Newport on October 15, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. He noted they have all been invited to attend the ceremony and encouraged everyone to attend.

He noted the street overlays have been delayed due to the weather, but will commence again next week. He also stated FTN is working on the landfill closure and should have it in final stages within 30 days.

Mayor Perrin explained 61 workers from the Mississippi County Correctional Unit will be working to clean up ditches, including Turtle Creek. He further explained they hope to use the workers every week or every other week.

Mayor Perrin informed the Council they have identified three pieces of property that the City owns that it has no use for at this time. He stated they hope to put together an ad for the Jonesboro Sun to publish this weekend asking for bids for the properties. He identified the properties as being the old fire station on the corner of Matthews and Caraway, the 85 acres the City purchased on Strawfloor and 8 acres on Ely Walker in the Industrial Park. He noted all of the properties have been appraised.

Lastly, Mayor Perrin commended CDBG for the revitalization meeting at Allen Park. He noted the plan is in infancy and needs to be put in action.

COM-09:129

Revenue Enhancement proposed 2010 fee schedule as presented to the City Council by Mayor Harold Perrin at the meeting on September 15, 2009.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Revenue Enhancement Committee

Attachments: [Proposed 2010 Schedule](#)

Mayor Perrin asked for the Council to review the information and explained the City could add \$898,555 worth of extra revenue if the fees are adopted. Councilman Dover asked how much lead time they will need in order to inform the citizens of the changes. Mayor Perrin stated he anticipates the fees will be effective January 1, 2010. He noted in their research they contacted cities the size of Jonesboro as well as surrounding cities such as Paragould.

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

WALK ON AGENDA ITEMS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to add all of the following walk-on items to the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-09:061

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE 2009 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT IN THE FEDERAL GRANTS FUND AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

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

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

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

ORD-09:066

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 ANNUAL BUDGET TO INCREASE THE POLICE BUDGET BY \$1,174,447 TO PAY FOR ESTIMATED BILLING FOR 2009 AND FIVE MONTHS OF DELAYED BILLS FROM 2008

Sponsors: Police Department and Finance

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

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

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

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

Vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

ORD-09:067

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF AN INCINERATOR FROM WASTE REDUCTIONS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Sanitation

Attachments: [WRT letter](#)
[Jonesboro Contract for Purchase of Waste Incinerator \(5\)](#)
[Jonesboro Terms and Warranties WASTE INCINERATOR \(4\)](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-09:134

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DESOTO COUNTY ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE TRAFFIC DETECTION RESTORATION AT SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[Contract](#)
[Award Verification](#)

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: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

ORD-09:069

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF FIRE STATION PAGING SYSTEM FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: E911 and Fire Department

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

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

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, 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: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-09:135

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR 2009 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM (SRTS) FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-09:140

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PREWETT ENTERPRISES, INC. DBA B & P ENTERPRISES FOR THE RAIL MAINTENANCE AND ROAD CROSSING SIGNAL TESTING AND MAINTENANCE - JOB NO. 2009:38

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Specifications](#)
[Bid Tab - Rebid](#)
[Recommendation](#)
[Certification - Award Contract](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-09:142

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH JAIL FEES BETWEEN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [jail bill agreement](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-09:143

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY TO AND ACCEPTANCE OF REAL PROPERTY FROM JONESBORO CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A SITE FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND CEMETERY SEXTON

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Street abstained from voting because he serves on City Water and Light's Board of Directors. Councilman Frierson also abstained from voting due to being an attorney for City Water and Light. Councilman Fears also abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, 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; Chris Moore; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson and Rennell Woods

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

Abstain: 3 - Charles Frierson; John Street and Mikel Fears

Councilman Frierson questioned the status of a recent lawsuit. City Attorney Crego stated he believes there was a jury verdict today for the sum of \$15,000, which constitutes a favorable ruling for the City since the request was for \$150,000.

Councilman Hargis noted there are maps concerning the walkability progress over the last few months. He encouraged everyone to view the maps.

Councilman McCall thanked Mr. Lemm for the Street Department's help with some work orders concerning cleaning up some estate property on Airport Road. He added they were really quick to get the work done.

Councilman Woods commended Grants Coordinator Gayle Vickers and Operations Director Gary Harpole for their work with the north Jonesboro revitalization meeting. He noted the revitalization also includes east Jonesboro.

Councilman Street welcomed Nordex to Jonesboro. He also noted Mayor Perrin will be honored by Arkansas State University on September 21st for his work on the ASU Board. Mayor Perrin added he recently attended a meeting with Nice-Pak where they announced Jonesboro will be kicking off a national program for infectious disease control.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

11. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

_____ **Date:** _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk