



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

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Tuesday, December 19, 2023

5:00 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** 6 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

**Absent** 1 - David McClain

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-23:112](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on November 21, 2023

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

**A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - David McClain

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

#### *ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED*

[ORD-23:045](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - David McClain

### 5. PENDING ITEMS

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Mitch Johnson said, I did have one thing I had looked over. I've been noticing more and more at intersections throughout the city how there's more and more debris that seems to be accumulating from accidents and these things not being cleaned up afterward. So I kind of looked at our code of ordinances concerning that, and of course it says that it'll be the responsibility of every wrecker operator to remove and provide for the removal of all debris from the highway before leaving the scene of an accident with no additional fee. I did see that was a state requirement as well, so when I looked back at the penalties, under B1 was any violation of this subsection can be subject to you being removed on a temporary or permanent bases from the call list of the Jonesboro Police Department. So I was kind of trying to look through and see how we could maybe put some more meat into this and enforce it, and really, two just says all complaints will be investigated by the chief of the police department or his designee. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, and those are investigated by Sgt. Martin. He does that regularly. Chairman Mitch Johnson said, so is this something that people call in about Carol or do we just do spot checks? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, sometimes or an officer may complain that while he or she were finishing up their report the wrecker left and left debris. That kind of thing. Chairman Mitch Johnson said, so I guess my question would be, would it be in our best interest to come up with a better way to enforce this while they're on the scene to where we don't have to come back and investigate it at a later date? Councilmember Chris Moore said, why don't we just ask the chief right here. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I do think officers do ask them to clean up the debris or point out if they see something that's missing. That's my understanding. Police Department Chief Rick Elliot approached the podium and said, topic of conversation? I just walked in. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, debris that's left behind not cleaned up by wreckers after accidents. Chief Rick Elliot said, it is the wrecker's responsibility to clean up the scene. It's the officer's responsibility to make sure that if the wrecker hasn't done so to do so, and there have been occasions that we've gone back and figured out who the wrecker was at the scene to come back to the scene and pick up debris. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I will say that the wreckers takes it very seriously getting removed from our rotation. That's a penalty they don't want. Chief Rick Elliot said, it's costly to them but on the other hand we don't want trash being in our streets, so we do ask that they sweep up, clean up fluids, and any other debris from the scene. I do know that from time to time they miss things and just generally have the traffic guys call the wrecker company back and have them pick it up. So if something comes to your attention let me know and we can get it picked up. We generally don't have a whole lot of problem with it, but from time to time wrecker drivers get in a hurry and miss things. But it's already on the books. Chairman Mitch Johnson said, yeah I pulled all of that and looked at it. It just seems like there's more stuff accumulated over a period of time, and as we keep talking about making the city look better. And you notice it when you're setting at the intersections. Chief Rick Elliot said, I totally agree. We're at well over 3,000 accidents a year and last month we hit well over 300. And so, there's a lot of wrecks and from now through Christmas there's going to be a lot more. Chairman Mitch Johnson said, sure, and I know a lot of those intersections are needing to be cleaned up and opened up as quickly as possible. Chief Rick Elliot said, they do, and again I know a lot of time, you sitting there, they miss some small fragments of reflectors from headlights and taillights and things like that. I'll stress that to the officers that not only the big pieces but sweep up the small stuff too.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 5 - Chris Moore; Brian Emison; Janice Porter; Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - David McClain