



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC WORKS 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

Mayor Harold Perrin was not in attendance due to illness. President Pro-Tempore Chris Moore preceded over the meeting.

Present 9 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent 3 - Ann Williams; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-20:006](#)

PROCLAMATION TO ADAM SARTIN FOR "CHRISTMAS AT THE PARK"
PRESENTED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Read

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman abstained from voting on the Consent Agenda because of his reappointment to the Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Planning and Advisory Committee which is part of RES-19:217 which is on the consent agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 8 - Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Ann Williams; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Abstain: 1 - Charles Coleman

[MIN-20:010](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 21, 2020

Attachments: [CC Minutes 01212020](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

[RES-19:217](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-005-2020

[RES-20:014](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE AWARD FROM THE JONESBORO-UNIVERSITY ROTARY TO UPGRADE THE ALLEN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER SKATE PARK AND AMEND THE 2020 BUDGET

Attachments: [Rotary Award Letter-Skate Park](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-006-2020

[RES-20:015](#) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE WALMART FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE THE COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS TO UPGRADE THE ALLEN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER SKATE PARK AND AMEND THE 2020 BUDGET

Attachments: [Walmart Facility# 128 Community Grant Request Status Request ID 571906](#)
[Walmart Facility# 6876 Community Grant Request Status Request ID 571906](#)
[Walmart Facility# 6943 Community Grant Request Status Request ID 57726](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-007-2020

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-20:007](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FROM C-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO PD-M PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, MIXED USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5201 STADIUM BOULEVARD AS REQUESTED BY CARLOS WOOD ON BEHALF OF C & O ENTERPRISES, LLC.

Attachments: [Staff Summary - Council Application](#)
[Rezoning Plat](#)
[Concept Layout](#)
[Elevations](#)
[School Email](#)
[Stadium Notification Map](#)
[Stadium Deed-Clines-CO Enterprises](#)
[5201Stadium-RezoningPlat-012920](#)

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long to suspend the rules and offer ORD-20:007 by title only. All voted aye.

Markkleda Holland, 5004 Wakefield Drive, said, I am contesting this proposal. I moved here from Hernando, Mississippi when my husband died three years ago. And, both of my neighbors on each side of me, have recently bought their homes. And, when I bought it, they said it was commercial and so now, I think that is very unfair that you have a proposal to build homes now. The traffic is bad. We have a park there. Children walk there. They have fireworks there. People go there and walk and let their children play. There is going to be so much more traffic there. And, I am going to lose my privacy and my property is going to go down. So, I contest this.

Freddie Brewer, 5012 Wakefield Drive, said, I am against it because of the problem with the value of our homes going down with these smaller homes coming in. I think it is too many homes all there in one little area. Also, the drainage is bad over there. And, I noticed the ballpark's parking lot which is right beside it had water standing in it Sunday and I am sure it had more today. And, the traffic issue is going to be terrible. That one little street going out of there, with all of the people from the ballpark and then from Apt Drive is just going to be a really congested area.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-19:083](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES §54-43, KNOWN AS YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Attachments: [Paper Leaf Bags Presentation](#)
[Amendment Proposal](#)

Councilmember John Street said, there has been a recommendation that this be postponed indefinitely. So, I move based on the recommendation from Mr. Downing that that be postponed indefinitely. Councilmember Bobby Long said, second. All voted aye.

Chief of Staff Mike Downing said, to follow up with you all, I distributed a handout of a proposed amendment to this ordinance based on some public comment that we got and also research of other cities. We will bring that to the Public Works committee on March 3, 2020. So, if you all have any suggestions or comments, please let me know. The issue is that Sanitation has thousands of bags, plastic bags to pick up. They get

behind, especially in the late fall and winter. It slows down operations so we are just trying to look for the best options to speed up the work. Councilmember Bobby Long said, Mike, I would like for you to look into another option that would be the truck that sucks the leaves right up off of the curb. That would actually save our citizens money rather than costing them more. So, I would like to do that. Mr. Downing said, I know there are a couple of cities that do that. It is not a cheap piece of equipment. So, we will definitely take a look at that and show you the options then. Councilmember Long said, okay. Mr. Downing said, and again, if you all have any suggestions or other ideas about this, this is not a perfect situation where we have got a great answer. Some have suggested that we limit the number of bags that homeowners can put out for leaves. Now, that is difficult for some people. I do think that we have a problem as far as the speed, especially in the heavy areas so I am not sure exactly what the best solution is at this point.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Ann Williams;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

[ORD-20:005](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 117-107, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2311 E. JOHNSON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY JOANN NALLEY

Attachments: [Staff Summary - Council Application](#)
[Plat](#)
[Rezoning Sign Pictures](#)
[USPS Receipts](#)
[Green Card Returned](#)

Held at second reading

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Chief of Staff Mike Downing made the following comments in the absence of Mayor Perrin:

In lieu of the Mayor, I have got a few things that are going on, some community events and some others.

February 6-9, 2020 is the Arkansas Sports Show by the Rotary at the First National Arena.

Just down the street at The Forum is the show the Newsies from February 21-24, 2020.

A couple of projects is the Hester Street Bridge should be open, depending on weather, probably the first of next week. They have done some good work on that.

Parks and Rec Director Danny Kapales tells me that last weekend we had 37 teams in a basketball tournament. In two weekends, we are going to have an 80 team volleyball tournament. So, that is good tourism for us.

Demolition started at the Veteran's Village a few days ago.

I think it was today or yesterday, the Crowley's Ridge Cruisers provided a check of \$1,000 for the Miracle League. So, we are always soliciting money for that. I think we have about twelve projects that we are soliciting money for and we are looking at better ways to promote those projects.

The boarding ordinance, which I put the news release on your desk, goes into effect April 1, 2020. We are doing a standard operating procedure and getting ready for that.

The Census training sessions will be at the library on February 4th and February 10th at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for people who are curious about how that works and to get more information about the process.

The Fire Department had their annual awards back on January 24, 2020 and Derrick Donnell was Firefighter of the Year and Brent Deckard was the Officer of the Year. So, we congratulate them.

The Arkansas Municipal League is next week, Wednesday through Friday.

We are working on trying to confirm a date with Suddenlink. We think it is going to be later this month. And, we will let you all know as soon as we have the date and do a press release on that.

We are working on a seminar to promote possible interest for the Opportunity Zone. The Opportunity Zone is in three different census tracts in Jonesboro. It is a federal tax incentive program for development and we are working with some others to put on a seminar here in town.

The State of the City, the Mayor will do that. He will first do it at Harmony Gardens sponsored by the Chamber on February 20, 2020 and then to the City Council on March 3, 2020.

Councilmember Charles Frierson said, I didn't understand what we are doing with Suddenlink. Mr. Downing said, Suddenlink, there has been several complaints by citizens over customer service, billing, etc. and for a while, they had to contact the city for complaints. I am not sure if they have stopped that, not yet. Communications Director Bill Campbell said, people are still complaining, but we have no authority. Mr. Downing said, in other words, we don't have any authorization on the operations so we have talked to their folks and they are going to hold a community session to answer concerns and things like that. So, that date will be announced shortly. Councilmember Frierson said, okay.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, said, just a suggestion because I got a lot of comments and stuff like that from the public and so I didn't know whether it was going

to be pulled or not, but a way maybe to save the city some money is that with those 4,000-5,000 bags that are out there on Strawfloor right now is that maybe what we need to do is to get some of the inmates that we have at the jail and have them help us. You know, we could either put a truck out there and have them open up the bags and put them into the incinerator. We could have them open up the bags and put them on the ground and maybe put a mulcher out there and have them mulch up the leaves because our springtime is going to come up so we can go ahead and sell some of the mulch to absorb some of the cost that we have because I think that mulch would be a lot cheaper than you could buy at stores. So, if there is a way that, maybe that, the city could let go or make up for some of that money and also too, to help with those 4,000-5,000 bags out there and so that would help the city on there. So, that was a suggestion that some people had. President Pro-Tempore Chris Moore said, okay, Patti, I am sure the Mayor is going to be forthcoming with a proposal and I will have Mike pass those comments onto him. Ms. Lack said, okay, I thought it was a good one. Thanks.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson LJ Bryant, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Ann Williams;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk