



# City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes - Final Nominating and Rules Committee

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Thursday, February 6, 2014

4:15 PM

Municipal Center

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### Special Called Meeting

#### Election of a Chair

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*Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, that Councilman McCall be elected chair of this committee. All voted aye.*

#### **1. Call To Order**

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*Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.*

#### **2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson**

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**Present** 5 - John Street; Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover; Rennell Woods and Tim McCall

#### **3. Approval of minutes**

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**MIN-13:115**

Minutes for the special called Nominating & Rules Committee meeting on December 17, 2013

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

**A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - John Street; Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover; Rennell Woods and Tim McCall

#### **4. New Business**

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Discussion concerning the Ward 6, Position 2 Council vacancy

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*Chairman McCall explained the options of filling this position is having the public submit applications and the City appoint the best candidate or the second option would be to hold a special election.*

*Councilman Dover recommended the citizens be allowed to apply for the position.*

*Mayor Perrin discussed the process the City did when the last position was vacated.*

*Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, that the citizens be allowed to apply for the position and interviews be held. All voted aye.*

*Councilman Coleman explained he wouldn't have an issue with someone being picked for the position if the term had only 6 months left, but since several years are left on the term he thinks an election should be held.*

*Councilman Woods inquired what a special election would cost. Mayor Perrin answered he believes it would cost between \$20,000 to \$35,000.*

*Councilman Johnson stated he thinks the citizens should have input on whether the City takes resumes from people who would like the position or a special election should be held.*

*Chairman McCall agreed with Councilman Johnson.*

*Councilman Coleman also agreed with Councilman Johnson.*

*Councilman Moore recommended the City come up with a procedure to follow in case this issue comes up again. He added the procedure needs to states if a certain percentage of the term is left then an election is held.*

*Councilman Moore then asked if State Law dictates whether a position of another elected official have a time on it. City Attorney Phillip Crego answered no. He added State law states the Council has the option to either appoint someone or to hold a special election. He noted the committee can recommend what process to follow, but the full Council would have to be the ones who appoint a new member.*

*Councilman Moore asked if the City can state a special election has to be held if a certain amount of time is left on a term. Attorney Crego answered the City can, but the State Code states that if the time left on the term is less than 2 years then the City has to appoint someone.*

*Mayor Perrin stated only 2 to 2 ½ years will be left on the term after all of the details are worked out for when the election would be held.*

*Chairman McCall asked if the City needs to postpone a decision on who to appoint until they can come up with a procedure on how to handle vacancies. Councilman Moore noted the Council should have the input from the citizens on either to appoint someone or hold a special election. He added he recommends handling this vacancy and then come up with a procedure on how to handle future vacancies.*

*Councilman Moore asked that the issue of coming up with a procedure to handle vacancies be on the next Nominating and Rules Committee agenda.*

### Ordinances to Be Introduced

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**ORD-14:005**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED CITY COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES TO SET A STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR THE RESCHEDULING OF REGULARLY CALLED MEETINGS OF THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

**A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Rennell Woods, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - John Street; Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover; Rennell Woods and Tim McCall

*Resolutions To Be Introduced*

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**RES-14:005**

RESOLUTION TO MAKE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING FACILITIES COMMITTEE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, REVENUE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

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**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

**A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - John Street; Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover; Rennell Woods and Tim McCall

**5. Pending Items**

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**6. Other Business**

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**7. Public Comments**

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**8. Adjournment**

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**A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Rennell Woods, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - John Street; Mitch Johnson; Darrel Dover; Rennell Woods and Tim McCall