



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

NOMINATING AND 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 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent 1 - Rennell Woods

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-11:030 Proclamation by the Mayor for Motorcycle Awareness Month

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin proclaimed May, 2011, as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and urged all citizens to increase their awareness regarding motorcycles on the roadways.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, 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; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Rennell Woods

MIN-11:034 Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 19, 2011.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-10:123 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM MALL AT TURTLE CREEK, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)
[Drainage easement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-043-2011

RES-11:034 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT FOR A GREENSPACE SITE FOR HARPS FOOD STORES INC., A COMMERCIAL PLANNED DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Agreement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-044-2011

RES-11:041 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO CONTINUE THE CONTRACT WITH BRACKETT-KRENNERICH AND ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF JONESBORO FIRE STATIONS.

Sponsors: Fire Department

Attachments: [Fire Station 4 Owner Architect Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-045-2011

RES-11:043 A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COLLEGIATE PROPERTIES, INC FOR CORPORATE HOUSING

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Gainesville FL](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-046-2011

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-11:037 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Finance

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

Councilwoman Williams explained this is a cleanup ordinance.

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

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Rennell Woods

Enactment No: O-EN-031-2011

ORD-11:038 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO I-1 LUO LOCATED AT 300 NORTH KATHLEEN AS REQUESTED BY DEREK BALTZ

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only and asked it be held at one reading.

This item was Held at one reading.

ORD-11:039 AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE ELAVON TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR COLLECTION OF ALL PAYMENTS MADE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO BY CREDIT CARDS

Sponsors: Finance

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

Councilwoman Williams explained this will provide a better deal for the City due to a decrease in fees. Mayor Perrin added the City currently uses Heartland, but will be changing due to the lower fees. Councilman Moore questioned when citizens will be able to make payments online. Mayor Perrin stated they are currently looking at that for 2011.

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

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Rennell Woods

Enactment No: O-EN-032-2011

ORD-11:040

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF RADIO UPGRADES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE.

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

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

Councilman Fears questioned what the total amount was for the purchase. Mayor Perrin answered \$43,660.75, which is \$899 for the radios and \$1,500 per station.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to adopt the emergency clause. 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 a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Rennell Woods

Enactment No: O-EN-033-2011

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

The service agreement has been approved by Principal Financial concerning the non-uniform pension plan. In the next few weeks he will be coordinating a presentation by Foster and Foster to the Finance Committee in order to discuss the plan and make some decisions.

He thanked the Police Department and Street Department for their assistance during the flooding on Sunday. He stated the Street Department helped move a tree that was on Nettleton Avenue and a police officer helped push a car out of waist-high flood waters to safety.

They have extended help to surrounding cities regarding their flooding. He visited

with the Lake City mayor and offered the citizens of Lake City shelter at Earl Bell, Parker Park and Allen Park if needed.

The Building Facilities Committee is meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday in the Mayor's Conference Room.

Grants Coordinator Heather Clements is now working with \$22 million in grant funding and has found several grants that were overlooked.

They met with the Highway Department concerning Highway 1 at the Highland Drive intersection, where the future Harps grocery store will be located. He explained they are looking at a double left-hand turn lane on Highway 1 onto Highland. They met with the church and are looking at getting easements.

They are also looking at the Highland Drive/Church Street intersection. They are looking at improving that area to make traffic flow easier, including taking down the candlesticks on Main Street near the Walgreens. He noted there is another commercial business looking to be located near the Advanced Auto Parts store on Highland, which will increase the traffic in that area. He also stated they have already received the \$30,000 check from Harps to help with improving the intersection. Councilman Moore explained the candlesticks were put on Main Street near the Walgreens because people were stopping in the left lane to turn into Walgreens and were causing problems. He asked that Mayor Perrin carefully consider that before he decides to take the candlesticks down. He noted the candlesticks were originally put in to help traffic flow and were supposed to extend past the entrance to Walgreens to prevent traffic in the left lane from making right hand turns across the right lane of traffic into the Walgreens driveway.

The Municipal League will be holding their conference on June 15.

The Legislative Auditors have been there for a few weeks, but he has not been presented with many questions.

He asked for City Attorney Phillip Crego to discuss the King's Ranch lawsuit. Mr. Crego noted each Council member should have received a copy of the federal court ruling that went against the City. It directed the City to allow reasonable accommodation of up to 8 children and 2 house parents at the address owned by King's Ranch. He noted the ruling specified the numbers as well as the address. He stated damages and liability are still on the table and that proceeding will be held on July 18. He added there is nothing to be considered by the Council at this time. Councilman Moore questioned whether the judge's ruling affected the future development of the property. Mr. Crego answered no, the ruling was narrowly drawn so future development will require King's Ranch to start the process over again. Councilman Dover clarified the choices now are to go to court and litigate the damages or to settle out of court. Mr. Crego stated any settlement proposals will be presented to the Council, but there is nothing in that regard on the table at this time. Councilman Fears questioned whether the damages awarded by the court will be taken out of the City's budget. Mr. Crego answered yes.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street commended the Navy Seals and American military forces regarding Osama bin Laden.

Councilman Moore acknowledged the work done by the Street Department on the washout damage behind the levee. He commended the work that was done.

Councilman Vance explained Councilman Woods is absent tonight due to the birth of his son, Landon James.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parks Department employee Larry Jackson discussed the work that was recently done at Craighead Forest by the Street Department. He commended the Engineering Department, City Engineer Craig Light, Mayor Perrin and the City Council for their work on the retention ponds to help with preventing flooding. He also made note of the work done by the storm watchers last week when a tornado hit south of Jonesboro.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Rennell Woods

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

Attest:

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