



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

5:30 PM

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent 1 - Gene Vance

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-15:061 Long term plan presentation from MPO Director Erica Tait

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Sponsors: MPO

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

MPO Director Erica Tait discussed the MPO program (see presentation attached to file).

Mayor Perrin asked which goal the connectivity project with ASU would fall under. Ms. Tait answered that is part of their mobility goal. They are working diligently on their project. They met with the MPO Technical Committee today. The project list will be a part of the draft, so people can review it and make comments.

Mayor Perrin then asked Ms. Tait to discuss the Highway Department's STIP

(Statewide Transportation Improvement Program). Ms. Tait explained the STIP program lasts for four years with the current cycle ending in 2016 and the new cycle beginning in 2016. Whatever is in the city's short-term plan during the next four-year cycle will have to be put into the city's long-term plan and goes to the top of the project list. They are working hard to ensure the best projects for the region will be accounted for on that list.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to remove RES-15:060 from the consent agenda. All voted aye.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

MIN-15:098

Minutes for the City Council meeting on October 20, 2015

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-15:151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL INTERNATIONAL, LLC

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Jonesboro Vector contract 2012-2018](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-140-2015

RES-15:157

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE CITY'S SALARY AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY

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Sponsors: Human Resources

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-141-2015

6. NEW BUSINESS

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Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to go into executive session to discuss the promotion of an employee. All voted aye.

After the executive session, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, for the Council meeting to start regular session. All voted aye.

RES-15:060

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE CITY SALARY & ADMINISTRATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ADD A DEPUTY CITY CLERK POSITION TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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Sponsors: City Clerk

Attachments: [Deputy clerk job description](#)
[Salary & Administration Plan 2010](#)
[Salary & Administration Plan 2015](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Charles Frierson, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily until the City Council meeting on November 17. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-15:058

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED CITY COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2016; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Sponsors: City Council

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

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

Councilman Gibson stated this is not a pressing issue, so it can be held at one

reading.

This ordinance was Held at one reading.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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ORD-15:056

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO I-1 INDUSTRIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2401 DAN AVE. AS REQUESTED BY CITY WATER & LIGHT AND THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS.

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- Attachments:** [TRACT A PLAT](#)
 [TRACT B PLAT](#)
 [Site Building Schematic Drawings](#)
 [MAPC Report](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Held at second reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Abstain: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN COUNCIL

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ORD-15:028

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE TO THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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Sponsors: Inspections

- Attachments:** [Mayor's Statement from June 16, 2015](#)
 [Letters of Opposition](#)
 [Letters of Support](#)
 [Exterior Maintenance - Landlord's Association](#)

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

Chris Gibson, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He will be sending out the quarterly report for Matt Sagely tomorrow or Thursday. He is trying to set up a conference call with two companies this week to discuss the Miracle League Field. He is also setting up appointments to meet with people during the fall conference this year.

The city has done 10 miles in overlays this year. The city has approximately 585 miles of streets to maintain inside of the city. They are adding about two miles every year to maintain.

City Stars won the state sports management award from the state parks administration. He congratulated the Parks Department and the City Stars.

The overlay on the new bridge on Caraway Road is rough. There will be a second overlay done, hopefully starting this week. They will also be overlaying the intersection of Matthews Avenue and Caraway Road where the new JETS station is located.

The city sold \$19 million in building permits last month with 74% commercial and 26% residential. He noted the city is growing 2.5% to 3% every year and he doesn't see it slowing down.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place RES-15:163 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-15:163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO TRANSFER AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS BETWEEN GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS AND THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Grants and Municipal Airport Commission

Attachments: [JBR Municipal Airport Transfer of Entitlements](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-142-2015

Councilman Woods congratulated Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler for his opportunity to take part in the Red Wolf Championship. He then discussed two state meetings he attended with the Mayor recently. He said they need to continue to build a skill set that the city and region needs to sustain the economy.

Councilman Gibson stated he has started receiving questions about polling sites for the sales tax election. Mayor Perrin explained the sites are listed on the city's website. Early voting will be held today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday. No early voting on Saturday since it's a special election. Early voting is held at the annex. The election is on Tuesday, November 10th, and all nine polling sites will be open.

Councilman Moore suggested now that Jonesboro has a commissioner on the Highway Board, maybe they could look into getting a guardrail near the ditch across from JT White on Parker Road. Mayor Perrin stated he will ask the Highway Board about looking into that.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Teresa Beck, 16 Plantation Oaks, spoke in support of the property maintenance code. She thanked the Council for allowing the committee to work on the code. She thinks they have a product that will help the city take care of dilapidated properties. She added this is a just another piece of the puzzle to make the city a progressive place. She discussed a person she knows who is losing renters because of poor housing conditions with another property.

Donna Lackey, 1003 W. Matthews, also spoke in support of the property maintenance code. She referred to the progress that she has seen in the city that has led to the city becoming a hub. She stated the maintenance code will be effective in keeping the quality of life that we all enjoy. Without it, property value will be affected and that, in turn, will be a negative factor for the quality of life. She asked the Council to support the property maintenance code.

Jason Whitley, 2205 Auburndale Cove, spoke in opposition to the maintenance code as it is currently written. He explained he was on Property Maintenance Code Committee and is president of the Jonesboro Board of Realtors. Their realtors board recognizes the city does need some sort of property maintenance code. But, they would like to see it apply to the exterior, not the interior.

Bill Smith, 314-D Main Street, discussed the downtown area. He stated he thinks there should be more of a police presence in regards to patrols. There is traffic in downtown, speeding, drivers not paying attention to the crosswalks. Residents downtown would like to see more foot traffic from the Police Department downtown.

Charles Willis, 3012 Woodsprings Road, referred to an earlier meeting where an individual wondered why they were under certain regulations, yet others got waivers. He stated with the property maintenance code is worded it has many intentional and unintentional consequences. He doesn't think the property maintenance code is good and it should be reviewed further. He asked the Council to set something in concrete that applies to everybody.

Bill Waldrip spoke against the property maintenance code. He stated he is surprised about the number of people who don't know about the new code. He thinks it will put a hardship on tenants because landlords may have to do improvements and pass the cost down to tenants by way of higher rents. A lot of people can't afford to pay the increase in rent. A lot of people have to budget repairs and do them when they can. If the city mandates repairs, people on a fixed income will have a hard time paying for the improvements.

Donnie Swindle, 4118 Peach Street, also spoke in opposition to the property maintenance code. He explained he is physically disabled and unable to make improvements to his property in the manner the maintenance code reads. He thinks the code is overdoing it. There are enough codes in place now. Code Enforcement has all the codes they need and he doesn't see where this is necessary. He added the code will put a hardship on people who have disabilities.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Gene Vance

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk