



PUBLIC HEARING 6:15 P.M. - A public hearing was conducted for the purpose of vacating and closing part of an alley north of Hope Avenue and south of Creath Avenue, between Bridge and Baker Streets as requested by St. Bernard's Hospital. No opposition was voiced.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – April 3, 2007

The Jonesboro City Council met Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Mayor Doug Formon, City Clerk Donna Jackson, City Attorney Phillip Crego and eleven council members. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Moore was unable to attend.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to approve the minutes of March 20, 2007, city council meeting as delivered. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall.

Mayor Formon issued a proclamation recognizing the Jonesboro Hurricane Basketball Team for their win of the 6-A state championship on March 10th.

The following ordinance was on the third reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-5, LOCATED AT 2217 WOODSPRINGS ROAD (Gary Odor)

City Attorney Crego announced the ordinance contained the wrong zoning classification "C-5", which does not exist. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Frierson to amend the ordinance replacing the "C-5" zoning classification with "CR-1". A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Street offered the amended ordinance for first reading. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend with the second and third readings of the amended ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the amended ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The ordinance was assigned number 30-2007.

The following ordinance was on the third and final reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT I-1, LOCATED AT MOORE ROAD BETWEEN C. W. POST ROAD AND HIGHWAY 63 (Roddy Thrasher)

Councilman Hargis moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Mr. Terry Bare, requested the emergency clause be adopted, stating the property was located in the industrial park and they wanted to make sure the ordinance was in affect prior to the work beginning. No action was taken on the emergency clause. The ordinance was assigned number 31-2007.

The following ordinance was on the third and final reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-1, LOCATED NORTH OF HOPE BETWEEN BRIDGE STREET AND BAKER STREET. (St. Bernard's Medical Center)

Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The ordinance was assigned number 32-2007.

Councilman Street offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING PART OF AN ALLEY NORTH OF HOPE AVENUE, AND SOUTH OF CREATH AVENUE, BETWEEN BRIDGE STREET AND BAKER STREET (St. Bernard's Hospital)

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The ordinance was assigned number 33-2007.

The following ordinance was on the third and final reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-4 LIMITED USE OVERLAY, LOCATED ON HIGHLAND DRIVE BETWEEN WOFFORD AND RAINS. (First Financial Bank)

Attorney Don Parker, representing First Financial Bank, had submitted a revision to his original ordinance on March 20, 2007. The revision contained language pertaining to the Limited Use Overlay, and the installation of a cul-de-sac. The original ordinance was read, rather than the revised version of the ordinance and therefore no action was taken.

Councilman Dover offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE JONESBORO STREET DEPARTMENT BY UPGRADING ON FULL-TIME POSITION

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend with the second and third readings of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 35-2007.

Councilman Dover offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A FOUR PERCENT (4%) INCREASE IN THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS BEING RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2007

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Johnson moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 36-2007.

Councilman Dover offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO APPROVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY AS PROVIDED IN A.C.A. 24-12-120

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend with the second and third readings of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams

for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number 37-2007.

Councilwoman Furr moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams for the adoption of a resolution placing the following "STOP" signs within Jonesboro:

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| Annadale Circle @ Annadale Drive - Northeast Corner | Culberhouse Cove @ Culberhouse Street |
| Annadale Circle @ Annadale Drive - Southwest Corner | James Cove @ James Street |
| Aston Cove @ Oakmont Drive - Northeast Corner | Troy Cove @ Nathan Drive |
| Aston Cove @ Oakmont Drive - Southwest Corner | Tawn Drive @ Nathan Drive |
| Auburndale Cove @ Autumn Drive | Sandino Drive @ Greensboro Road |
| Barrington Cove @ Annadale Drive | Bridger Place Drive @ Old Bridger Road |
| Brighton Lane @ Cordova Lane | Beacon Street @ Richardson Drive |
| Camden Lane @ Cordova Lane | Ridgepointe Cove @ Woodsprings Road |
| Camden Lane @ Gallaway Cove | Walters Road @ Kellers Chapel Road |
| Charity Court @ Bowden Drive | Latourette Drive @ Caraway Road |
| Flat Rock Trail @ Kellers Chapel | Prospect Drive @ Prospect Farm Road |
| Friendship Circle @ Bowden Drive | Cypress Moss @ Paragould Drive |
| Jada Cove @ Layman Drive | Prospect Farm Lane @ Prospect Farm Road |
| Jenni Lane @ Layman Drive | Prospect Farm Road @ Aggie Road |
| Lakecrest Drive @ Jenni Lane | Latourette Drive @ Latourette Lane |
| Lexington Place @ Auburndale Cove | Lafayette Lane @ Charleston Drive |
| Northwest Corner of Annadale Drive @ 3401 Annadale Drive | Glouster Drive @ Old Bridger Road |
| Oakmont Cove @ Oakmont Drive | Ozark Road @ Stoney Drive |
| Regency Cove @ Auburndale Cove | Brittney Lane @ Prospect Road |
| Sanctuary Cove @ Chapel Hill Drive | Beaver Creek Lane @ Flemon Road |
| Sistine Chapel @ Chapel Hill Drive | Goldrush Lane @ Prospect Farm Road |

A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number 2007:47.

Councilwoman Williams moved, seconded by Councilman Hargis for the adoption of a resolution approving the City of Jonesboro's application for the Safe Routes to School Grant. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number 2007:48.

Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams for the adoption of a resolution setting a public hearing for April 17, 2007 at 6:15 p.m. for the purpose of abandoning a 60' un-named street right of way which connects to Matt (Carter) Drive and Briar Lane of Carter Second Addition for the NEA Clinic. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number 2007:49.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams for the adoption of a resolution certifying local government endorsement of Alberto Culver to participate in the tax back program. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members

were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number 2007:50.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson for the adoption of a resolution amending the Jonesboro Pay Plan for the positions of Chief City Engineer, Assistant City Engineer, Civil Engineer, and Public Works Director. Councilman Johnson expressed concern of having such a broad scope of pay range for the position of Chief City Engineer. Mayor Formon and Ms. Suzanne Hackney stated they would change the range to read from Step 11 to Step 12 rather than Step 11 to Step 18, since it would meet the salary needed for the position. Councilman Hargis expressed concern that the salary was being constructed for one person, as opposed to the job market of potential engineering candidates. Ms. Hackney stated she had received information from six applicants, and of the six, five listed a salary range of \$85,000 to \$95,000. Councilman Johnson stated his concern was not the salary, but rather the broad range for future job applicants.

Under new business, Mayor Formon announced a tornado warning had been issued stating one had touched down near the industrial park area.

Councilman McCall announced there would be a Rotary Centennial Park ceremony on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 12:00 noon.

Councilwoman Furr recognized Mr. Andy Peeler who addressed the Council regarding agenda item E, a rezoning for First Financial Bank. He explained he lived at 217 Wilkins and was representing several of his neighbors. Mr. Peeler stated they were in favor of the rezoning but the zoning change should include a cul-de-sac at the end of Wofford. He further stated the cul-de-sac had been postponed till the completion of the traffic study, and yet no plans have been made. Councilman Johnson stated the planning commission had requested the cul-de-sac when Advanced Auto Parts property was rezoned. Councilman Street explained they did not want to close the property until the traffic study was complete in case a decision was made to cut the corner at the church and connect with Wofford. Mr. Peeler stated the plan calls for an entrance to the bank building on Rains and Highland. He requested the entrances and exits be right-turn only from all directions, so there is no cross traffic.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson to add three items to the agenda under new business. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall.

Councilman Street offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF STORM SIRENS

Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to suspend with the second and

third readings of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Johnson questioned why they were not ordering enough to have some in reserve for backup. Councilwoman Furr agreed with Councilman Johnson and further stated there are places in Jonesboro, which do not have any sirens, naming Windsor Landing, home of approximately 300 residents. Councilman Frierson suggested the Engineering Department study the need for additional sirens and bring it back to the Public Works Committee. Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The ordinance was assigned ordinance number **38-2007**.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Frierson for the adoption of a resolution placing a 90 day moratorium on signage. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number **2007:52**.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the following nine properties for the creation of detention ponds:

<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>	<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>
Harold & Frances Peek	1300 Oakhurst Street	\$32,000.00	February 14, 2007
Bill & Patricia Thomas	1304 Oakhurst Street	\$29,000.00	February 14, 2007
Edward & Joyce Holder	408 Parkview	\$85,000.00	December 16, 2006
John A. James	412 Parkview	\$45,000.00	December 16, 2006
Alice Halfacre	500 Parkview	\$2, 250.00	January 19, 2007
Shirley Kuster	502 Parkview	\$2. 230.00	January 22, 2007
Steven & Heather Smallman	504 Parkview	\$2.230.00	December 16, 2006
Edward & Joyce Holder	Vacant-Lot/West Highland	\$32,000.00	December 16, 2006
Edward & Joyce Holder	Vacant-Lot/West Highland	\$20,000.00	December 16, 2006

A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number **2007:53**.

Mr. Teddy Hooton reported the LOMR on Whitman's Creek has been completed and approval

should arrive this week, with finalized April 30th. He also reported Turtle Creek is being reviewed and should be completed by the end of April and finalized May 30th if the time line holds. Councilman McCall responded saying based on the information provided by Mr. Hooton, residents in the mall vicinity should be out of the flood plain within the next three to seven months. Mr. Hooton confirmed Councilman McCall's question. Mr. Bernie Auld explained once the maps are published, each land owner would need to get with their mortgage company who may or may not require a survey of the property or an elevation certification. Mr. Auld stated FEMA has the information on their web site that could clear up questions individuals may have.

With no further business, Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Dover, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Frierson, Province, Hargis, Williams, Perrin, Street, Johnson, Dover, Furr, McCall, and McCall.

DOUG FORMON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DONNA K. JACKSON, MMC, CITY CLERK