



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Councilmember Chris Gibson entered the meeting at approximately 5:07 p.m. during the Vector Mosquito Control Report given by Jim Stark.

Present 7 - Mitch Johnson; David McClain; Chris Moore; Brian Emison; Janice Porter; Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-23:092](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by LJ Bryant, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Chris Moore; Brian Emison; Janice Porter and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-23:241](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 310 Miller St. Jonesboro, AR 72401; Parcel # 01-144181-34000; OWNER: M & M Global Enterprises, LLC; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The North 10 feet of the West 94 feet of Lot 4 and the South 46 feet of the West 94 feet of Lot 5 in Block 15 of Meyers Addition to the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

- Attachments:** [310 Miller Inspection Report](#)
[310 Miller Condemnation Resolution](#)
[310 Miller Map](#)
[310 Miller Precondemn Notice Returned Signature Card](#)
[310 Miller Precondemnation Notice Affidavit](#)
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A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

[RES-23:242](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 616 E Oak Ave. Jonesboro, AR 72401; Parcel # 01-144191-17500; OWNER: Randal Ballew and Brett Ballew, an undivided one-third (1/3) interest, Joyce Gurdian, an undivided one-third (1/3) interest, and Joann Brewer, an undivided one-third (1/3) interest, subject to the life estate of Joyce Scarborough; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The East 35 feet of Lot 13 in Block 2 of Gregg & Houghton's Subdivision of Kitchen's Place Addition to the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas AND the West 15 feet of Lot 13 in Block 2 of Gregg & Houghton's Subdivision of Kitchen's Place Addition to the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

- Attachments:** [616 E Oak Board & Secure Affidavit](#)
[616 E Oak Board and Secure Returned Signature Card](#)
[616 E Oak Condemnation Resolution](#)
[616 E Oak Inspection Report](#)
[616 E Oak Pre Condem Notice Returned Cert Letter](#)
[616 E Oak Precondemantion Notice Affidavit-J Gurdian](#)
[616 E Oak Precondemantion Notice Affidavit-R Ballew](#)
[616 E Oak Precondemn Notice Returned Signature Card- J Gurdian](#)
[616 E Oak Precondemn Notice Returned Signature Card- R Ballew](#)
[616 E Oak Precondemnation Notice Affidavit- Scarborough](#)
[616 E Oak Precondemnation Notice Affidavit-J Brewer](#)
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[16051124-IMG_0442](#)
[16051156-IMG_0470](#)
[16051160-IMG_0474](#)
[16051166-IMG_0479](#)
[16051173-IMG_0486](#)
[16051178-IMG_0490](#)

A motion was made by Chris Moore, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Chris Gibson

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

[COM-23:054](#)

VECTOR MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2023

Attachments: [Jonesboro Sept-Oct, 2023 YTD](#)

Jim Stark with Vector Disease Control approached the podium and said, good afternoon. It's good to see everybody again. As you all know, the season is just about over, or is over, thank goodness. This is my favorite part of the year. You should have the report in front of you on your computer. It is a September-October year-end report. The month of September and October, we collected 7.12 mosquitoes per trap per night, a total of 376. A total of three species were collected in the traps. The larva citing, it was extremely dry, you know that. So therefore we inspected zero sights, and we put out no granular larvicide during the time. The adult citing, the little spray trucks, we sprayed 233 miles and covered 8,481 acres, used 48 gallons of chemical. There were forest service requests and adults cited at all parks and any special events during the month.

Next, we will go to the year-end, which gives a total of what we did. We collected 4,423 mosquitoes. That is in the light traps. Of course, you know that is an awful low number, but average species were three which is the anopheles, which is the rice field, the psorophora columbiae, and the aedes vexans. The total service request is 131. That does not count the spray truck at night if people needed a service request or special spraying at night. You could probably add 100 to that easily, but this was just actual call in requests for people wanting extra service during the daytime. The total inspection cites for larvae was 139. The total inspection cites for the larvicide was only 24, therefore we only used about 42 pounds of larvicide. Adult citing was 4,236 miles. We treated 154,000 acres. We sprayed 992 gallons, a total amount of 114 nights. The aerial sprays, we did seven, a total of 361 gallons, total acres 70,989. There would have been one or two more nights of that, but we had some airplane issues, some maintenance issues that kind of held us back a little bit. But overall it was good. That is it in a nutshell. Short and sweet. Are there any questions I need to entertain? Or do I just say goodbye and see you next year?

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I have a couple of questions. In the off season, can you give us two or three suggestions of what we can do to improve our situation here as a council to aid you? What are the three biggest things that are holding us back here on getting the number down? Is it tire dumps? Mr. Stark said, honestly, the city has been really responsible on the tires. I called code enforcement a few times and they took care of what I needed to take care of. The only thing I can say, actually around Jonesboro or any of our contracts, it is agriculture such as rice, soybeans, corn, anything they add water to is going to produce mosquitoes. What we can do

about that is probably nothing. We just have to wait for the hatch. But as far as the city, if we find a stopped up ditch or if somebody has an excessive amount of junk around their house, I usually call the code enforcement and he will take care of it for us. Councilmember Chris Moore said, probably in your opinion then, there is nothing else we can do better than what we are currently doing? Mr. Stark said, well, what comes to mind would be adding more aerial flights; but then again, there were circumstances beyond our control that I couldn't help because the airplane would get up here. He would make a load or two and then something would break down on it, and that is it for the night. So on your end, no. On our end, yes. A lot needs to be improved in the aerial. A lot. Hopefully that gets straightened out over the winter time. Also, I will bring this up. The current contract with Jonesboro goes out next year, December 31st. So we will probably be talking to you all around August or so whenever you start your budget to see if you want to add something to it or take away from it. It's up to you. But I will be in touch with you about that.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I think I would like to see a proposal from your company that has what we might add to it to make our situation better. Mr. Stark said, okay. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I mean, I think I would like to see that before August, maybe early in the spring. I mean, I know where we are at now, but I would like to kind of see what it would take to get us better. Mr. Stark said, okay. Sure. Anything we can do to make it better, I am for that. Councilmember Chris Moore said, and if it is more aerial sprayings, if it is different ordinances we need to pass in order to aid you, I would like to see an outline of what your company thinks the big picture is for the city. Mr. Stark said, I will mention that to my supervisor and he will mention it to his, and we might come up with a list of things and say yes to or no to. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I would think the winter would be the time to do it when things are slow and maybe have some meetings and see where we are at. Thank you, Mr. Stark. Mr. Stark said, I am all for that, Chris. Very much so. Okay, well I am done and you all have a happy safe winter.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I will just reiterate what Councilman Moore said. I think that would just be great, and I know you guys are a big company and do work in a lot of places. I know it is hard to compare us to somebody else, because you do it based on how rural it is. Do they have rice fields? What is their population? What's their square miles? So I have no idea how you go about trying to make a fair comparison. But as you work on Councilman Moore's request, I think it would be nice just to say here is XYZ City and they have a similar number of square miles and they have 15 aerial applications. You guys are doing eight. I have read that Mr. Dillard of Dillards says kind of like advertising. There is a point of diminishing return, so I know it is hard to know where the point of diminishing return is. But I think we are a long way from there, so I think as much as we can try to have a smart approach on how we could spend some money to do some good. Mr. Stark said, I do understand that. Like I said, anything that will improve it helps everyone from me on down. So I am for it, and I will mention it. In fact, I have a conference call tomorrow, so I will mention that, and we will get right on it and see what we can come up with.

Councilmember David McClain said, Mr. Chairman, if I may. I have a couple of questions. One, I know you mentioned doing a study of what was being sprayed. I think there was going to be a study done on the effectiveness of what was being sprayed. Mr. Stark said, we didn't do it in Jonesboro. We did it on the anopheles mosquito in Greenville, Mississippi. A product we use now, Permanone 30-30 seemed to work the best out of just about all the chemicals that are available right now. We will switch it up. We use Permanone 30-30, and then we will switch to 31-66, which is a little stronger during July and August. But that seemed to work the best out of Dibrom,

Fyfanon, Deltamethrin, all of that was tested; and this chemical we are using seemed to work the best. So we will stick with that as long as it works. Councilmember David McClain said, have you had any conversations with the county to help in our fight against the mosquitoes? Mr. Stark said, no. Well, I had one conversation with a judge. I forgot his name, and that was it. I didn't hear back from him or anything like that. I won't say he showed a lack of interest. It's just a big undertaking is what it would be. It's a very big undertaking, but that is an option coming back to what we talked about with Chris. If we could go county wide, would that help Jonesboro? I don't know, really. I can't say. It wouldn't hurt. Councilmember David McClain said, I don't think it would either. Mr. Stark said, but that is a big undertaking, very, very expensive, I am sure. But I will bring that up to them as well. We can put that in the list to see if you will want to pursue that.

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, Mr. Chairman, I will just make one final comment. I will say that 2/3 of the JP's in this county are elected in the city of Jonesboro; and at least from my perspective, I expect them to take a hard look at this and be thinking about it. Mr. Stark said, yes. I have no objections at all. It's just like I said, it's a big undertaking. It would be very expensive; but if it would work, that would be great. Chairman Mitch Johnson said, I think it is obvious that mosquitoes are here to stay. So as we look ahead in the future and any opportunities we can do to partner with anybody or what will even make things better in Jonesboro, we will certainly look forward to working with you, Jim. And we appreciate all your service that you do and your company as a whole. You have always been there for us. Mr. Stark said, I appreciate you all. I really do, and I will try to get something to you maybe by the first of spring. I will just hand it over and let you look at it and see what you think, and we will take it from there. Thank you.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 6 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Brian Emison;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson and LJ Bryant