



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, February 1, 2022

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER AT 5:30 P.M.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

#### 3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

**Present** 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent** 1 - Bobby Long

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

##### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED**

**Aye:** 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 1 - Bobby Long

[MIN-22:005](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 18, 2022

**Attachments:** [CC minutes 01182022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

[RES-22:025](#)

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY21 RECREATIONAL MOTORIZED TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP) FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION.

**Attachments:**     [ATV Park Trail](#)  
                              [ATV Park Trail Estimated Cost](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-029-2022

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

#### [ORD-22:002](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ACT 1112 OF 2017, AND APPLICABLE ABC REGULATIONS APPROVING THE RESTAURANT PRIVATE CLUB APPLICATION OF UMAI SUSHI & GRILL IN JONESBORO, INC. AT 1841 E. HIGHLAND, SUITE B, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS.

**Attachments:**     [Umai Sushi and Grill Private Club Permit Application\\_Redacted](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:002 by title only. All voted aye.*

*James Elwin Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, said, this proposed thing, I couldn't think of a nice thing to call it so I will just call it a thing, is located in a very, in one of the most high traffic areas in the entire city. Introducing alcohol into a high traffic area is not a good idea. If alcohol is served there, there will be more people driving under the influence. You know, they don't all call taxis whenever they leave after consuming the alcohol. They get into their cars and they hopefully drive home and make it home safely, but there will be people who don't and we need to consider that. I urge that you all reject this ordinance. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments.*

**Held at one reading**

#### [ORD-22:003](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF THREE POLICE PACKAGE CHEVROLET TAHOES, FOUR POLICE PACKAGE FORD F-150'S AND ONE CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:003 by title only. All voted aye.*

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.*

*Councilmember Chris Moore said, I just had one question for the Chief on the police package pickup. What is a police package pickup? Is that something similar to the Tahoes with different than just a regular pickup truck? Police Chief Rick Elliott said, it is different suspension and the same thing as a Tahoe. It is just a beefed up suspension, alternator, and things like that. It is like any police vehicle. Councilmember Moore said, I got you, but it's just in a pickup truck version? Chief Elliott said, yes. You will find that a lot of sheriff's offices across the country have gone to police package pickups. The fact that they serve a rural area and we have utility use for these. And, so we are just providing the police package. Councilmember Moore*

said, I can definitely see how a pickup would be handy. I was just curious. We have a couple in fleet and with these, we are just adding some more. Some of our SWAT guys have a lot of equipment and there just is not enough room. Councilmember Moore said, I understand. That is the only question that I had. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you Mr. Councilmember. Chief Administration Officer Brian Richardson said, we just need to make a slight amendment from what is on there. These are actually Ford F150 pickup trucks and not Chevy Silverado pickup trucks. The Tahoes are correct. Just for auditing purposes, we need to make sure that those are F150's and not Silverados. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, we need a motion to amend.

Councilmember Charles Frierson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to amend ORD-22:003 to change Chevrolet Silverado Pickups to Ford F-150 Pickups. All voted aye.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to adopt ORD-22:003. All voted aye.

Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to adopt the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted aye.

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

**Aye:** 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: O-EN-007-2022

[ORD-22:005](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FROM I-1, LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, TO C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5712 C.W. POST RD. AS REQUESTED BY CALIARKA PETRO, LLC, OWNER

**Attachments:** [5712 C.W. Post Road - Staff Summary - City Council Staff Summary survey\(8.3.21\)](#)  
[Application](#)  
[Design Concept](#)  
[Photos of Signs](#)  
[Returned Notification Letters](#)  
[Rezoning Plat](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:005 by title only. All voted aye.

Scott Troutt, 247 S. Main Street, said he is the attorney for Caliarka Petro and is here if the council has any questions. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you Mr. Troutt.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, I encourage all of you to watch the MAPC meeting that they had last week. I wasn't able to come to it, but I watched. I think that when we look at our Land Use Plan that we have here in Jonesboro is the reason why

that property was zoned as I-1 instead of C-3 is because there is a reason for it. I looked at the pamphlet that this company has. It is a 17-page pamphlet on what they could put in this truck stop. There is already a truck stop right there before you hit that. This is going to be a really nice truck stop. There is no doubt about it. Will it help that area, maybe? But, there is already one and it's been zoned as I-1 instead of C-3 right now. A couple of the commissioners on the MAPC asked some questions. They asked about whether it was joining two plots together for this property which it is. The new MAPC member asked about whether there was traffic, whether a traffic study has been done and it hasn't. But, I think we have all learned as far as traffic studies and I have learned from one of the contractors here in town is that mostly we always pass a traffic study. One of the other questions was that if there are any businesses out there proposed for north going on MLK and they said they don't know of any as of right now and there is none going south because I think it goes into a circle that goes back onto the highway. This motion was passed 5-1. One person objected, but the problem with that is that the person who objected it didn't even ask questions as to why they objected it. So, the person that came up and opposed this and talked about that we really need to stick with our Land Use Plan which I think is really important because I think that is the reason why we have that. And, I think the thing is that isn't there another piece of property that maybe this truck stop could go to. So, when he was saying is that we designated this as an I-1 is that is because we want to invite more industries into our area. They have higher paying jobs and I think if you look at the number of industries that we have here, is that they are all located out in that area. The one thing that I wish would happen at the MAPC is that I wish that they would explain the reason why either they oppose it or they approve it. What happens is that they just vote on it and the person who goes up here and talks about opposing it doesn't ever get an answer. I don't know if the gentleman that opposed it happened that way. What one of the questions at the very end was made by Jim Little. And, he asked about whether it met the recommendations or the criteria that we have. I don't know if I can even and I don't know if all of you can think of what all six of the criteria that have been met. I can't name them. But, the answer that Derrel Smith gave is the reason why this is being in compliance is because it is right there by the interchange and this would meet the compliance to making that okay to put this here. Well, guess what you guys, just because it is by the interstate doesn't mean that it is in compliance to change this to a C-3. So, I just kind of say let's stick by the Land Use Plan. We zoned that as industrial. I hope we can keep it that way and maybe this business because it looks like a good one could find another place here in town. So, thank you. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments.

Councilmember David McClain asked, Derrel, do you mind to touch on that a little bit. I mean looking at the staff summary, it does say that it is not consistent with the adopted Land Use Plan. And, I mean, I am looking at the map and looking at the map, that is not a huge piece of property were you can put some large manufacturer if I am not mistaken. Planning Director, Derrel Smith, said, at that location, there is not going to be a large manufacturing. If you look, you have got residential, you have got commercial, you have got industrial all in that same area. If it was further north along C.W. Post, we would not have recommended this, but the location right out there by the interstate, we felt that it would fit with what is out there. You do have a truck stop or a gas station right across the street that has plans to expand to do trucks. Do we want one of those at each intersection along the city or do we want them in one area?

Councilmember Chris Moore asked, what your basic contention is that it would be better to have them both side by side and leave the rest of the property open for industrial expansion and replace one and then one in the middle and break up the industrial zoning. Mr. Smith said, that is correct. Councilmember Joe Hafner said, it

seems like a lot of times when you are out traveling, you will see a Love's and then a Pilot or something pretty close together. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you Derrel.

Rajeev Kumar, 3323 Flemon Road, said, I sent everyone today an email. I hope you guys read that email. I just still want to mention about this bypass, what we are building on MLK Boulevard. The main purpose for us to have the bypass, to cut down all of the traffic out of Red Wolf and the traffic passing through the city and we want to use that. If we are going to keep having properties on MLK from I-1 to C-3, that road is going to be after a couple of years will be the same as Red Wolf Boulevard. And that estimate that I sent you guys today with the gallon age, what the truck stop sale, and the amount of traffic they are going to pull on that road, that will be a lot. We are talking about 2,000 vehicles a day on that road. I definitely would like to invite you guys to come over there at 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. and spend three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon until 5:30 p.m. in the evening, you guys will see how it is piled up, the traffic, already. I know we are doing two lanes to four lanes in the next couple of years and the city has worked on that plan for several years and they are spending millions of dollars right now for what purpose? Just to undo and bring another TA. I believe the owner of that land has another piece of land on exit 36. I'm a businessman. I'm an investor in Jonesboro and I believe in to bring more money to the town and more jobs so we can have a successful city and I am not against this TA. They have their purpose for the TA truck stop is to sell their business, their merchandise to truckers. The best exit is 36 which is also serving the industrial zone. Sorry, all of the industries as well as all of the truckers on the interstate. So, their purpose sold just like Love's is proceeding right out of town. They are not out in the middle of the road. We already have two truck stops, not one actually. There are two truck stops on MLK Boulevard. And, having a TA which is not right of the exit, it is a little inside across from Post Road. The way the highway is if you look at the exit it's going about maybe another, it might be another half of a mile from the exit. And, adding to that, we also have a United States National Guard base out there. Adding up that much traffic, that would be another hurdle for them. For any kind of crisis, national or state crisis, if they have to move, they have to go on call, it will be a big hurdle for them too and that's all I want to say about the traffic in this. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you Mr. Kumar. I appreciate you coming forward.

#### **Held at one reading**

#### [ORD-22:007](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FROM C-4, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO PD-RS, RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1510 AND 1604 WOODSPRINGS ROAD AS REQUESTED BY JOHN EASLEY OF ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING ON BEHALF OF MIKE CAMERON

**Attachments:** [1510 and 1604 Woodsprings Road - Staff Summary - City Council Staff Summary](#)  
[Plat](#)  
[Application](#)  
[Proposed Site Plan](#)  
[Financial Docs](#)  
[Property Notification - Rezoning](#)  
[Certified Mail](#)  
[Sign Relocation](#)  
[Rezoning Plat](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:007 by title only. All voted aye.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, I just want a little clarification on this. When I went and looked on Legistar, I looked at the site plan. It shows 11 townhouses and in the newspaper, it says that the builder proposes to build seven townhouses. So, I think that the people in that area probably get the Jonesboro Sun a little bit more than what they read on Legistar so I just need a little more clarification. Is it 7 or is it 11? Councilmember Joe Hafner said, in the staff report, it says we plan on putting 11 townhomes on the lots. So, is that correct Mr. Easley? It looks like it would be 11 which matches up with the prints. I will also say a lot of times we will talk about how will this impact the homeowners and stuff around that area and obviously Mr. Cameron sent out information, but also I believe this is the site of the old Jitney Juniors which is where Demo's Barbeque started years ago if I remember correctly. But, I know Mr. Cameron lives very close to that place so he would make sure it is done right. John Easley, Associated Engineers, said, Mr. Cameron lives just around the corner on Leaf Cove. This was the old Demo's Barbeque. At one time, it was Woodsprings Pharmacy. I'm not sure what else was there. There will be 11 townhomes in a PUD development. So, it is 11 townhomes. Mayor Harold Copenhaver asked, will that go all the way over to Christian Creek? Mr. Easley said, Christian Creek is part of the property.

David Stout, 923 Park Avenue, said, I have started a little neighborhood group for that area called Frierson Village Neighborhood Watch and Community Info. It is just a facebook group of a number of the residents that live from right there where they are talking about building those townhomes over to Nettleton to Wood Street to Broadmoor. It is just that little area right there. There has been a little bit of talk on our facebook group about it. As far as I am concerned in the area, I don't see a problem with them. I know there is going to be quite a few there and it is going to increase a lot of the traffic on Woodsprings, in my opinion, it will. The only thing that I am worried about is it being a cut through from Woodsprings over to Nettleton. I don't know if that road will go down through there or not. I haven't looked at the site plans enough. Councilmember Hafner said, Mr. Easley is shaking his head no. Mr. Stout said, I think it is going to be fine in that area and I haven't heard any negativity from the people that I have talked to over there. So, I just wanted to tell you all that. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you. I appreciate your comments.

**Held at one reading**

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING**

[ORD-21:054](#) AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

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

**Aye:** 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: O-EN-006-2022

[ORD-21:057](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5005 EAST NETTLETON AVENUE

**Attachments:** [5005 E Nettleton - Staff Summary - City Council](#)  
[5005 E Nettleton - Rezoning Plat](#)  
[Corrected Application](#)  
[Site Location](#)  
[Photos of Signs](#)  
[1639672537685\\_H21-100 5005 E NETTLETON REZONE](#)  
[Certified Mail Receipts](#)

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

**Aye:** 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: O-EN-008-2022

[ORD-21:058](#) AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE VEHICLES WITH CITY COUNCIL APPROVED FUNDS

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, on here, on Legistar, I did not see a price anywhere of what this is going to be costing. So, I was wondering if anybody knows. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, we are just waiving competitive bidding. This is basically in conjunction with what we passed earlier last year on competitive bidding so we had already approved that as council and so this is an ordinance to allow us to purchase those vehicles that were on competitive bidding. The prices were already out there. Councilmember Charles Frierson said, the prices were announced before. Mayor Copenhaver said, they were done before.*

*Police Chief Rick Elliott said, this was waiving competitive bidding for all of the pricing and outfitting the cars, the cost of the cages, consoles and all of that. We are going with a company that does all of this installing for us. Since this is the same company that we are buying the fleet from this year because there is no vehicles to be ordered*

*this year. So, Fleet Safety had vehicles that is part of the process you are dealing with now, but they also get outfit the vehicles. So, the money that we have in the budget for all of this equipment would be shifted over to offset this expense. The total dollar amount for outfitting 23 vehicles, off of the top of my head, I couldn't tell you. So, you are at a couple of hundred thousand. Mayor Copenhaver said, we will get those figures to you. Chief Elliott said, again, it is money that is already in the budget. We are just having to move it by ordinance because we are going to it at a different approach of outfitting our vehicles this year due to the vehicle shortage in this country. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you Chief.*

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

**Aye:** 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: O-EN-009-2022

## **8. MAYOR'S REPORTS**

*Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:*

*Our report today from our E911 Director Ronnie Sturch in his afternoon call, so far, we are looking at a possibility of an inch to an inch and a half of ice, sleet, and snow that will come in Wednesday night through Thursday morning. And, then, of course, freezing temperatures will linger through the weekend. In case this doesn't impress you, this is kind of Bill Campbell's way of putting things together. An ice in a hockey rink is two inches thick. So, we are looking at almost a hockey rink thickness to our ice. We have to take this seriously. Our Streets Maintenance and Buildings Maintenance and Emergency Response Teams are prepared. FEMA has already contacted the City of Jonesboro in preparation of this. Possibly 15 to 30 FEMA trucks will be in the City of Jonesboro if we are the epicenter of this. ARDOT is also in Jonesboro to help assist with weather. So, it's not just about Jonesboro. It's all of Northeast Arkansas. We are in constant communication too with City, Water & Light. I wanted to make you aware of that and there are upgrades to a lot of metal poles. During situations like this, we will really be advantageous as well to our community. So, hopefully, the ice won't stick to those like they do the wooden poles. We sent some Street Department staff home early today to begin 12 hour shifts. They keep teams on the road around the clock. We encourage people to follow the National Weather Service site on Twitter and on Facebook. But, we will keep the local media engaged as we progress through the next few days. We want everyone to go through this in good shape.*

*St. Bernard's has told us that we are in a declining area with Covid. They had 120 patients with Covid-19 which honestly CEO Chris Barber said was with one of their highest levels that they have been at, but that they are seeing a decline in the testing positives. So, again, hopefully, we will continue this as we move forward.*

*I attended this morning, the Jonesboro Economic Development Corporation annual meeting. We updated everyone on the leadership of what the city is doing in the community and in the growth of good paying jobs and filling those positions. The Chamber of Commerce also informed us about projects that both continue to unfold*

*and hopefully will lead to new announcements this year. Clearly, even though Covid is strong throughout Arkansas, Jonesboro continues to grow and is reaching new heights. I know that it is never true for everyone so I want to be clear that my goal of Mayor is to never leave any man, woman or child behind. We are stronger with all that we have in the opportunities that we have in our community and it is our duty to help others. That should be the mantra of every leader in our city.*

*Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) Director Mark Conine and other members of his team came to see our community last week. We had a great meeting. They were in our community. We talked with Mr. Conine about things that we can help to secure additional housing opportunities and options for those in our community in need. We also talked about ways to salvage and reclaim deteriorating neighborhoods which is crucial to preserving the residential areas closest to downtown.*

*First Security Bank came by Monday and in our normal Monday morning meetings and we presented employee of the month award. This month it went to Myra Story who has become the real boss of the Streets Department. She is a wonderful asset and she has been so for a long period of time. That's not actually true Steve Tippitt says, but it is easy to say. So, we just want to say if you see Ms. Myra, please congratulate her because she does a tremendous job being a non-uniformed employee of the month.*

*Tomorrow, we will be making a trip to down to the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) to discuss and to see their plans not only for their plans not only for the State of Arkansas, but to impress and continue the plans moving forward in Northeast Arkansas and Jonesboro.*

## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Councilmember John Street asked, based on the inclement weather that we have forecast, even the weather channel has mentioned us by name today so we are right at the central part of what could be the worst, but do we have any plans to open Parker Park and Allen Park and some of our city buildings, YMCA or Earl Bell, to let people get in. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said we do. Parks Director Danny Kapales has already made preparations for those. All of those facilities will be accessible if needed. We are working in conjunction with the Salvation Army as well and other facilities such as some of our churches have contacted us as well. And, food availability, we are making that available as well. We learned a lot from last year obviously. Councilmember Street said, I am glad. They usually do that, but this is going to be deadly cold and there are quite a few folks out there who are homeless and just kind of sleep in the streets and areas and it is deadly. So, I am glad to hear that we have got those facilities open. Mayor Copenhaver said, that is correct. Thank you. Councilmember Street said, thank you Mayor.*

*Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I just want to thank those who called to check on me after I had surgery on my eyes. I am doing well. I just want to thank the folks that called and texted me. I am doing better. Thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you Dr. Coleman.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, first I want to say that its really nice to see the headlines in the paper of Jonesboro having the local sales tax collection rise by 20.2 and leaders optimistic about the economic outlook. I know Mayor you had your meeting today which I heard some people talking about already. So, I want to say*

*kudos to Jonesboro. I think the thing is that we have to look at the surge that we have here in Jonesboro. I think we got the shooting range. We are going to get the sports complex in a couple of years. And, several years ago, I know, Ann Williams, you brought up impact fees and I think it is something that we need to start looking at again because I think it will help the city get really good developers here, but I think that one of the things that you all have to think about and I think about way back then we talked about that the impact fees were not going to be very much money and it was not going to make that much of a difference. One thing that I want to have you think about is a couple of months ago or last month when it was when you all voted for the new sports complex to have it here and for us to have the 2% sales tax on it. We all said that it is going to make a difference. It is going to add up and we can start looking at this and building it, that was 2%. I think a couple of years ago is that we were told that the impact fees would be about 2% and it wasn't going to add up to be very much. So, I think we have to look at both the subjects here. We can't say on one side that we are going to have 2%. Councilmember Joe Hafner said, it is not of the same pool of money that you are talking about. Ms. Lack said, I understand that, but what I am doing is looking at what we are saying is that 2% will add up to be a lot of money whether it is with the impact fees or whether it is with the food tax to build the sports complex. It is a 2% charge that we can have that will take money that we don't have to have the citizens pay for. And, I guess where that goes back to and you know I always bring it up is Russell and Bekah Drive off of Harrisburg Road. All of you beside the Mayor were here and voted to keep on building more apartments in that area and we looked at Bekah and Russell Drive, that we needed to widen it, curb it, gutter it, and improve it and it was going to cost a couple of million dollars. Well, that was January 18, 2018. It has been four years now and that street still hasn't gotten widen, curbed, or guttered. But, now we have a couple more hundred apartments right there in the northeast corner and I encourage all of you to go out there and watch how fast the cars go down that street. We need to do something about that street and that means since we don't have impact fees, is that the citizens will have to pay for that. So, I just encourage you all just to start thinking about maybe doing the impact fees when we are at this situation because we are going to have a big boom if all of these businesses see the sports complex and the shooting complex doing so well. So, that's what I just wanted to say. Thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.*

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilperson Joe Hafner, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 1 - Bobby Long

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Harold Copenhaver, Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**April Leggett, City Clerk**