



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety Council Committee

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Tuesday, December 20, 2011

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

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### 1. Call To Order

*Mayor Perrin was also in attendance. Councilman Fears arrived at the meeting at 5:34 p.m.*

**Present** 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

**Absent** 1 - Chris Moore

### 2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-11:090](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety meeting on October 20, 2011

**Attachments:** [Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

### 3. New Business

#### *Resolutions To Be Introduced*

[RES-11:221](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS CONTRACTING FOR MOSQUITO ABATEMENT WITH VECTOR DISEASE CONTROL INTERNATIONAL, LLC.

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office

**Attachments:** [Mosquito Control Professional Services Agreement](#)

*Mayor Perrin explained the contract is for seven years and it also includes an out clause. He then discussed the fees for the seven years. He also added this resolution does not need to be placed on tonight's Council agenda.*

**A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote**

**Aye:** 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Mikel Fears

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Moore

**4. Pending Items**

**5. Other Business**

**COM-11:091**

Discussion and review of towing ordinance

**Sponsors:** Police Department

*Chairman Johnson noted this is just a discussion item and no decision will be made concerning this tonight.*

*Police Chief Michael Yates explained the towing ordinance is supposed to be reviewed every year for setting fees for the towing companies who work accidents within the City, but the ordinance hasn't been reviewed in years. He noted the City does not set the fees for companies who are not in the Police Department's accident rotation.*

*Chief Yates explained when someone complains about a towing company the City does not have a good way to handle the complaints. He added the ordinance states the towing companies who participate in the rotation can charge \$75 for a tow and various other fees, but he doesn't think that fee is reasonable. He noted the towing companies have different ways of setting their fees so the prices vary. He further explained the ordinance is workable, but the City needs to correct the fees so it does not put an undue burden on the companies. He added it is up to the City to enforce the rules in the ordinance. He also added he and E-911 Director Jeff Presley did research on the fees and they recommend raising the towing fee to \$125 and the storage fee to \$20.*

*E-911 Director Jeff Presley stated he is the compliance officer for the Insurance and Towing Board and he does a review of the towing companies once a month to make sure they are in compliance with the State Board and the City's ordinance. He stated he has received numerous complaints concerning the clean up procedures and response times of the towing companies responding to accidents, which needs to be addressed in this ordinance.*

*Discussion was then held concerning various issues. Mr. Presley stated the City needs to clarify in this ordinance that the towing company who is called is who shows up.*

*Chairman Johnson questioned if the only change in the ordinance would be the fees. Mr. Presley answered yes.*

*Councilman Gene Vance asked if the towing companies have been surveyed concerning the fee change. Mr. Presley answered they have reviewed different Police Department's rotation list through out the country and the \$125 is a reasonable fee to charge.*

*Councilman Johnson suggested a copy of the ordinance with the changes be sent to all the Public Safety Committee members and all of the towing companies be invited back to next month's Public Safety meeting.*

**This item was Read.**

**6. Public Comments**

**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

**Aye:** 3 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson and Mikel Fears

**Absent:** 1 - Chris Moore