



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 6 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent 1 - Chris Moore

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-19:102](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on October 1, 2019.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Ann Williams, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-19:065](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE 117-255 Section C OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO HEIGHT LIMITATIONS OF ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Councilmember Gene Vance asked, is the City Planner here? Chairman John Street said, yes, Derrel will you come forward please sir? Councilmember Vance said, two questions. The first one is where you say thirty-five foot or the height of the principal structure, does that mean it can be over thirty-five feet if the principal structure is higher than thirty-five foot?

City Planner, Derrel Smith said, we have a couple of residential zones that allow up to forty-five feet. They are the larger, more of an agricultural or rural residential type lot, a house can be up to forty-five feet so the accessory structure could match that. Most residential areas, the maximum is going to be thirty-five feet on that. Councilmember Vance asked, what use would a thirty-five foot accessory building be? In every BZA meeting probably sixty percent of what we are seeing is variances on height because,

people aren't building ten or twelve foot sheds in their backyard anymore. These accessory structures are not going to be attached to the house so they can be a garage with an upstairs. A lot of them are putting some living spaces upstairs and they are trying to make them look like their homes and our maximum right now is twelve feet to the eaves. That's not real high and like I said we are seeing a lot of variance request for them right now.

Councilmember Vance asked, why the twenty-five feet on commercial? City Planner, Derrel Smith said, like I said these are accessory structures and on commercial, let's take Delta Peanut for instance, that is what we are working in right now. All of those are principal structures an accessory storage out there would be like a small storage shed that they are using for equipment. Normally that would be in the twenty-four or twenty-five foot range in height, it could be higher but again we are talking about accessory buildings not the main buildings.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, Derrell is there a distance on where the building can sit? Derrell said on the setback for an accessory structure from the rear and side it has to be a minimum of 7 ½ feet. Councilmember Coleman said, okay still 7 ½ feet.

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

5. Pending Items

[RES-19:141](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO TRANSFER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5713 EAST NETTLETON AVENUE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO CITY WATER AND LIGHT (CWL), A PUBLIC ENTITY

Attachments: [5713 E Nettleton Avenue Appraisal](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 7 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance; Mitch Johnson; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore