



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

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NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:20 P.M.

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1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:30 P.M.

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

MIN-14:102

Minutes for the City Council meeting on August 19, 2014

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made that this Minutes be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

RES-14:121

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, CHAPTER 26 FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LOCAL VETERANS

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [PUBLIC SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AN](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-116-2014

RES-14:129

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND ACCEPT THE 2014 JAG GRANT

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [AWARD REPORT.pdf](#)
[MOU signed by both](#)
[Budget Narrative.pdf](#)
[JAG 14 Signed Resolution](#)

A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Enactment No: R-EN-117-2014

6. NEW BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-14:048

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Mayor Perrin explained one of the services Councilman Woods provides is through the Rockefeller Foundation, which donates funds to Jonesboro. This ordinance is just for transparency purposes.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Placed on second reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Abstain: 1 - Rennell Woods

[ORD-14:054](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RM-8 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5304 APT DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY LINDEL TURNER

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 [MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Moore asked if there was any opposition to the rezoning. Mayor Perrin answered no, adding the MAPC approved the rezoning unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

[ORD-14:055](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3 AND R-2 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF RED WOLF BLVD AND FAIRVIEW DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY HAAG BROWN

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Attachments: [Plat](#)
 [MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Moore questioned whether there was any opposition. Mayor Perrin answered no.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Placed on second reading. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

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ORD-14:052

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON JOHNSON AVENUE AND HWY 49 AS REQUESTED BY GREENSBORO INVESTMENTS, INC.

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Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC report](#)
[Greensborough Village Master Plan](#)
[Greensborough Village Design Pattern Book](#)
[PowerPoint presentation from August 19, 2014](#)
[Amended Ordinance](#)
[Letters of Opposition](#)
[Traffic Count](#)

Councilman Moore asked for the Mayor to reaffirm the fact that this rezoning is not a partnership between the city and a private developer. He clarified that this rezoning is a purely private development. Mayor Perrin agreed. He explained confusion may have come from the offer by the developer for members of the City Council and MAPC to visit Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee, to look at mixed used developments that the company has designed. He further explained the city sent out the email invitation because it was easier to send out to groups of people since the city has distribution lists with everyone's emails in them. He noted this is a strictly private deal and has nothing to do with the City of Jonesboro.

This ordinance was Held at second reading.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-14:050

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RM-8 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2201 NEEDHAM STREET AS REQUESTED BY MARMAC CONSTRUCTION, LLC.

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Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Staff report](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the

following vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-048-2014

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Lori Tudor from AHTD visited last week and brought updated projection costs for the six projects they are reviewing for the city. Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols is updating their information. It will be sent out to the Council members via email after everything is done.

The city will be holding an auction on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at 9 a.m. to sell excess city equipment. It will be held at the old landfill.

The Downtown Jonesboro BBQ Fest will be September 27, 2014. The overlay on Main Street from Oak to Burke will occur later this week, weather permitting. The overlay will improve the look of the downtown area.

They anticipate opening the Miracle League Field on October 25, 2014.

The city received a technical assistance grant from the EPA. Kansas State will be visiting on September 9th and 10th to do a complete inventory of the city as well as an area-wide plan. The EPA has also approved a Level 2 Environmental on the Wolverine property. When the inventory is done, the city will have an idea of brown field properties that need to be looked at for the growth of the city and how to clean them up.

Contractors have started work on Phase I of the Jonesboro Recreational Center improvements. They will be adding more offices and a conference room. Tony Pardew was the low bid meeting specs.

They hope to open Kathleen Drive at the beginning of October. The project is a joint venture with the county.

He sent out an email about the Border Bowl on Friday at ASU. If anyone can attend, let him know.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-14:131 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-14:131

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALVIN CRABTREE DBA ALVIN CRABTREE & SON FOR THE CARAWAY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (BID NO. 2014:24)

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[Contract Documents 2014 24](#)

Councilman Street noted the project is only for the west side of the street at this time, but the city engineer indicated to him the east side will be done during the 2015 budget year.

Mayor Perrin explained this is part of the transfer station funding. After the employees vacate the old fire station at Caraway and Matthews this week, they will proceed with tearing down the building.

Councilman Burton stated he has had questions about the project and wanted clarification that this project will not narrow Caraway Road. City Engineer Craig Light answered no, it will not narrow the road.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: R-EN-118-2014

Councilman Street asked if everyone was okay with the debris cleanup. Mayor Perrin answered yes. The company hired a subcontractor to haul the ash to Legacy Landfill. The city is still picking up trash from the storm that came after June 5th. They hope to have that completed in two to three weeks.

Councilwoman Williams discussed sidewalk issues on Rosemond near Wood Street. The city engineer indicated to her that they know it's a problem, but there's not a lot of money budgeted for sidewalks this year. She questioned whether the administration could propose a percentage of the sales tax that will be used towards sidewalk improvements. Mayor Perrin stated they can do that. He added they budgeted \$150,000, but that money was used up by April. They are starting the 2015 budget process, so they will look at sidewalks and overlays. Councilwoman Williams asked how much sidewalks cost. City Attorney Phillip Crego noted RES-14:131 is for \$118,733 for just under a mile's worth of sidewalks on Caraway Road. City Engineer Craig Light explained they are paying about \$45 a square yard with extra money having to be paid if the company has to tear out the old sidewalk. The new sidewalks are 5 foot wide.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Dr. George Grant, a retired professor from ASU, asked about what the timeline is to appoint a new chief of police and what the procedure would be. Mayor Perrin stated he has been reviewing candidates that are already in the Police Department. He expects to make the recommendation as soon as possible. He visited with Councilman Johnson concerning the issue last week since Councilman Johnson is the chair of the Public Safety Committee. He does not anticipate looking outside of

the State of Arkansas for a new police chief. He added there are qualified candidates already existing within the department. Mayor Perrin has been notified by people about candidates to look at to fill the position. Dr. Grant stated he thinks Mayor Perrin would receive more support if the citizens were informed of the appointment and that person's history with law enforcement. He recommended involving the citizens in the appointment process.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk