



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) INITIATED AND CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Jonesboro High School Choral Director Ms. Krissie Holmes and her students serenaded the Council with Christmas Carols.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to remove RES-25:171, RES-25:172, RES-25:173, RES-25:179, RES-25:180, RES-25:181, RES-25:190 from the Consent Agenda. All voted aye.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[MIN-25:105](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 2, 2025

Attachments: [CC Minutes 12022025.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-25:174](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 823 PARKVIEW, PARCEL 01-143251-00300, OWNED BY KYLE MICHAEL HAYNIE IN

THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments:

- [01. 823 Parkview Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 823 Parkview Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 823 Parkview City Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-181-2025

[RES-25:175](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1821 BROOKHAVEN, PARCEL 01-143243-04700, OWNED BY REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments:

- [01. 1821 Brookhaven Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 1821 Brookhaven Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 1821 Brookhaven Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 1821 Brookhaven Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-182-2025

[RES-25:176](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2612 CRAWFORD, PARCEL 01-144273-02300, OWNED BY RANDY & ALEY CRAWFORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments:

- [01. 2612 Crawford Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 2612 Crawford Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 2612 Crawford Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 2612 Crawford Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-183-2025

[RES-25:177](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 314 N ROGERS, PARCEL 01-144172-10400, OWNED BY KINGDOM ASSETS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments:

- [01. 314 N Rogers Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 314 N Rogers Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 314 N Rogers Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 314 N Rogers Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-184-2025

[RES-25:182](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1312

ROSEMOND, PARCEL 01-143243-08500, OWNED BY SMITH BROTHERS PROPERTIES LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [01. 1312 Rosemond_Note of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 1312 Rosemond_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 1312 Rosemond_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 1312 Rosemond_Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-185-2025

[RES-25:183](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 910 MARCOM, PARCEL 01-143251-04100, OWNED BY WILDA SEATS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [01. 910 Marcom_Note of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 910 Marcom_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 910 Marcom_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 910 Marcom_Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-186-2025

[RES-25:184](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 616 E. OAK, PARCEL 01-144191-17500, OWNED BY JOYCE SCARBOROUGH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [01. 616 E Oak_Note of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 616 E Oak_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 616 E Oak_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 616 E Oak_Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-187-2025

[RES-25:185](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5017 MT. CARMEL ROAD, PARCEL 01-133013-01500, OWNED BY KATHERINE ARTERBERRY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$365

Attachments: [01. 5017 Mt Carmel Rd_Note of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 5017 Mt Carmel Rd_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 5017 Mt Carmel Rd_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 5017 Mt Carmel_Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-188-2025

[RES-25:186](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,

ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1602
TONYA #A, PARCEL 01-144082-00210, OWNED BY MARTICULL, LLC, IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments:

- [01. 1602 A Tonya Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 1602 Tonya A Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 1602 Tonya A Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 1602 Tonya A Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-189-2025

[RES-25:187](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,
ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1602
TONYA #B, PARCEL 01-144082-00200, OWNED BY MARTICULL, LLC, IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$60

Attachments:

- [01. 1602 Tonya B Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 1602 Tonya B Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 1602 Tonya B Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 1602 Tonya B Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-190-2025

[RES-25:188](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,
ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2106
COTTON, PARCEL 01-144271-20700, OWNED BY MICKAUL ROLLAND IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments:

- [01. 2106 Cotton Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 2106 Cotton Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 2106 Cotton Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 2106 Cotton Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-191-2025

[RES-25:189](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,
ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 211
SCOTT, PARCEL 01-144172-05700, OWNED BY LINDA LOU LAMBERT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments:

- [01. 211 Scott Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 211 Scott Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 211 Scott Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 211 Scott Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-192-2025

RES-25:191

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5321 BRODY DR., PARCEL 01-144114-30900, OWNED BY AVHS AR, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments:

- [01. 5321 Brody Dr. Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 5321 Brody Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 5321 Brody Dr. Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 5321 Brody Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-193-2025

RES-25:192

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5112 RICHARDSON, PARCEL 01-134033-01900, OWNED BY ASHLEY MICHELLE VANGUARDIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments:

- [01. 5112 Richardson Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 5112 Richardson Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 5112 Richardson Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 5112 Richardson Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-194-2025

RES-25:193

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1507 RAINS, PARCEL 01-144194-16700, OWNED BY ESB PROPERTIES, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments:

- [01. 1507 Rains Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 1507 Rains Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 1507 Rains Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 1507 Rains Council Notice.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-195-2025

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I believe all of these are code enforcement that are needing to be tabled for some reason. I mean, I'll pull them up and read each one if you want me to.

Code Enforcement Director Scott Roper said, RES-25:171, RES-25:172, and RES-25:173 are all related. Those three properties were sold prior to the lien being placed on the property. RES-25:179 and RES-25:180 are the same, properties right next to each other and we actually did a condemnation on the house on that property and found out that the owner is deceased during our Attorney Ad Litem. So, we would ask that those be tabled as well. RES-25:181 and RES-25:190 have been paid.

[RES-25:171](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 405 N. ROGERS, PARCEL 01-144172-09200, OWNED BY SKY PARK HOLDINGS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments:

[01. 405 N Rogers_Note of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 405 N Rogers_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 405 N Rogers_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 405 N Rogers_Council Notice.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-25:172](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 212 PECAN, PARCEL 01-144074-08400, OWNED BY SKY PARK HOLDINGS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments:

[01. 212 Pecan_Note of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 212 Pecan_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 212 Pecan_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 212 Pecan_Council Notice.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-25:173](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 215 PECAN, PARCEL 01-144074-16800, OWNED BY SKY PARK HOLDINGS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315

Attachments:

[01. Notice of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 215 Pecan_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 215 Pecan_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[05. 215 Pecan_Council Notice.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-25:179](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2410

W. MATTHEWS, PARCEL 01-143143-01900, OWNED BY HANNAH GEORGE SR.
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290

Attachments: [01. 2410 W Matthews_Note of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 2410 W Matthews_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 2410 W Matthews_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 2410 W Matthews_Council Notice.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by
Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely. The
motion PASSED with the following vote.**

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin
Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ
Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-25:180](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,
ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2412
W. MATTHEWS, PARCEL 01-143143-02500, OWNED BY HANNAH GEORGE SR.
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290

Attachments: [02. 2412 W Matthews_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 2412 W Matthews_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 2412 W Matthews_Council Notice.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by
Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely. The
motion PASSED with the following vote.**

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin
Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ
Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-25:181](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,
ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2005
BUNKER HILL, PARCEL 01-143231-09800, OWNED BY UNICORN
INVESTMENTS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments: [01. 2005 Bunker Hill_Note of Violation.pdf](#)
[02. 2005 Bunker Hill_Billing Request.pdf](#)
[03. 2005 Bunker Hill_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
[04. 2005 Bunker Hill_Council Notice.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by
Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely. The
motion PASSED with the following vote.**

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin
Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ
Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-25:190](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,
ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 700
MELODY, PARCEL 01-143244-27500, OWNED BY IGNACIO & EMILEE PATINO IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$275

Attachments:

- [01. 700 Melody_Note of Violation.pdf](#)
- [02. 700 Melody_Billing Request.pdf](#)
- [03. 700 Melody_Mowing Invoice.pdf](#)
- [04. 700 Melody_Council Notice.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[RES-25:178](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN STATES FIRE, LLC TO PURCHASE 2 ROSENBAUER FIRE APPARATUSES

Attachments:

- [Jonesboro Viper Contract.pdf](#)
- [Jonesboro pumper contract.pdf](#)

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I do have a question real quick. This part that says upon delivery of new units with the assistance of listing agents if necessary, and the resulting sale proceeds being returned to the depreciation fund, I was just wondering, and I'm sure this is a lack ignorance, but kind of how much has that been have we done in the past as it relates to some of our old parts being sold or trucks or replacements? I was just wondering. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, keep in mind, council, we're going to a new vendor this year, so it's going to be a little bit different process, but again, Chief, if you would elaborate on that little bit. Fire Chief Marty Hamrick said, I'll do the best. So with our previous vendor, they were allowing us to trade in old trucks and they would pay us a nominal fee for that. We have determined that we can probably get more money out of the deal by selling them out right ourselves. And this particular vendor does not do a trade in program. They're willing to help us if we need it to find a listing agent to get those out there and find interested parties to do that sale. And typically, they're estimating right now, like the aerial 2004 model, they're estimating we can probably see about \$100,000 out of that truck alone. The pumper being a little newer, probably \$80,000-\$100,000 depending on the market at the time. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman asked, would that be another municipality or something? Chief Hamrick said, generally smaller departments will seek out, there is a pretty robust used market out there for those trucks. Mayor Copenhaver said, I've already had several other mayor's call in interest to the vehicle. But the delivery of this vehicle will be the first vehicle. Chief Hamrick said, yeah, within 24 months of signing the contract is the longest it's supposed to take. There is a penalty clause built into the contract should it extend past that time. They anticipate a shorter timeframe, but it's uncertain right at the moment. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you, Chief.

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

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: R-EN-196-2025

[RES-25:194](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PICKERING TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PROSPECT ROAD MULTI-USE TRAIL

Attachments: [Prospect Rd Multi-use Trail Proposal.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: R-EN-197-2025

[RES-25:195](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT AN IN-KIND LAND DONATION OF 2 ACRES +/- OF LAND, VALUED AT \$876,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BLAZER LAND HOLDINGS, LLC

Attachments: [6106 Southwest Drive Survey and Development Site Plan.pdf](#)
[6106 Southwest Drive Appraisal Summary.pdf](#)
[Agreement for Land Donation.12.4.pdf](#)
[Warranty Deed.rev.1.pdf](#)

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to adopt RES-25:195. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, we do have a motion on the floor Council. Is there an amendment Carol? That we want to make to that, Brian? Carroll Caldwell said, I thought I'd read these to y'all tonight. But anyway, there's that I know of 2,500 lots being developed right now, the infrastructure going in right now in Valley View. So, you got the Orchard down by 226, you've got Mark Morris closer back over here, you got us in the middle. Mr. Gera and I just decided that it'd be in our best interest to have the fire and police. You have to have fire and police down there. Y'all know that. So we'd rather have it where we like it than y'all having to pay money to put it somewhere we might not like it. So we're willing to give it to you. You can use the buildings like they are. They are in excellent condition. You can tear them down, but you have to do it within seven years. That should be plenty of time, I don't know. I hope I can come back in seven years and say congratulations on what y'all built. But, that's just a long story short. It's a good piece of property. We left it open for y'all, a couple of days, a couple of months ago, I haven't made any alterations to it. It's in excellent condition. So we're going to give it if you want. Okay. Mayor Copenhaver said, Brian, if you would, please come forward and state a short amendment to that. Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, sure, after I was talking with Mr. Caldwell and with Engineering. There had been a couple of people that had asked about environmental conditions that may exist on the property, and they actually conducted a Phase 1 environmental that we have that we looked at that didn't necessarily identify anything bad per say. But just as a overwhelming caution, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Gera have offered to conduct a Phase 2 environmental on the property as well and to disclose anything or remedy anything that might be involved that would take remedy beyond whatever kind of just general construction that might happen on the property might take care of. So I would like to offer the amendment for somebody consider a second on afterwards. Whereas the donor has offered to conduct a Phase 2 Environmental Review; If any significant issues are identified, the donor will remedy or disclose prior to transfer to the City of Jonesboro. Councilmember Chris Gibson moved to amend his motion to reflect that amendment. Councilmember Joe Hafner seconded the motion. All voted aye. Mayor Copenhaver said, that was for the amendment. Councilmember Ann Williams motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to adopt RES-25:195. All voted aye. Mayor Copenhaver said, and that does carry. I would like to say to the members of the LLC, thank you very much for your consideration for the community,

and we appreciate your offer to the City of Jonesboro and to the future of the city, especially in South Jonesboro. So thank you very much.

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

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: R-EN-198-2025

[RES-25:196](#)

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Attachments: [2026 Budget - Copy.pdf](#)
[Budget 2026 Powerpoint.pdf](#)

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, we do have a motion on the floor to adopt. Director Purtee, if you would, please go ahead and approach the center stage. Council, as we begin this before you cast your vote on this, I do appreciate several weeks ago, a week and a half ago, we had an open forum and discussion and many of you showed up, asked a lot of relevant and good questions, and I hope we were able to answer and move forward. And I think it's imperative that we have that open discussion, and then we followed up with a finance meeting and finance team was there as well, and I appreciate that committee, and I do know that those of you that might not have been able to attend did call the directors to ask questions, and that's what it's all about. And so, again, the floor is open and tonight we're up for the vote of the budget. Do we have any questions by a council on the budget? Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I have one. I did watch and when I wasn't able to be here, and I appreciate all the hard work, and I did watch those meetings that I missed, and everyone did a phenomenal job. Just one question. On the personnel deferment, during the first quarter, once those decisions are made, then will that come back through here, that type of thing? I didn't hear that asked so I was just wondering. Mayor Copenhaver said, that's right. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, okay, that's all I had. Thank you. The vote was as follows: AYE – Porter, Emison, C. Coleman, Moore, Williams, Gibson, McClain, A. Coleman, Hafner, Miller, Street. NAY – Bryant. RES-25:196 passed with 11-1 vote. Mayor Copenhaver said, all right, Council, thank you very much for your vote and your confidence in the work that the city team does in moving forward. And again, that's really important. Steve, thank you again for all your staff and the directors for participating and giving their input. It was challenging. It was challenging. So again, I appreciate everybody and all the directors in the room for your efforts. So thank you again, Council, as well.

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

Aye: 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Nay: 1 - LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-199-2025

[RES-25:197](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE CITY SALARY AND ADMINISTRATION PLAN BY INCLUDING UPDATED PAY RANGES, JOB TITLES AND GRADES

Attachments: [Revised Pay Grades & Salaries effective January 2026.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: R-EN-200-2025

[RES-25:198](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT AN OFFER AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY, AND END DUAL LITIGATION EFFORTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND LAUREL PARK, LLC

Attachments: [Main - Washington property survey comprehensive.pdf](#)
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Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to adopt RES-25:198. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, I know Council that we're going to have some questions and discussion, but I think it's imperative that I bring this forward to Council. This is a long going process that obviously this community has dealt with for 20 plus years and we're to a point of an opportunity or deciding on what your vote is this evening, what direction we might move in. To be honest with you, this is more than one property that's divided up, and I think Jerry is here to represent. Do we have somebody on the phone as well? (Off mic...no) Okay, okay. It's three parcels of the Citizens Bank area, so the corner lot that we hold a lien on, and then two other parcels that one and Jerry, you have the one in between. Do you mind coming up, Jerry? I want to make sure that we present it right and we get that right. In ongoing conversations with Mr. Smith over the past, ever since the litigation really started, you know, we went ahead and appraised the value of the land. It was \$71, I believe, as it says here per square foot, which would total those three properties about \$850,000. Mr. Smith has made an offer to city council for \$750,000 and Jerry, if you want to go in more detail, you're more than welcome to.

Jerry Halsey said, Mr. Smith, I believe, has a cost of about \$920,000 from years ago. I do know that he one time he had some land lease, and I don't think he's collected any monies on that as well, so he's put his money in and is looking to get part of his money out. Mayor Copenhaver said, well, I think we're all aware that the city had to condemn the building, and we had to invest some of our ARPA funding to maintain the availability for our downtown residents to have a business. And so it was imperative that we move forward with that. I think that as the best way I can explain it, it's kind of like Domino's. If one of the dominoes starts falling, then the rest of them will fall into place. If we pick the dominoes up off the table, then there's nothing on the table. And so this is a vote tonight on this resolution and I know we're going to have some questions, so Council, we'll help explain anything we can. Brian's got a little bit more input as well, if we need to. So Council, if you have any questions, I'll open the floor.

Councilmember David McClain replied, I'll start. Oh, I'll start. So, you said, and I want to make sure I understand, what is the administration's, what are your thoughts?

Number one, as far as how the land can be used, but then also, you know, we were, at least I was under the impression, we were going to try and get our money back that we, you know that we spent, our three million bucks. So first we would like to hear number one, what's the administration's desire as far as if we were to acquire the property, what would we use it for, number one? Number two, I guess why we wouldn't pursue the lien? Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, and then I'll refer that then to legal on pursuing the lien. Brian, would you like to come forward and kind of speak a little bit more to what Councilman McClain has asked. You know, our desire really, is to do whatever Council decides. It's our job to bring it before Council. You know, again, I mentioned the domino effect. I think there's an opportunity there for green space for the City of Jonesboro. That's obviously in conversation. But I can't speak to that yet. That's just not on the table at this point. So if you would, Brian, if you can elaborate a little bit more. Chief Administration Officer Brian Richardson said, sure, I mean, I guess as mentioned in Finance, it's really kind of four options here or three options really, continue pursuing our litigation and just kind of let the chips fall they may on that. There's definitely an expense associated with that, legally, even if we are victorious, even more so if not. And, at the end of the day, what you get is a lien put on one parcel of property that's underneath it, where the tower property was. I know that there is some confusion. Nobody fully understands the lien process, right? The lien doesn't mean you get the property. It means that if the property sells, you get a chance to recoup some of that funding. Obviously, we're thinking that property is worth somewhere around \$300,000-\$400,000, so you know, even with the perfected lien, when your collection efforts are pretty, I would say, collecting back three million dollars, there's no short term path to get that back in a chunk. I think that's probably a pretty fair statement. So, you could continue that lien process. The city could purchase the property, and either a) turn around and immediately put it up for sale, and that would potentially remove some of the legal barriers from this property and allow it to be developed. You know, that is one thing to note that if we do continue the litigation, I'm not a developer, but I highly doubt that you're going to see much development there on the next couple of years while the courts are involved with, you know, any kind of litigation efforts. But so either the city could purchase the property, and then we could retain it and either develop it as an asset for the city such as green space or a corner park, a town square, you know, band shell, green space area, food truck court or whatever we would want to do. And I do think there's community funding out there to help support that. Or, again, we could purchase the property and turn around and sell it and let it be developed. Now, in order to, to develop a green space, I would suspect the next action you would see would be a proposal to potentially acquire more land right there. That would just have to be something that is premature to talk about at this moment pending this decision, but there are other options out there that could be of a community benefit to purchasing this property if we want to do so. Otherwise, we would just go ahead and continue our litigation efforts in it and I'll defer it to Ms. Duncan on what that looks like in the legal world, but again, this was a proposal that was brought to us by Laurel Park by Mr. Smith and this is obviously a pretty public issue and we've talked about for years, so we thought it only right to just bring it to the entire Council and just have an open conversation about what our options are. Hopefully the public is listening and you know, and kind of picking up that it's not a very simple issue. It's really complicated. And you know, hopefully, this is an effort to educate everybody watching to what we're trying to do.

Mayor Copenhaver asked, Carol, do you mind responding to the litigation, possible costs, I know they're unknown. It's hard to predict. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I can't predict possible costs. I think I said that in Finance and I answered that among the councilmembers that have contacted me with questions. I mean I don't how you predict what the legal cost would be. It was stated from the beginning and we used outside legal counsel for the initial part of this, where there was an attempt to join us

into the litigation between Laurel Park and Bruce Burrow. I guess I blocked it, I don't remember what the name of his company was, but anyway, One Main Street, that's right. And the litigation between the two of them, they attempted to bring us into that at some point to stop us from bringing down the building. We hired outside legal counsel for that. They appeared at two or potentially three hearings. I can't really remember on that issue and filed some motions and kept us from, we eventually were non suited out of that. But I still think we encouraged some legal fees on that in the neighborhood of \$14,000-\$15,000, if I'm not mistaken, for just that short amount of representation. As far as the ongoing litigation, because of the complex property ownership and because of the fact that, you know, my office is, we have what we have in our staff, it was agreed from the beginning that we would seek outside legal counsel. I mean, I don't know that there's ever been a piece of property more complicated over the twenty years than the Citizens Bank property with the land lease and the different owners underneath of the property and all of that. Much like you hire outside of Bond Counsel for their expertise on bonds, you know, the thought process was to hire outside legal counsel that has more expertise in complicated property matters to seek any avenues that we would have to recoup any money from this. So ultimately, that's where your legal expense would come in. What that would be and how long that would go on, I can't tell you. I can compare a little bit to the Ice House property, which we condemned how many years ago? We condemned it in 2021. We started foreclosure proceedings a couple of years ago. We were successful in circuit court and the court ordering the sale of the property, based upon our foreclosure. They immediately appealed, and it's still sitting with the appellate court. They've written a brief. We've written a brief. They've written a brief, and we're waiting on the appellate court to set that for some type of either oral argument or to make a decision on whether they uphold our foreclosure on appeal. So we still haven't collected any money on the Ice House after years of litigation that we handled in house, but that was not as complicated of a property ownership matter. It was one family that owned all of that property, so, I mean, looking at that, you'd have to anticipate the litigation would last a while. So I can't predict those expenses. I do think there's some confusion about what the litigation is. The litigation has already started. I mean, y'all were served with that. We approved our lien. They immediately appealed that to circuit court. You all were served with that appeal. Once we put our lien on the property, they amended that and added some language in an amended complaint. I accepted service on that amended complaint to eliminate some of the costs for them of reserving you in exchange for them extending our date to file an answer to February 1, which would give us time to get through the end of the year, make decision's about this, and determine how we want to proceed before having to hire outside legal counsel. So our answer is due on their appeal February 1. So we have until then to make decisions on that litigation. But that litigation has started, so it's not a matter of if they're going to litigate that lien. They are going to litigate that lien. It's already started.

Mayor Copenhaver said, and I think councilman, just to add to your question was the \$3.2 million. I mean, the only way, and I think we all recognize that, we had to do what we had to do, but to recoup that is to get production and productivity out of that land as soon as possible. Ms. Duncan said, you're not going to get the \$3 million. I mean, I said from the beginning, I think, spend the money as if you're not going to get any of it back. You know, spend what you're willing to spend to make downtown Jonesboro safe. And if we get anything back on it, it's a bonus. But a foreclosure doesn't, it's not like when the bank forecloses on your house and then they own your house. The foreclosure in this circumstance, just forces a sale of the land. We don't own the land at the end of the foreclosure. It just forces it to be sold. Now, we can obviously bid on it at that sale just like anybody else, but there's no guarantee that we own the land at the end of that, or how much we get, is subject to whatever it sells for, which right now, as you know, it's appraised at around \$300,000. It's nowhere

near the \$3 million. Councilmember McClain said, I appreciate the clarity on the legal side. I think the other issue I have, one Brian just pointed out, we wouldn't even own all the property right there. So there's two other parcels, an additional parcel in the back that we could probably have to acquire because you're not going to be able to, I mean, you won't buy it, but do anything productive. Ms. Duncan replied, and to be cleared for the public, the foreclosure is strictly on where Citizens Bank sat. It has nothing to do with the parcels of land to the side. Councilmember McClain continued, so and the reason I'm bringing that up, if we acquire those, I mean, we've already said the comp of \$71 a square foot. So now, our price goes up. We've got to spend maybe if we spend \$71 out, if I owned it and you just bought at \$71, I'm going to sell it you for \$71. So at that price, we're looking at an additional million dollars coming out of pocket, which, if you think about it, all this has got to come out of reserves. So we would be all in and almost five million bucks. I mean, to me, I just don't see where it would make sense for us to do that. I mean, we could do a lot with this type of money. Just my two cents, I think it's a bad deal. I don't think we owe him. We don't owe him anything just because he got a bad deal. I understand we want to own that property. But at the same time, we got to be responsible and not just spend money on dirt that we won't be able to sell. Foreclose it, foreclose on it. Hope it sells for whatever we get and move on. But I just don't see us spending that type of money. I mean, that's astronomical. I mean, I understand we have an appraisal, but if you look at a couple of lots and the appraisal, they were lots that he owned. It's not like we compare I mean, anyway. I'm out on it.

Councilmember Joe Hafner said, yes, I don't know who to ask this question to, but I know a little bit about accounting. I know a little bit about taxes. One of the issues I have is, this came up, this came to our attention a little over a week ago. It was on Finance last week, but, you know, we're being put under the pressure cooker of a decision has to be made by the end of the year. Can someone explain why the decision has to be by the end of the year? It was explained in Finance. Well, he can only take the loss this year or something, but I just need to know about, I mean, the capital losses, you can have a long term capital loss, short term capital loss. Can someone explain the timing issue? Mr. Halsey said, I can just tell you what I know and I'm not an accountant. But, my understanding is he has a financial gain that is not related to this purchase. It's a one time opportunity for him to take the loss and minimize his losses. Councilmember Hafner said, so he's just trying to offset his losses. Mr. Halsey continued, he told me today, even with this sale, he still has a loss, but at least it's not as great because he can offset it with the one time opportunity that he had this year. Councilmember Hafner said, so he's just trying to help himself out on taxes basically. Mr. Halsey said, he says that he can give the discount, feels like he can go ahead and give the discount and you get to be the beneficiary of that. Councilmember Hafner said, that makes some sense, but I don't think it's our responsibility to help him with his taxes. Mr. Halsey said, and I agree, but in his thinking, you know, if there's going to be an opportunity, if there's going to be a time frame when he's going to sell it short, he's going to sell it short this year because he has an opportunity. And after January 1, it's his opinion that he's not going to sell it short. He's going to stay in for the long haul. So this is a one time opportunity that's come up, that's been presented. He is not in any way, trying to be heavy handed. He just, we had the discussion and he said, hey, I can do this, if they can do this, and it was very much a trying to get to an end result that's beneficial to everybody. Councilmember Hafner replied, thank you.

Councilmember John Street said, Mayor, I agree with some of the things that David mentioned. In fact, he brought up some of the questions I had. Number one, we had to take the bank building down. I understand that it needed to come down and probably should have come down years ago, but I think we're basically rewarding them. We've already spent a pretty sizable chunk of taxpayer money, even though it

was ARPA funds, it could have been used for something else. So it's a pretty big expenditure. We don't have a specific need for that small lot. Even with the pieces they put in there, it's not a lot of utility with that. So without some specific use, we'd have to put additional money into it, and it'd be even more of an expense. I just don't see rewarding them for that. I'd rather fight it in court and keep the lien on it, if it ever sells. You know, I'd rather do that. I think that's more responsible. It's not going to be \$775,000 worth of or \$750,000 worth of legal expense. I'd rather take our chances and try to recoup something. We shouldn't be paying anything for that, in my opinion. But that's just me. Mayor Copenhaver said, let me ask Jerry, if you don't mind if you'd come forward and just kind of ask. Now, obviously, you do have some ownership in some other property that's obviously next to. What have you seen as far as development opportunities that still could remain with that property? Or are there difficulties with development opportunities there? Mr. Halsey replied, we actually had we've had some people look at it. We've had two inquiries that just said when the litigation goes away, we'll be glad to come back and visit, but they didn't want to be involved during that time. And then past that, we've really haven't gone to the market. We don't have anything to take to the market. Those were inquiries that we had personal relationships with. Mayor Copenhaver said, well, again, Council, these are conversations we need to have, and that's why I wanted to bring it forward.

Councilmember Janice Porter said, I have a question please. Is it an option that we could decline to purchase the lot and drop the litigation? Ms. Duncan replied, it is, I think it would need to be done in two different, like what's before you today is purchasing the property yes or no, essentially, to simplify. And then, this Council has already voted to place a lien on the property, so we would need to bring back, if it's the desire of the Council, you would bring back a resolution, trying to resolve that lien in some way. I mean, I think it's still open to determine whether you could resolve the lien without litigation in some way. And that negotiation, I guess, would begin, depending on what you vote on today. But I mean there's always options.

Mr. Halsey asked, could I have one more clarification. And I really want you to, I know none of you probably know Andy Smith, but he's the owner of the property. And he is in no way, I mean, a super nice guy and I agree, his investments are not your worries. But at the same time, he has made the investment and his offer is, hey, I'm willing to give a little bit to get this. He doesn't want to spend his money fighting this in litigation for the next three to five years. He knows that's going to be expensive. He knows he doesn't have the opportunity to develop it while it's under litigation. And his response is, hey, let me take my loss and I'll figure out something else to do. So I want you to understand the spirit in which this was offered is not, hey, you take it or leave it this year. It is, hey, I've got an opportunity that has come my way. And, since I've got an opportunity, I'm going to pass the opportunity along. And that's the spirit in which he has made this offer. So, please, just want you to know that. Councilmember Hafner said, just one more question if I may for clarification. The parcel of property that we have the lien on is what appraised for the \$307,000. Mayor Copenhaver replied, correct. Councilmember Hafner continued, so the most we can probably expect to get back from the lien is \$307,000. Ms. Duncan intervened, less whatever legal expenses we spend. Councilmember Hafner replied, okay, thank you.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, just a couple of comments or observations, not for you Jerry. I mean obviously we are fixing to go on five years of litigation with the Ice House, so I can't imagine it taking any less than that on this property. So we're probably looking at anywhere from five to seven, maybe longer years, that property been off the market or out of use. Carol, I couldn't hear what you told Joe, the answer, the most we could expect to recoup and litigation, would be the value of the property if we perfected a lien on it? Ms. Duncan replied, if we perfect the lien, it would be whatever it sells for at the foreclosure sale and I think the fair thing to say is

less whatever you've spent on litigation, right? Councilmember Moore said, so I mean, the reality of ever collecting our \$3 million is gone. Ms. Duncan replied, right. Councilmember Moore said, the most we're looking at being able to if we succeed in dragging out litigation is going to be \$400,000. If we spend \$750,000, we would at least have some say in how that property was developed down there. And that say would be something that would be financially advantageous to us. I'm not interested in making a pocket park or anything like that. I don't think that's the right location. If we were going to buy it, it would simply be to steer the development of that property into something that's advantageous to the city to recoup our money. I think when the discussions were going on with tearing down the building, we talked about we have several taxes that could apply to that property, where we could recoup our money over the long term through revenue of taxes. Jerry, is that still in an economic development zone? Mr. Halsey replied, opportunity zone. Councilmember Moore repeated, opportunity zone. So I mean, obviously, there's some advantages to a developer to come in and do what we want. Is it ten years that you have to keep it in order to do that? Mr. Halsey replied, I'd have to go back and look at it.

Councilmember Moore continued, I'm going to go out on a limb, but I think when I read it last time, the developer comes in there and develops that property and owns it for ten years, can sell it without paying capital gains tax. So there's quite a bit of incentive to come in and build on that property and build something nice. But I'm not in support of making a pocket park or an open space. I think that's premiere entrance to the downtown. I think we need a hotel. I think we need something big there. And I think the only way that's going to happen is if the city helps with that development. I'm also not interested in seven or eight more years of ongoing litigation where our net return would be \$400,000 minus litigation. I think we're losing money on tax revenue to drag it out over that length of time and litigate it.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman asked, so can I ask a mixed question? And you brought up something that really I thought about it and I agree with you on many of those points. My concern is making that decision today. To me, when I listened to the Finance meeting last week, and then I heard a bit of change today Jerry that it sounded like, to me, it was buy it now or lose the opportunity last week. So has that changed or are we able to come back at another time to consider this issue? Mr. Halsey replied, the offer on the table is specific because he has a timeline that he has to meet. And after January, after December 31st, he no longer has the opportunity for the tax relief that he has. So, from his statement is, after January 1, he can't continue to make this offer. This offer will be void after whatever tonight unless there's a deal made. And again, it's not heavy handed. It's just this is the opportunity for him, and he's trying to pass on an opportunity to you to settle it. Mayor Copenhaver said, and I would just add Council, you know, ongoing conversations with Mr. Smith since this began, I think he has looked in every aspect on how he could make it work for the city and us to be able to just make an offer on the table. He has come down considerably. I think Jerry had mentioned the \$900,000. Again, we're looking at three parcels of land, not just one. And with that, I mean, I think he's done everything he can to do that, but again, I think it's a good discussion for Council and do we have any other questions?

Councilmember McClain said, let me make one more. Go ahead. Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, thank you Mayor. Yeah, I guess my question, I'm sure I'll have this discussion in my mind I'm just thinking, why don't we only buy the corner and have him write down the corner so he can get the tax benefit? I mean has there been a thought process around that Mayor? Mayor Copenhaver replied, that was the initial thought process. And at that point, you know, we had, we're talking about negotiations, his price point was close to what we came back \$307,000. He had in it a little over \$500,000. And so the negotiation piece then came into the other two lots on the parcel. So again, from that standpoint, then the value of adding the other two

parcels really that came into play because the value then was a lowered for each piece of parcel. If you divide it out, we're paying \$250,000 for each piece of parcel. So it was on the ongoing, but as far as the negotiation, we never got to where we needed to get from our standpoint, because I remember we had a conversations that we might be able to purchase it for \$300,000, whatever the case may be, and his cost was about \$550,000 and then if I remember right councilman, so we were off on that, yeah. And he was looking for tax incentives, how we could make that work and a gift to the city. We looked through all those avenues. So again, I think this is broken up. And Brian, remind me on this, basically what he's looking at is a dollar for the Citizens Bank property and then the other two properties is that correct? Mr. Richardson said, yeah, the way the actual real contract that's attached to the resolution, the lot where the tower was is actually listed as a dollar and the balance of that is between the other two lots to the west. So it's all the same to us that the offer is \$750,000. How he divides that up per parcel, that's reflective of essentially gifting the tower parcel to the city. And, I would assume that is where the tax benefit comes in. Mayor Copenhaver said, and that's where I went with him initially, was just on that one parcel.

Councilmember Moore said, I would also mention that historically one of the problems in redevelopment of that property has been multiple owners of multiple lots. It took ten years to combine and get down and get title to multiple, I think there's a total of seven lots or six lots that come around. So if we just acquired the one lot, and then he had two lots, Mr. Halsey has one lot, and somebody else has a lot, we're back in the multiple owners, and that's probably not going to work in a large development. I mean, a large development there is probably going to need all the property from corner to corner. Councilmember McClain said, one more thing, just like you said, any large development will need all the property, so I guess we would be the ones acquiring the property, which again, I think the price if you buy at this price is going to be high. But the other piece I mean, I don't see, I don't see how we get around that. And I don't see how, I don't think someone's going to come to us. I know Jerry, you own the property, but, if we pay, again, we pay \$71, we're probably going to pay \$71 again. And at the same time, you've still got a parking issue down there. So you're still going to have, I just, again, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me for us to spend this kind of money. Councilmember Moore said, the difference of only having two owners negotiate the city, and maybe Mr. Halsey or the city and somebody else is a lot less complicated than having five owners. And some of the development plans have included a parking garage area to address parking. At one time, there was a proposal to build a second tower right behind Citizens Bank, that floated around, so I mean there's a lot. Councilmember McClain said, so, I mean I don't see us selling that property for whatever we pay, I don't see us selling it for that. We're going to take a loss on that. And that doesn't, again, it doesn't make sense for us to spend the money, then lose money. Even more money, I should say. Councilmember Moore said, I don't think there's a possibility of us making money on the property sell for sure, I think that's out the window. I think the way the city would come out would be to steer the development into something that generated revenue for us or generated revenue for the downtown, not in selling the property. I would highly doubt we pay \$750,000 and turn around and make a profit on the property. I would think we'd pay \$750,000, somebody would come along and make a proposal that we were in agreement with. We would either give them the property, lease them the property, or something else. But I'm with you on that Mr. McClain.

Councilmember Hafner said, another comment, and I know this kind of goes against what we originally believe, but long term would we be better off if we did not purchase this property for \$750,000 but instead removed the lien because if the most we're going to get back is \$307,000, remove the lien, hopefully that would end the litigation, the legal fees stop. The property is clear to sell. Mr. Halsey said that they've had

interest, but no one's going to be interested while the litigation is going on. Would we not be better off to remove that? Mayor Copenhaver said, well, and to your point, I've had several discussions with large developers that are obviously interested in where the location of the property is, but as long as the lien is on it, they're not interested. Councilmember Hafner said, I would much rather do that than go into the real estate business for \$750,000 and believe we're going to sell it at a loss. Councilmember Porter stated, and I'd also like to make a comment. In the working session on our budget, the comment was made that it's a really tight budget. I feel like if we purchase this, we're pushing ourselves towards a tax increase sooner rather than later. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, council, now, I certainly don't mind to continue negotiations as well. Carol, where are we if on the timeframe of February on the lien? Ms. Duncan replied, I mean I had this question asked to me prior and I do think that there would be time for staff or you or whoever, to negotiate a settlement of the lien and what that would look like, and whether we could get any money out of the lien in a settlement versus litigating. I think you would need to bring something back to Finance on the 30th, is that the day it would be? The 30th. And then it could go to Council at of the first meeting in January. That would give you enough time to make that decision. Either way, I think whatever Council wants us to bring back on the 30th, we would need to bring something back on the 30th to either, you know, a negotiated settlement of the lien or Council deciding to remove the lien. Whatever decision is made there, would come back to Finance on the 30th and be approved at Council early January, which would give us time to have it settled before our deadline to file an answer. And if that, for whatever reason, did not pass Council and Council decided to move forward, you would still have time to hire counsel and have an answer filed by February 1. Councilmember Hafner said, I'd much rather go to that route and spend \$750,000 and go into the real estate business. Councilmember Moore said, well, there's actually a third option that goes along with your line of thought, rather than remove the lien and allow the guy to sell it and hope for the best, we could have the lien and it would be a de facto vote on what project would go there. In the words of the current owner and the adjacent owners come up with the project, that we think is suitable for the city and in the city's best interest we could agree to drop the lien at that time. So we could basically hold the lien to give us a vote in the project. Ms. Duncan said, the only difference I see there is that we have to file an answer February 1. So we would incurred legal expenses with that option and they would.

Councilmember John Street said, Mayor, I move to postpone temporary until January 30th and let you look at this a little further and then we can come up with a better idea. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I will second that. Ms. Duncan said, wait, so you're postponing something from Council agenda back to Finance? Because Finance is the only meeting we have on the 30th. Councilmember Street replied, right. Ms. Duncan continued, so you're sending. Councilmember Street replied, yeah, and then finance would send it back, too. Ms. Duncan continued, so I want to make sure I understand the motion. I think what your motion would be is to return this to committee, to the Finance Committee. Is that what your saying? Councilmember Street said, yep, postpone temporary until January 30th Finance. Ms. Duncan said, okay, ultimately I think that kills this. Councilmember Hafner noted, December 30th. Councilmember Street said, December 30th. Councilmember Moore replied, I think that what Carol is saying is instead of a postpone until January 30th, we just make a motion to return it to the Finance Committee. Is that what you're saying? Ms. Duncan replied, that's what I'm saying. I think that kills it essentially, because there would not be time to then close by the end of the year so the offer would be off the table. It's the same difference as voting it down in my opinion. It doesn't affect the lien. It just, I think kills this sale opportunity. You can correct me if I am wrong Jerry, but if you bring this back to Finance on the 30th, it would then have to come back to Council in January, at which point the offer's off the table. Mr. Halsey said, I think there's an

expiration in the contract. Ms. Duncan replied, there is. Mr. Halsey said, it is either this afternoon or tomorrow. So it would expire. Ms. Duncan said, there is no point sending this sale contract back to Finance is what I'm saying. Mr. Halsey said, I mean you vote no and it's rejected. We move on. Councilmember Hafner stated, Finance would just need something clean to work with. Ms. Duncan said, right, I think that would be a new resolution to whatever that looks like, settle the lien, pursue the lien, well we already are pursuing the lien. You don't need a motion for that, to settle the lien or dismiss the lien or whatever, that could come back to Finance on the 30th although there is a motion on the table. I don't know if there was a second. So then, I think you need to. There is a motion and a second. It either needs to be withdrawn or voted on. I'm waiting on Chris to jump in with his Robert's Rules of Order. There's a motion and a second on the floor. I think it needs to be... Councilmember Moore said, there's a motion and a second to adopt the original resolution. What is John's motion still? Ms. Duncan said, to postpone to the 30th or send it back to committee? Councilmember Moore stated, that'll supersede it. Ms. Duncan replied, right. Councilmember Moore said, so you need to call a vote on that. Councilmember Hafner asked, is there a discussion or not? Councilmember Gibson said, there wasn't a second on that was there? Councilmember Moore stated, I'll second it. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, now there's a second. Councilmember Hafner stated, it's no longer valid. Councilmember Brian Emison stated, no matter which direction we take. Councilmember Kevin Miller asked, just trying to clarify, if we approve John's motion, that basically ends it? Is that correct? Because the timeline won't work. Councilmember Emison said, this form won't work. Mayor Copenhaver replied, this offer. Councilmember Miller said, okay. Mayor Copenhaver asked, any more discussion by Council? Anyone in Council Chambers? Anyone at Council Chambers? I don't see any. Councilmember Hafner asked, so on John's motion? Mayor Copenhaver confirmed, on John's amendment. Okay. If you would please go ahead and cast your ballot. Ms. Duncan replied, to return it to committee. Mayor Copenhaver asked, if you would, please go and cast your ballot. Ms. Duncan said, I think you will have to do a voice vote on that. Councilmember Hafner said, usually you have to voice vote. Mayor Copenhaver continued, all in favor, say aye. (All voted aye.) Any opposed. (No opposition was noted.) Okay, so that amendment does carry.

A motion was made by Councilmember John Street, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, that this matter be Referred back to the Finance & Administration Council Committee to be on the 12/30/2025 agenda. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-25:041

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:041 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

ORD-25:045

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO PD-R LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT CORTE BELLA

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Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:042 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember Joe Hafner said, Mayor, I just have one question on this one. I didn't see the staff report. City Clerk April Leggett replied, it was added this afternoon. We just received it today. Councilmember Hafner said, okay, I just don't see it. Mayor Copenhaver said, so if you have any questions then Councilman, just give us contact, okay, and we will answer your questions. Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, yes, and on this one right here is that listening to the MAPC meeting that was held last week is that there was a lot of back and forth talking about how this was being not approved, but the quote, it was going to be senior living. And I think that people, you know, we can't say that it was senior living because that's all going to be up to the POA when it gets established. I saw today on Channel 13 News that they had a big segment saying that we're going to have senior living now. And so this is just a rezoning and I think it's unfair to the public, but where I'm concerned and I wrote Derrel, is that when you do a rezoning is that you are supposed to send out certified registered mail to the neighbors to let them know that there is a rezoning and it is always on an attachment to that rezoning. There's no certified letters on this, so Derrel said that the letters were sent out, but that was about three weeks ago, so I think it's really unfair because were they sent out because they should have been back by now, so I don't know, if they need to resubmit them again, because they should have been back, but that was just the process that needs to happen, so those neighbors know exactly what's going to go in that property. So I hope that they can follow through with that and get it done properly. Thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-25:037](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117 ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 117-324(g) TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A VALID REGISTRATION OR LICENSE ON A BOAT, TRAILER, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKED OUTDOORS ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Held at second reading

[ORD-25:040](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORD-17:026 RELATING TO TOWING SERVICES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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Held at second reading

[ORD-25:042](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM I-1 TO C-2 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 213 N MAIN AS REQUESTED BY SHAMIM WILKINS.

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Held at second reading

[ORD-25:043](#) 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 FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE 2000 BLOCK OF W. MATTHEWS/WASHINGTON, JONESBORO, AR AS REQUESTED BY ROHN CRAFT

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Held at second reading

[ORD-25:044](#) 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 FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE 2000 BLOCK OF W. MATTHEWS/WASHINGTON, JONESBORO, AR AS REQUESTED BY ANDY CRAFT

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Held at second reading

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:

I'm going to go through this. First of all, I want to reach out to our officer that's in the hospital that was involved in an accidental shooting yesterday and trust me, he was fighting for his life, but I can't say enough for the personnel at St. Bernard's Hospital that worked on him for tireless hours yesterday and then again today, and he is resting. He's going to have a long recovery, but he is alive. And so it's nothing more than God's hands getting involved in order to save that individual's life. So we're proud of that. I do appreciate it, again, all the work that our the Police Department does and the members of the Police Department. They have come together as a

family. I was very fortunate to meet with his mother and dad last evening late, and they're four hours away, and so it was peaceful for them to know that he had such a loving community around him.

I also, on the same note, want to recognize one of our officers, Officer David Stout, he received the state's top officer for this county in Craighead County, Sergeant Stout, and I'll have him later at one of our meetings to recognize him formally in front of you, but if you see Officer Stout, please pat him on the back and he's one of those individuals that he doesn't like personal recommendations. He likes a group, but again, we always appreciate that, and I think it's duly noted that he'd be recognized this evening.

So two weeks ago, my comments I've referred to the 12 Days of Christmas that Brian wrote. He enjoys that. So However, in-house researcher says, we're not actually in the 12 days of Christmas, because the first day of Christmas is actually December 25th, you know, with the Partridge in a pear tree and so on. But you might be happier with the following in an advent calendar. So today is the 16th day of the calendar, which happens to fall a national chocolate cover anything day. So anyway, I know there are a lot of individuals that would like to have that this evening. So with that thought, bear with me in the next few minutes.

You may recall September, we authorized a third party review of our building permit process. That review has been underway. It's called Matrix. The organization that we approved as a city and city council for a couple weeks now. They're doing surveys, and they're being shared information with contractors, architects, and developers. I'm telling you, this is a process that we've been looking for for a long period of time, to make sure that our processes with our community works efficiently and effectively, and the process can only, though, work correctly if we get our community involved in the process. And so I'll be sending out letters this week to almost a thousand individuals that have permits in the community for them to make sure that they get on the QR code. I'm asking the public as well. We want the public engagement in this process, things that you like, things that your concerns are when it comes to the building, and the processes of the city. This is the time that we're going to be making a huge impact and I'm looking forward to how that turns out.

Meantime, I hope you're as proud of Jonesboro as I am for all the brilliant holiday celebrations going on. Many joyous family or charitable events have already taken place and many are ongoing. For example, we had a great turnout for the Mayor's Christmas Open House on the 8th, which is something that started last year, and I hope our citizens enjoy the opportunity to come to the Municipal Building and see how we work and celebrate the holidays with those that we serve. We still have something else that is very popular to look forward to, and that's the holiday trolley for Christmas at the Park. That starts Saturday evening, beginning at 5:30 p.m. It runs through 8:30 p.m., and you can check JET's Facebook page for the exact time. So here's how it works. Come to the Municipal Building, you buy your tickets at the Collection Department during the regular business hours. The trolley pickup location is the bus stop on Madison Street, next to Winter Wonderland. Only 20 tickets per time slot and they run about every 15 minutes. The cost is \$5 and the tickets for kids are free. Buy your ticket very soon in the Collections Department of the Municipal Building and share a ride at Christmas Park in one of our trolleys. Now, this trolley, if I'm not mistakenly, actually will not stop. They'll go through the park and then turn around and come right back. So again, I think this is wonderful that we offered to our city employees and then to the public on different evenings.

And in the season of giving, let's also remember the creatures great and small, including those who can't ask for help. In honor of Operation Santa Paw Month, we're

asking our community to help support the animals cared by the Jonesboro Animal Service Department. Every donation helps with warmth and nourishment and comfort to pets awaiting their homes forever. Preferred items are Purina Dog Chow. Just take it to the shelter and some furry ones will be very grateful.

We're also hoping to help showing Christmas cheer at our Dispatch Center with a holiday celebration for Jonesboro E-911 team who work around the clock, even throughout the holiday season. Help us fill the December appreciation counter with daily tokens of gratitude to brighten their days and show how much our community cares. All the details for ways you can help can be found on our social media pages and you can just call us. By the way, we know they love thank you notes and coloring sheets done by the kiddos.

I'm very proud to tell you about a couple of great things that our city workers have accomplished since we last met. One was the Food Bank collection competition between departments. The winner was, Chief, there we are, Jonesboro Police Department. I don't have the exact amount of collected for the Food bank, but I know it was over 2,000 pounds of food, and this was a competition from City Hall, Police and Fire Departments. So it's a giant thanks to everyone who helped participate.

As the weather starts turning colder, I'm happy to say that the new bus shelters, I hope you've noticed throughout the city, new ones are going up. We just had one here put up today north, and we're still lacking some of the technology to be implemented, but the shelter itself is going up, so that's been over a two year process. So I'm real thrilled to see that happening. So they've been put together, another one next, as I mentioned to the Municipal Building. The ASU Newport Connection shelter was also done. They're getting there, folks. Please understand the funds granted as long as four years ago, and we're now becoming available for us to start the project. The folks at JET, as well as in the marketing communications are anxious to share the behind the scenes work that's been taking place to get all the improvements coming to the public transportation.

In closing, I want to share with you news of honor, we received as a city. I hope you'll be proud as I am. We have been notified that we've been named a volunteer Community of the Year, earning top honors in the category of most youth engagement for its commitment to youth leadership through the Mayor's Youth Council. The volunteer Award means and its co-sponsored by the Governor's Adversary Commission on National Service of Volunteerism Engage Arkansas and the Arkansas Municipal League, recognizing cities and towns that strengthen civic life through volunteer driven initiatives. Jonesboro was selected for its innovative and high impact MYAC program, which has expanded from 40 to 99 student members and contributed nearly 1,200 volunteer hours during 2024 and 2025. MYAC members work alongside city departments, community partners, and support initiatives focused on health and safety outreach, beautification efforts, equity focused events, and large scale community engagement. Jonesboro's young people are proving every day that leadership has no age requirement. MYAC was created so any student who wants to be involved in civic life has the opportunity to do so. I wanted to make sure that when I became elected to find a meaningful way to introduce young people to local government. I hope you feel as gratified as I am that so many students that are participating in these opportunities and getting the resources and support they deserve. In addition, your city government has won other awards. They will be announced periodically throughout the next four weeks, which will be announced every, I believe on, we're going to try on Mondays. Is that correct? These are awarded by the Arkansas Municipal League to demonstrate great determination within our departments and find unique solutions to challenges all cities face today in the changing world. We're showing our state and our residents that our community

can be an example of achievement, innovation, and service to the citizens. Thank you for allowing me those comments.

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OCTOBER 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. That's all I have Mayor. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, thank you councilman.

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, I'll be brief, I know April sent us an update since we got rid of the Public Services Committee. I'm a little bit more clear about kind of who's reporting to who, but whoever's kind of taking over the parks piece of things, I hope they'll look at Matt Modelevsky and Jerry Morgan's message about the Sports Commission. And I can't remember if we decided Finance had kind of taken over parks or what we had decided. I need to go back and reread your email April. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, thank you.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Comman said, Merry Christmas everyone. Be safe. Thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.

Councilmember David McClain said, same, Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Chris Gibson said, yeah, I just, I want to elaborate on just a couple of comments, just briefly one of Councilman Bryant's that he just brought up the email that he's referencing came to all of this council and it was in regard to a community Sports Commission that would be community based to help head up the sports leagues going on in the city right now in light of what's going on with the investigation. I am going to advocate for that as well. And I would like for us to have some kind of resolution on the table or at least consideration on the January 6th meeting. Secondly, I just want to elaborate on with Mayor said in regard to the install of the JET's bus shelters. Lee, shout out to you and your team. That's all I have. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, thank you.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, Carol, the questions I sent you about Act 505. Do we have any answers? Ms. Duncan said, we do and I saw that again today. I did get an email from the Municipal League and I'll try to get that drafted up. I just got a little sidetracked, but I'll get that to you. Councilmember Moore said, very good. I know you're going to tell me that. Thank you very much. Ms. Duncan replied, you're welcome. Councilmember Moore said, that's all Mayor. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.

Councilmember Brian Emison said, first of all, Merry Christmas to everybody, and happy birthday, Jesus. Second of all, we had a Public Safety Council Committee meeting earlier this evening and it was approved to walk-on RES-25:167 to this body. If it's approved, just a side note that this was more of a clerical error that happened in the previous meeting and since this piece of property does still serve as an imminent threat to the safety of the citizens of Jonesboro, we felt that it was better to go ahead and bring it to this committee and once approved, I believe that they are getting ready to actually start demolition on this property tomorrow, I think, is what I heard, or at least by the end of the week. Councilmember Chris Gibson said, I will second that motion for the walk-on. Mayor Copenhaver said, all right, Council, do we have any

discussion? I don't see any. Anyone in Council Chambers? You are just walking on. All in favor, say, aye. (All voiced aye.) Any opposed? (No opposition was voiced.) Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned to adopt, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison. Mayor Copenhaver said, we do have a motion on the floor. Is there any discussion by Council? Ms. Duncan said, just for those who weren't here for the committee, this was approved at the last council meeting and everything was correct in the notices that were sent and done, according to our procedure for a condemnation. The only issue was there was a typographical error in the parcel number on the resolution. So that's why we're re-presenting it tonight so that it can be approved and they can move forward with demolishing the unsafe structure. Mayor Copenhaver asked, any questions by Council? Anyone in the chambers? I don't see any. I you would, please go ahead and cast your ballot. City Clerk April Leggett said, I'll have to have a voice vote. Mayor Copenhaver said, all in favor, say aye. (All voiced aye.) Any opposed? (No opposition was voiced.) All right, that does carry.

Councilmember Janice Porter said, I had the pleasure of the Municipal Center's Christmas Open House. It was a lovely event and I really enjoyed connecting with members of the community and our city employees and I would, I'd like to thank those who were involved in the planning. It was a wonderful event.

[RES-25:167](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 233 S. Fisher Street, Jonesboro, AR, 72401; Parcel # 01-144181-44700

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Councilmember Brian Emison motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to walk on RES-25:167 to the City Council Agenda. All voted aye.

City Attorney Carol Duncan said, just for those who weren't here at the committee, this was approved at the last council meeting and everything was correct in the notices that were sent and done according to our procedure for a condemnation. The only issue there was a typographical error in the parcel number on the resolution. So,

that's why we are representing it tonight so that it can be approved and they can move forward with demolishing the unsafe structure.

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

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: R-EN-201-2025

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Date: _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

Date: _____

April Leggett, City Clerk