



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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

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

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

Absent 1 - Darrel Dover

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-14:052

Proclamation by Mayor Perrin to the Valley View High School Girls Soccer Team State Champions

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Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to the team coach and members. Coach Ron Teat thanked the Council and Mayor Perrin for recognizing the team for their hard work.

This item was Read.

COM-14:053

Proclamation for Sam Shinault presented by Mayor Perrin

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Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to the family of Mr. Shinault.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilman Moore abstained from voting on the items on the consent agenda.

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Abstain: 1 - Chris Moore

MIN-14:060

Minutes for the City Council meeting on May 20, 2014

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-14:038

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICE FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF JONESBORO

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Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-071-2014

RES-14:059

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE JONESBORO JETS

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Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

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This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-058-2014

[RES-14:064](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2014 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JAG (JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT) GRANT

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Sponsors: Grants

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-059-2014

[RES-14:067](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1201 AND 1203 W. HUNTINGTON AVE., JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO JEREMY MOORE

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Building Facilities Meeting Minutes May 15, 2014](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-060-2014

[RES-14:068](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1300, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1312, 1314 OAKHURST AND 107 S. FLOYD, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO JEREMY MOORE

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Building Facilities Meeting Minutes May 15, 2014](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-061-2014

[RES-14:069](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101, 103, 105 FLOYD STREET

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Building Facilities Meeting Minutes May 15, 2014](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-062-2014

RES-14:070 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM FOR THE FY 2013 TRAILS FOR LIFE GRANT PROGRAM

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Agreement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-063-2014

RES-14:072 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH EAB BROADCASTORS INC FOR RENTAL OF CRAIGHEAD FORREST PARK

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Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [EAB agreement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-064-2014

RES-14:073 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1219 BURKE AVENUE

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Building Facilities Meeting Minutes April 23, 2014](#)
[Riceland Contingent Offer May 2014](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-065-2014

RES-14:074 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A VISTA GRANT

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Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Agreement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-066-2014

RES-14:079 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE

PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CROMWELL ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS, INC TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL, DESIGN, AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RENOVATION/CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-MODAL CENTRAL TRANSFER FACILITY FOR THE JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (JETS)

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Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Contract](#)
[Proposal](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-067-2014

6. NEW BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-14:027

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE SECTION 34-28, ADOPTING THE ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO MEET THE MOST CURRENT STATE ADOPTION

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Sponsors: Inspections

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

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Enactment No: O-EN-029-2014

ORD-14:030

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THE UPGRADE AND EXPANSION OF THE COMPELLENT SAN STORAGE FROM RITTER COMMUNICATIONS

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Sponsors: Information Systems

Attachments: [Quote](#)

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

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Moore questioned whether Ritter is a sole source provider. Mayor Perrin answered yes. Chief Financial Officer stated Engineering, Inspections and Planning are being put on the same virtual network as the rest of the city. In order to do this, they need to expand storage. This is the same ordinance as what has been done previously, which also waived competitive bidding for these services.

Mr. Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson Drive, questioned what the advantages are to the city and the taxpayers for the city to waive competitive bidding. Mayor Perrin explained Ritter is the only company holding a license for the current service, so it is a single source for the equipment that is needed.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Enactment No: O-EN-030-2014

[ORD-14:034](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3 TO RM-12 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 401 MCADAMS STREET AS REQUESTED BY DEBRA BARBER

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

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

Councilman Woods questioned whether there has been any opposition. Mayor Perrin informed the Council the MAPC unanimously approved the rezoning and to his knowledge there has been no opposition. City Planner Otis Spriggs agreed.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-14:022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3221 AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF REMOVING THE RESTRICTION ON SPENDING ONE HALF (1/2) OF THE CURRENT SALES AND USE TAX, FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OF A PUBLIC NATURE AND DIRECTING IT FOR GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES, PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Presentation](#)
[Questions & Answers](#)

Mr. Cook stated he has seen nothing that explains what the money will be used for or whether it will be used to give raises to the Police, Fire or Sanitation Departments. He noted he is not referring to cost of living increases; rather, he is referring to raises due to their services and putting their lives on the line for the citizens. He added he holds the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Mayor responsible for making sure the officers and firefighters are duly compensated for their services.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Enactment No: O-EN-031-2014

ORD-14:026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 117-2, DEFINITIONS AND SECTION 117-140, OVERLAY DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY EXPANDING THE VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS (SECTION 117, D.1) TO INCLUDE A TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT OPTION (SECTION 117, D.2) FOR LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENTS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY TO FURTHER ADVANCE INNOVATIVE DESIGN AND GOOD LAND USE PRINCIPLES

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Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [MEMO Town Center and Village Residential Overlay Districts](#)
[Village Residential District Markup](#)
[Chapter 117-140 Village Residential District Existing Code](#)

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Enactment No: O-EN-032-2014

[ORD-14:031](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1802 COMMERCE DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY JACK ELAM

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

Councilman Street informed the Council that he had a request by the petitioner to hold this ordinance until July 1, 2014, so they can do additional studies on the rezoning request.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily until July 1, 2014. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

[ORD-14:033](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM I-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 EAST JOHNSON AS REQUESTED BY PHILLIPS INVESTMENTS

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

Councilman Gibson abstained from discussion and voting on this ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Charles Frierson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Abstain: 1 - Chris Gibson

Enactment No: O-EN-033-2014

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

They will hold a public hearing concerning the special election to change the sales tax. They also put together question and answer forms for the focus groups they held, which he distributed to the Council and press. It answered a lot of questions about what will be done. They will also be visiting several civic groups in the city to discuss the sales tax.

He welcomed Councilman Todd Burton to the City Council. Mr. Burton was recently elected in a special election to fill the empty Ward 6 Position 2 seat. Mayor Perrin provided the Council with an updated map reflecting Councilman Burton's ward.

He also provided the Council with proposed resolutions from the Municipal League. The summer convention will be held on June 18th. He asked the Council members to read the proposed resolutions and give him feedback. The resolutions will be voted on during the summer convention. He will also put the resolutions on the website so the various city departments can read them.

Jonesboro received a grant from the Arkansas Planning Development District from Rep. Copenhaver. They will be able to equip the fire trucks with technology to change the lights at 18 intersections when needed. They have also discussed putting the equipment in ambulances.

Mr. John Moore visited the city today to help renovate Parker Park. They provided the volunteers and funding needed. Parks Director Wixson Huffstetler discussed the renovations that were done.

Mr. Huffstetler then discussed the Greenway project near the Medical Mile on Matthews Avenue. He stated recently there have been indications in the newspaper that narrowing Matthews to put the Greenway in would cause problems. But, that's not what they intend. He explained they needed to narrow the road to put the Greenway in, but the lanes were only narrowed by one foot. The lanes were 12 foot and by law only needed to be 10. They will be 11 after they are narrowed, which is still wider than the state minimum. Narrowing the lanes will also slow down traffic for the increase in pedestrian traffic. Councilman Moore noted Matthews looks better since the construction.

Mayor Perrin announced in May the city issued over \$15 million in permits. That includes individual and commercial construction.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and place RES-14:062, RES-14:066 and RES-14:076 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-14:062

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH JOURNEY CAMPUS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Indemnification Agreement](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Enactment No: R-EN-068-2014

RES-14:066

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH CORNERSTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Indemnification Agreement](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Enactment No: R-EN-069-2014

RES-14:076

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR BROOKSTONE SUBDIVISION PHASE 4A, A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement](#)
[Plat](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Enactment No: R-EN-070-2014

Councilman Burton thanked everyone for welcoming him to the Council.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and add RES-14:077 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-14:077

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT FUNDS FOR THE ADF/AEDC GUARANTY PROGRAM; NORDEX USA

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Bill of Sale](#)
[Warranty Deed](#)
[Release of Memorandum of Lease v2](#)
[Escrow Deposit Agreement Series A B](#)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Enactment No: R-EN-057-2014

Councilman Moore congratulated Councilman Burton on his recent election win and appointment to the City Council. He worked with Councilman Burton on the Multi-family Housing Moratorium Committee and thinks he has a lot to offer the Council.

Councilman Moore stated there are numerous repairs going on downtown regarding potholes and other street issues. He asked if Street Superintendent Steve Tippett could prepare an estimate of what spraying and sealing the core downtown are from Matthews down to Burke would cost. That way when the repairs are done the streets would all match.

Councilman Moore then asked when they can expect an announcement concerning what will be going in the old Nordex facility. Mayor Perrin stated he can't give them a date. The Chamber of Commerce is currently under a confidentiality agreement, so they can't say. Nordex will be closing on the sale of the property on Thursday. From that point, he is unsure when an announcement can be made, but he hopes it can be made soon.

Councilman Coleman stated the North Jonesboro Initiative had a meeting recently where Mr. Barry Phillips discussed what they will be building in the area of Johnson and Main. There were several questions, so he was glad Mr. Phillips was there to answer them.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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JETS Director Steve Ewart, Center Grove Circle, stated he was asked by some of his neighbors to bring to the Council's attention some deteriorating housing conditions at 605 Center Grove Circle. The property has been going downhill for three years. Bank of America is not doing much to keep up with the property. The Code Enforcement Department is doing what they can, but the city doesn't have the ordinances needed to enforce the maintenance. Some of the neighbors are upset about the property. Councilman Frierson asked if the property can be condemned. Mr. Jack Callahan, 604 Center Grove Circle, noted the garage is not sealed, so animals have been able to come and go as they like. Other property owners in the neighborhood have sold their home in the recent years for less than what they should've been able to due to the deterioration of this property.

Mayor Perrin explained he spoke with Lt. Todd Nelson, who was going to speak with Chief Building Inspector Terry Adams concerning condemning the home. Councilman Frierson recommended asking them to look at the property. Mr. Adams stated they are looking at the property tomorrow and if they can they will look at condemning the property. Mayor Perrin noted some of the recommendations that came out of the Moratorium Committee, such as property maintenance code, will help the city enforce these types of issues.

Mr. Phillip Cook asked for clarification concerning the appointment of new Council members when they have less than two years. He questioned who the people are that will review the submitted resumes and hold interviews. Mayor Perrin explained the Council recently passed a resolution stating if there is a vacancy with more than two years left, there will be an election. For terms of less than two years, there will be an appointment made by the full Council. In the past if there was a vacancy, they advertised for the position and submitted what information was needed. The Nominating & Rules Committee then reviews what information was submitted. Councilman McCall, chair of the Nominating & Rules Committee, also noted that procedure follows state law.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk