



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:30 P.M.

NOMINATING & RULES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 4:45 P.M.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL

Present 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant
Absent 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-17:061

HOPE WEEK PROCLAMATION PRESENTED BY MAYOR PERRIN TO JUNE MORSE

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin announced Sept. 23-30 will be Hope Week in the city.

This item was Filed.

COM-17:064

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION BY MAYOR PERRIN TO JANE McDANIEL FOR GO PINK FOR THE CURE DAY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Ms. McDaniel announced April 28, 2018, will be the next Race for the Cure in Jonesboro. They were very grateful for the support from the city and the businesses. This year over 4,000 people walked in the event.

Mayor Perrin stated October 6, 2017, will be Go Pink for the Cure Day. Ms. McDaniel added they will be providing free mammograms to the uninsured and underinsured on

October 6th at Temple Baptist Church.

This item was Filed.

COM-17:060

PRESENTATION OF THE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES BY CITY PLANNER, DERREL SMITH

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Highlights to Multi-Family Design Guidelines.pdf](#)
[DesignGuidelinesforMultiFa \(4th Draft\).pdf](#)

City Planner Derrel Smith presented proposed guidelines for multi-family development (see attached guideline book and presentation). Mayor Perrin explained he had asked Mr. Smith to look at other cities and how they handle things because sometimes, if you're not careful, multi-family units are built and within three or four years they don't look very good at all. He noted good questions have been asked, even before the meeting. Councilman Long had asked if these guidelines apply to duplexes and triplexes. These proposed guidelines are for multi-family, which are the bigger units. They can go back and add duplexes and triplexes later in order to come up with their own legislation. He has received negative comments about duplexes and how they are built and maintained during the ward meetings. They definitely want to look at something for duplexes and triplexes. But, in regards to multi-family, if someone wants to build in town he doesn't see anything wrong with having these types of standards for builders to follow.

Councilman Long also noted this is for new construction only. Existing multi-family could still be renovated with the same type of materials that were originally on it. Mr. Smith agreed.

Councilman McClain asked if they should go ahead and include something for duplexes before they get too far into this process. Mayor Perrin explained he would like Mr. Smith to, after the ward meetings are over, to start looking at duplexes. He doesn't want to tie it into these proposed guidelines, though. He would rather it be separate.

Councilman Moore agreed. He referred to twenty or thirty duplexes that are being built on the west side with no trim or landscaping. They're just a square box with no trees and a concrete paved drive. While there are some things in these proposed guidelines that aren't applicable to duplexes and triplexes, like bike trails and signage, about 90% of these proposed guidelines should apply. He would expect something to be proposed almost immediately. Mayor Perrin stated they will be glad to do that.

Councilman Frierson then questioned when the Council should expect an ordinance to approve these guidelines. Mayor Perrin answered in about two to four weeks they should have an ordinance to present. Councilman Frierson stated he thinks the duplexes and triplexes could be included in that amount of time so they can take care of both. Mayor Perrin stated they can do that.

Councilman Street asked if this would also be applicable to major condo projects. Mr. Smith answered if the project falls under multi-family projects, then it would be applicable. He added in regards to the duplexes and triplexes, he could go in and make a few changes to include that if needed. But, if it comes to them and goes through a multi-family review then they would look at these standards.

Councilman Long clarified this would be applicable to quads and above. They would look at something less for duplexes and triplexes. Mayor Perrin agreed. He also agreed

with Councilman Moore in that they can pull things from these proposed guidelines to be applicable to duplexes and triplexes. Councilman Long stated he thinks it would promote renovation of existing multi-family and put into place good guidelines for future multi-family developments. Mayor Perrin noted he thinks they will see developers buy older properties and clean them up since these guidelines are for new construction.

Councilman Moore questioned if they included a percentage of remodel to trigger the proposed new guidelines. For instance, if an apartment complex burned and had to be completely rebuilt and remodeled, is there a percentage of renovation that would require them to be under the proposed guidelines. Mr. Smith answered these guidelines are strictly for new construction, but if they would like to add a percentage for remodels then they can add that. Councilman Moore explained he thinks they can stick with new construction for now, but they may want to eventually think about a percentage.

Councilman McClain asked if something is going to be done for commercial property. Mr. Smith answered he can put something together, but he doesn't know if they would want to do it for every commercial property. But, he can put something together regarding main corridors, etc. Councilman Frierson added he doesn't think it should be included with this set of guidelines; rather, it should be done separately. Councilman Long referred to the new office building across the street from Lowe's on Fairpark that houses Blue Cross Blue Shield. There are minimal entrances, green space in the front, and it looks really nice.

This item was Filed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of RES-17:133 and RES-17:138. The motioned PASSED.

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

MIN-17:101

Minutes for the City Council meeting on September 5, 2017

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

RES-17:121

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CLOSE A PORTION OF MONROE AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Conceptual Design Rotary Club FOA](#)
[Rotary Club](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-119-2017

RES-17:131

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CLOSE AN ALLEYWAY BETWEEN 407 UNION STREET AND 411 UNION STREET AS REQUESTED BY MIKE EBBERT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Plat](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-120-2017

RES-17:135

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE FY 2017-2018 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT(ESG) FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [ESG Sub-Grant Agreement - DHS](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-121-2017

RES-17:136

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CRABTREE & SON CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE RACE ST. SIDEWALK & RR PEDESTRIAN. CROSSING (2017:26)

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Contract Documents 2017 26](#)
[Bid Tab](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-122-2017

RES-17:142

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE AND ACCEPT THE 2018 STEP SUBGRANT AWARD

Sponsors: Police Department and Grants

Attachments: [Sub-award Agreement 09062017](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-123-2017

6. NEW BUSINESS

RES-17:133

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FISHER & ARNOLD, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A STORMWATER UTILITY DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Stormwater Utility Proposal](#)

Councilman McClain asked if it should have been bid out due to the amount. Mayor Perrin explained they did put out an RFQ and went through all of the submissions. Fisher & Arnold are more experienced than the others who submitted an RFQ, which is why they went with Fisher & Arnold.

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-124-2017

RES-17:138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JACKSON'S CONSTRUCTION FOR THE DAVID PURYEAR DRIVEWAY REPLACE AND REPAIR (2017:27)

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [Contract Documents 2017-27](#)

Councilman McClain abstained from discussion and voting on this item due to his professional relationship.

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

Aye: 8 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Abstain: 1 - David McClain

Enactment No: R-EN-125-2017

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-17:071

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ALCOHOL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND ADD SECTION 6-30 TO ARTICLE II PERMITS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Police Department

Attachments: [Jonesboro Application for Private Club Permit.docx](#)

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Long, to suspend the rules and

read the ordinance by title only. All voted aye.

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Frierson, to amend the ordinance. He read the ordinance amendment. All voted aye.

Councilman Moore asked that the ordinance be read at three separate meetings.

City Attorney Carol Duncan explained the ABC Board has changed or is supposedly changing their regulations to require the city to consider not just new applicants, but also transfers in business locations. They didn't want the city to adopt an ordinance that would immediately have to be amended once the state passes those new regulations, which she thinks will happen in the next 30 days if it hasn't passed already.

This ordinance was Held at one reading.

ORD-17:074

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2017 BUDGET TO ADD THE SUB-GRANT BUDGET FOR THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE FY 2017-2018 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

Sponsors: Grants

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Long, to suspend the rules and offer the ordinance by title only. All voted aye.

Chief Financial Officer Suzanne Allen explained this is the homeless agreement. The agreement doesn't start until October 1st, so it could be held to another meeting if they want.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, to Waive Second Reading. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ORD-17:076

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 800 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Attachments: [Survey for First National Bank of Paragould](#)
[Certified Receipts](#)
[Council Staff Summary](#)
[Deed](#)
[Neighborhood Letter and Meeting Minutes](#)
[600 ft buffer around 800 Southwest Drive](#)
[Aerial View of Location](#)
[Affidavit of Compliance](#)
[Application](#)

Councilman McClain abstained from discussion and voting on this ordinance due to his professional relationship.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules

and read the ordinance by title only. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman McClain who abstained from voting.

Councilman Frierson asked if there was any opposition to the rezoning. Mr. Smith answered no.

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

Aye: 8 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Abstain: 1 - David McClain

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-17:122

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 650 W. Monroe, Owner: Linda Lea Ball.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [county data](#)
[inspection report](#)
[Limited Title Search](#)
[Tax Info](#)
[Vesting Deed](#)
[Pic1](#)
[Pic2](#)
[Pic3](#)
[Pic4](#)

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: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-126-2017

RES-17:123

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 2420 Dudley, Owner: Lindy Holdings.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

- Attachments:** [county data](#)
[inspection report](#)
[Limited Title Search](#)
[Tax Info](#)
[Vesting Deed](#)
[pic1](#)
[pic2](#)
[pic3](#)
[pic4](#)

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: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-127-2017

RES-17:124

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 1901 National, Owner: Cambridge Capital Investments LLC.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

- Attachments:** [county data](#)
[inspection report](#)
[Limited Title Search](#)
[Tax Info](#)
[Vesting Deed](#)
[pic3](#)
[pic2](#)
[pic1](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-128-2017

RES-17:125

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property located at 1005 Cottonbelt, Owner: Charles Painter.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

- Attachments:** [pic1](#)
 [county data](#)
 [inspection report](#)
 [Limited Title Search](#)
 [Tax Info](#)
 [VESTING DEED](#)

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: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-129-2017

RES-17:140

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT WITH CROWLEY’S RIDGE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO COLLABORATE IN THE REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR THE 2016 CDBG ACTION PLAN

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [MOU for CRDC and CDBG](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: R-EN-118-2017

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-17:070

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING RAISES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sponsors: Finance

Councilman Moore noted he has asked that this ordinance be read three different times.

Curtis Montgomery, 1704 Smoot Drive, spoke in opposition of the ordinance. He explained he doesn't think the ordinance is proper. He doesn't think it speaks well of the Council or Mayor that this ordinance is going to be approved by this body. They are elected by the people and the citizens are their employer and put them in office. The citizens should have a say about raising salaries or the prolonging or putting them off. Anything else does not speak well for the Council. He is serious about the issue and so are other people. He suggested having a special vote on the issue and let the

people say yes or no. Or, postpone the issue until a better time. He said it's absurd to vote for themselves a pay raise. It will be on their reputation and there are people who don't like it. He further explained they can wait until the next election and put it on the ballot then in order to let the people who are their employer to make the decision.

Councilman McClain thanked Mr. Montgomery for stating his concerns. He agrees and thinks the city has more pressing issues than this.

Councilman McClain motioned to amend the ordinance to omit Section 2, taking out the retroactive clause. City Attorney Duncan clarified that she thinks they can make an amendment to the ordinance even with it being on second reading. Councilman Moore stated a second was not needed for the motion because, according to their rules, any amendment can be proposed before the third reading.

A motion was made by Councilman David McClain that this ordinance be Amended. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-17:059

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR OVERHEAD DOOR REPLACEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AT 2603 DAN AVENUE.

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Overhead Door estimates](#)
[Updated overhead door information](#)
[Email from Suzanne Allen](#)

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: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: O-EN-060-2017

ORD-17:061

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES SEC. 117-2 AND SEC. 117-107 TO DEFINE AND PROVIDE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS FOR PHARMACIES, MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION CENTERS

Sponsors: Metropolitan Area Planning Commission and Planning

Attachments: [Map Locations](#)

Councilman Moore asked if there were any amendments since the first reading. Mayor Perrin answered no.

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: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: O-EN-061-2017

ORD-17:069

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3, LUO COMMERCIAL, LIMITED USE OVERLAY TO C-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3012 PARKWOOD ROAD AS REQUESTED BY KRISTY HARVEY

Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
[Plat and Map.pdf](#)
[Plat.pdf](#)
[Aerial View of Location.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary 17-23 3012 Parkwood Road - City Council.pdf](#)
[Ordinance.pdf](#)
[Certified Mail Receipts.pdf](#)

Councilman Street asked if there have been any amendments or any opposition. Mr. Smith answered no.

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

Enactment No: O-EN-062-2017

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Last month, the city had a good month with building permits. \$18 million total, with \$11.5 million in commercial and \$6.7 million in residential.

Wards meetings have started. The second one was last night. The last meeting will be this coming Monday, Sept. 25th, at Allen Park. They are showing a presentation of what the city has done in each ward this year and what is being planned for each ward.

Doug Tapp, who is over the Land Bank in Little Rock, has confirmed a meeting date. It will be October 11th. He will be calling that later on. He will provide food for everyone. Mr. Tapp will discuss the process of a land bank.

The medical marijuana ordinance has just been completed. He was informed there have been five applications for dispensaries in Jonesboro, but none for cultivation centers.

October 3rd, the day of the next regular City Council meeting, will be National Night

Out. The city's process says if the Council can't meet on a regularly scheduled day, then the meeting is moved to the immediate Thursday. But, October 5th, that Thursday, is the night of the Chamber of Commerce banquet, which people will be attending. He recommended keeping the October 3rd Council meeting date. There shouldn't be a lot of discussion at the next meeting.

Again, Ms. Allen will be leaving on Friday. He appreciates the work she has done for the city. The city has had 6-7 years of complete, clean audits which speaks well for the Finance Department. The department heads do an exceptional job and don't buy anything unless they need it. Next year will be real tight. They are looking at cutting possibly some big items, such as Fixed Assets or Capital Improvements. In regards to salaries, if nothing changes, then they will have to put a freeze on salaries. If there's a position that is to be replaced, that's fine, but he recommends no new positions in 2018.

As he's said in the past, in 3-5 years the city will need to look at a tax because the city won't have enough money in reserves to operate. They will be going through the budget by line item in 2018 to show where money goes. They know they work for the citizens of Jonesboro. He wants a balanced budget every year. It will be tough to balance this budget because expenses go up. Even at a 4.5% increase, they are still looking at \$300,000-\$400,000 increase in health insurance. They will have to quit worrying about wants possibly some needs for 2018. He understands who his boss is and so does this Council.

COM-17:062

Financial statements for the Jonesboro Airport Commission for August, 2017

Sponsors: Municipal Airport Commission

Attachments: [JAC Jonesboro Airport Financials 08 17](#)

Mayor Perrin noted that things are going really well at the Airport, particularly with fuel costs.

This item was Filed.

COM-17:065

CITY OF JONESBORO FINANCIAL REPORTS

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Required Reserves July 2017.pdf](#)
[07-2017 State Turnback Report.pdf](#)
[2017 July Hotel tax Comparison.pdf](#)
[July 2017 Expenditure Report .pdf](#)
[July 2017 Revenue Report .pdf](#)
[07 2017 Sales tax.pdf](#)
[2017 July Franchise tax report.pdf](#)
[July 2017 deposit Collateralization Report - Copy.pdf](#)
[July 2017 Rev, Exp and Changes in FB.pdf](#)

Mayor Perrin stated he thinks the Council members have received those reports. The reports for this last month are being worked on and should be going out to them in the next week. So far, everything is being hit on budget. He reminded the Council Ms. Allen will be leaving the city this Friday. The 2018 budget process has already started. In regards to expenses, with the salaries set this past year, they have gotten the 2018

budget from \$12 million in the hole to \$10.8 million. That will mean they will have to pull down several million from reserves in 2018. The \$3.4 million from last year added another 2% to the 2018 budget. Ms. Allen has agreed to work with him and Councilman Hafner, chair of the Finance Committee, to continue the budget process. They have had some interviews and have two good candidates for the CFO position.

This item was Filed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street thanked Ms. Allen for her work. He noted the fair is going on. He encouraged everyone to attend the fair at Nettleton Baptist Church. He then questioned whether the airline will be going to New Orleans. Mayor Perrin stated the airline is still working on it. There's a subsidy on the federal budget for that.

Councilman Long thanked Ms. Allen.

Councilman Gibson noted the Nominating & Rules Committee was supposed to meet earlier tonight, but due to lack of a quorum they couldn't meet. The meeting will be held October 3, 2017, at 4:30 P.M.

Councilwoman Williams stated the turnout at the recent ward meeting was good. They got some good recommendations. Mayor Perrin agreed. They used to have six meetings, but cut it back to three this year and got a better turnout so they will probably stay with that in the future.

Councilmen Coleman and Frierson thanked Ms. Allen.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 3 - Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance and Joe Hafner

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk