



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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

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

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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

Absent 1 - Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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COM-15:015

Presentation by the Military Order of Purple Heart to the City of Jonesboro and Homer Lenderman

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

The Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 708 presented the Mayor with a plaque thanking him for helping make Jonesboro a Purple Heart City. They also presented a plaque to Mr. Lenderman for his help getting signage to help honor combat wounded veterans. They gave the city a flag to be flown commemorating Jonesboro as being a Purple Heart City that honors combat wounded veterans.

This item was Filed.

Presentation by Police Chief Rick Elliott

Police Chief Elliott commended several officers for their work in the line of duty. Officer Joe Robinson aided citizens trapped in their home during a fire. He was able to successfully remove the tenant from the fully engulfed apartment without any further injury. He sustained burn injuries, but still managed to save the citizen.

Chief Elliott also commended Officers Heath Loggains, Nathan Coleman, Josh Landreth and Paul Williams for their assistance during a recent home fire. A mother and child were trapped in the burning home. Two of the officers caught the child when he jumped out of a window. The mother also jumped out of the window and was caught by officers after she was unable to get out of the home by other means. The officers prevented the citizens from further injury.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

MIN-15:025

Minutes for the City Council meeting on February 19, 2015

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-15:011

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH REGIONS BANK FOR SPONSORSHIP OF ONE SCOREBOARD SIGN AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

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Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Regions Bank](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-025-2015

RES-15:012

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH QUALITY FARM SUPPLY FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A OUTFIELD SIGN AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

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Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Quality Farm Supply](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-026-2015

RES-15:013

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH JONESBORO AUTO AUCTION, LLC FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A OUTFIELD SIGN AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

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Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Jonesboro Auto Auction LLC](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-027-2015

RES-15:014

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH MR. TROPHY & ENGRAVING FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A OUTFIELD SIGN AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

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Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Mr Trophy & Engraving](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-028-2015

RES-15:018

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO LEASE SPACE IN THE JUSTICE COMPLEX BUILDING

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Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Justice Complex Lease Agreement \(2\)](#)
[justice complex leased space](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-029-2015

6. NEW BUSINESS

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7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-15:010

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 AND C-4 TO C-4 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5441 AND 5443 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY DAVID AND DEBORAH HARTSHORN

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

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

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-010-2015

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

They spoke with US Bank concerning the old Citizens Bank building. They are still working to find out who the owners are. They are unsure of the status of a lease with the building because the lessee was thought to be in bankruptcy, but it is not. Also, they are trying to find out if the lease is still being enforced because payments stopped in 2010. Chief Operations Officer LM Duncan is working with Mr. Burrow in order to take the next step of action.

Tomorrow they have a conference call set up with Bridgefarmer, the design firm through the Highway Department. He wants to add to the contract that the company will meet with the city twice a month during the entire life of the contract. He also wants to decrease the number of months they are allowing for requests for proposals because he thinks they are allowing too much time.

The EPA paid for an environmental audit for the Wolverine property that has come back clean. They are in the process of taking bids to see how much it'll cost to abate and demolish the entire facility.

The Master Street and Land Use Plans are currently at MAPC for review. He hopes to have them presented to the Council in April for approval.

He announced the hiring of Fritz Gisler as the new Director of Communications. He will be working with all external and internal communications, such as press releases. He will also be working with the television production and Channel 24.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place ORD-15:006 to the agenda. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilman Moore who voted nay.

ORD-15:006

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 112 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Assurance](#)

Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading.

Councilman Street explained they tried to do this several times with former City Attorney Phillip Crego, but he did not agree with it. The ordinance will lift the inconvenience on the Engineering Department and the developers of having to present each stormwater maintenance agreement to the City Council. City Attorney Carol Duncan stated there was never a question of legality; rather, it was a question about whether or not it's a good idea. There is not anything legally wrong with doing it this way. Councilman Street stated City Engineer Craig Light indicated to him that if the agreement is not standard, then it will be brought before the Council for approval. He added he thinks this will decrease the timeline to approve the agreements.

Mr. Light explained every month or every other month they have to walk a maintenance agreement on to the Council meeting in order to expedite the process. The ordinance will allow the department to execute the agreement and move forward with recording of the plat without having to take each agreement to Council.

Councilman Vance questioned the timeline of a development's process. Mr. Light stated sometimes the full process can take years, but they try to stress to developers that they can sign the maintenance agreements on the front end and the city will hold the agreement until the plat is ready to be recorded. But, the developers do know the rules which have been in place for several years now.

Councilman Woods asked if the process will be adequate for the Engineering Department if there is no administration approval. Mr. Light answered yes because they have already approved the maintenance agreement before it goes to Council. They are capable of doing this, as they already do with other programs.

Councilman Dover then questioned whether the problem is the process or if it's developers who wait until the last minute to do the agreement and then want it rushed by the Council. Mr. Light explained developers in the community are pushing this ordinance, as well as a few aldermen who indicate they think it should be handled at the administrative level. He stated they tried to bring the ordinance to the Council a year ago but were not able to, but now that City Attorney Duncan is on board they are able to move forward. He added he does not have a problem with leaving the process the way it is, but it would help the development community if the ordinance is approved. City Attorney Duncan further explained in her and former City Attorney Crego's discussion with staff, they discussed whether or not the city staff would feel comfortable with making the final decision as opposed to Council.

Councilman Vance stated he thinks the City Attorney's Office is still a little hesitant

about the ordinance and he would like those concerns to be addressed. City Attorney Duncan explained she is hesitant from the standpoint of staff, whether it be Mr. Light or anyone else, in the case of a future Council questioning why they aren't the ones approving the items.

Councilman Street asked if there is any opposition to this ordinance. Mr. Light stated there is not any opposition that he is aware of.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Held at one reading and the ordinance be read at three separate meetings. The motion PASSED with the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

Councilman Street commended the officers at Jonesboro Police Department. He stated they go above and beyond the call of duty every day and the citizens should be proud.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place RES-15:019 to the Council agenda. All voted aye.

RES-15:019

RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR ADVERTISING BUS WRAP

Sponsors: JETS

Attachments: [A-State Bus Wrap Contract 2-19-15](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-030-2015

COM-15:018

Statement by Councilman Chris Moore as read at the City Council meeting on March 3, 2015

Attachments: [Statement](#)

Councilman Moore stated he spoke with city clerks in different cities in the state. North Little Rock has had one walk-on item in the last 14 meetings. Fayetteville has had one walk-on in the last 12 meetings. Conway has had one walk-on in the last 6 meetings. They are doing business without walk-ons being involved. He added all of the clerks indicated it is very rare to have a rezoning ordinance with one of the readings being suspended unless there is an extreme circumstance. Rezoning ordinances in those cities are usually read at three separate meetings. He asked that the Council start reading rezonings at three separate meetings unless there is some

extraordinary circumstance that warrants otherwise. He noted that would even include rezonings where there is no opposition. He explained just because there is no one at a particular meeting that opposes a rezoning doesn't mean that one won't oppose it within the timeline of three separate readings. He asked the Council to consider 23 walk-ons in eight meetings.

This item was Filed.

Councilman Vance stated he agrees with the majority of Councilman Moore's statement. He added they need to start doing business professionally and not have so many walk-ons.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Absent: 1 - Charles Coleman

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk