



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Thursday, July 6, 2017

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:15 P.M.

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

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent 1 - Darrel Dover

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-17:044](#)

PRESENTATION BY MAYOR PERRIN TO MISS ARKANSAS MAGGIE BENTON

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation and a Key to the City to Ms. Benton, who was recently named Miss Arkansas 2017. He proclaimed July 6, 2017, as "Maggie Benton Day" in Jonesboro. Ms. Benton thanked the Mayor for the commendation. She expressed her appreciation for Jonesboro, the people and the education system.

This item was Filed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW ASU CHANCELLOR KELLY DAMPHOUSSE

Mayor Perrin introduced the new ASU Chancellor, Kelly Damphousse and his wife, Beth. Mr. Damphousse thanked the Mayor and the City Council. He expressed his interest in the university and city working closely together.

[COM-17:042](#)

BEVERLY PARKER ROTARY PRESENTATION

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Drawings](#)
[Supporting information](#)

Ms. Parker spoke on behalf of the Rotary Club. They will be celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2019. With the Forum staying downtown, they feel like this new facility will greatly enhance the facility and provide an outdoor, multi-use facility. They hope the facility will be used for things such as festivals, a farmer's market and weddings. They saw numerous studies regarding the need for parks and green space. She commended the Mayor for working with them over the past year. They want it to be a gathering place and could be an important place to provide a good vibe for downtown. In order to open in 2019, they need the city's approval for the closure of the portion of Monroe that is in front of the Forum. She noted it is not a full closure; rather, it is a partial, temporary closure. The alley will remain open. She noted they can do without the grants, but they can't do without the partial, temporary closure.

Jerry Brackett discussed the site plans for the park. They have been working about 18 months on the project. It is very central to downtown Jonesboro, the hospital, the Medical Mile and just about every part of downtown Jonesboro. It also provides an additional area for the Downtown Barbecue Fest. Right now, the area is not functional and useful for what needs to happen downtown. He noted architects in town are donating their services in order to honor Mark Enos, who passed away last year and had a vision for this park.

The project entails blocking traffic access in order to provide more safety for children going into the building. There will be a big bus drop off on Church Street. The Rotary Stamp will be installed in the area as well. There will be vendor spaces, including utilities, a stage area and a green space. Removable bollards will be there to help with seating. Vendor trucks areas will also be available. There is an area next to the Forum that will remain open as a fire lane. The removable bollards will help with access to other vehicles, such as city sanitation truck services in the alley. He noted the park is for the whole city and not just the Forum. There will be some mural with exciting artwork. They will be looking into putting the utilities underground to help enhance the safety and the visual look in the area. They will also be working to improve drainage in the area.

Mr. Brackett noted that now it's public that they are wanting to do this project, they will be moving forward. They are going to do the final construction document phase starting immediately. They just wanted to let the city know what they hope the city will partner in.

Mayor Perrin stated downtown has been revitalized over the last ten to fifteen years because of people like the Rotary Club who bought property and renovated it. The city also has a lot of plans for Union and Main Streets.

Councilman McClain asked for clarification regarding the hiccup regarding closing the road. City Attorney Carol Duncan explained she thinks they'll be okay. She just wants to research and see if there are any notice requirements with a temporary closure. She doesn't think there are, but she wants to be confident they have done it properly so there's no challenge to it once they get the process started. It would be worse to have a challenge later than to take care of it on the front end.

Councilman McClain then asked about the removable bollards. Mr. Brackett stated there are different types of designs. But, the area will still be accessible to public safety vehicles. They have done estimates about how wide the area has to be for fire trucks to turn around. For the most part they will be temporary or knock-down bollards. That would block off the alley and the Church Street side, unless it needed to be used.

Mayor Perrin noted kids participating in plays have to walk across the street, dressed in their costume at this time. This will be a big help for them.

This item was Filed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

[MIN-17:072](#) Minutes for the City Council Meeting on June 20, 2017

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[MIN-17:075](#) Minutes for the Special Called City Council Meeting on June 27, 2017

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-17:086](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Engineering, Police Department and Streets

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-077-2017

[RES-17:095](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, CERTIFYING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENDORSEMENT OF BUSINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TAX BACK PROGRAM (AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 15-4-2706(d) OF THE CONSOLIDATED INCENTIVE ACT OF 2003).

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was **APPROVED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-078-2017

6. NEW BUSINESS

[COM-17:041](#) Request by First Baptist Church to set an appeal hearing regarding the denial by the MAPC to rezone property located at 2814 Wood Street from R-1 to C-4 LUO.

Attachments: [Appeal Letter.pdf](#)
[COJ Rezoning Ordinance.doc](#)
[Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary.pdf](#)

Councilman Frierson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to set the appeal hearing for 5:10 p.m. on July 18, 2017. All voted aye.

COM-17:045

Request for an Appeal Hearing for Sign-Tech of Paragould, LLC and Cache Beauty Supply regarding the decision of the MAPC to deny a conditional use permit to allow for the modification of an existing billboard at 2826 E. Highland Drive

Attachments: [MAPC APPEAL combined.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
[Handouts.pdf](#)
[Letter.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary.pdf](#)
[USPS Receipts.pdf](#)

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to set the appeal hearing for 5:20 p.m. on July 18, 2017. All voted aye.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-17:047

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CREATION OF A REGULATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AND FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 42, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS - PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Planning

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and offer the ordinance for first reading by title only. All voted aye.

Mayor Perrin asked that the ordinance be held to three separate readings.

This item was Held at one reading.

ORD-17:048

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CREATION OF A REGULATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT, AND FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 42, ENTITLED LICENSES, PERMITS, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS - INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Inspections

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to suspend the rules and offer the ordinance for first reading by title only and hold the ordinance at first reading. All voted aye.

This item was Held at one reading.

ORD-17:052

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 TO C-2 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1121 SOUTH MAIN STREET AS

REQUESTED BY SARAH RUSSELL AND DEREK SPIEGEL

Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
[Letter.pdf](#)
[Question Answers.pdf](#)
[Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)
[Aerial View of Location.pdf](#)
[Warranty Deed.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary - Council.pdf](#)
[Minutes of Neighborhood Meeting held May 25.pdf](#)
[Opposition.pdf](#)
[People within 200 ft.pdf](#)
[Property Owner Notifications.pdf](#)
[Signature sign in sheet for meeting.pdf](#)
[USPS Receipts.pdf](#)

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and offer the ordinance for first reading by title only. All voted aye.

Councilman McClain asked what the reason was to suspend the rules and waive the second reading. Councilman Vance stated if they want to hear the ordinance over three readings, then they can. But, if there's no controversy over the rezoning then they waive a reading and have done it that way for several years. Councilman McClain clarified he was just asking because sometimes they get into a rush. Councilman Vance further explained there's no rush nor an emergency; rather, it's just a standard operating procedure if there's no objections and have been no objections in the past. He noted Councilman McClain can vote no if he would like. Councilman Johnson added all of the paperwork is in order as well.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

ORD-17:054

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO I-2 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON NW BARNHILL ROAD/CW POST ROAD AS REQUESTED BY CITY, WATER, & LIGHT

Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
[Barnhill Road Plat Ballard.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary.pdf](#)
[Aerial View of Location.pdf](#)
[Craighead Technology Park Map.pdf](#)
[REZONING CWL.pdf](#)

Councilman Street noted he will be abstaining from voting and discussion on ORD-17:054, ORD-17:055, ORD-17:056 and ORD-17:057 because he serves on the City Water and Light Board of Directors. Councilman Frierson added he will be abstaining from voting and discussion on those items as well due to being an attorney for City Water and Light.

Councilman Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Long, to suspend the rules and offer the ordinance for first reading by title only. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilmen Street and Frierson who abstained from voting.

Councilman Vance stated that since this item, as well as the next two items on the agenda, are economic driven for new industrial land he would like to waive the second readings of the ordinances.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Abstain: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

ORD-17:055

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO I-2 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE STREET BETWEEN NESTLE ROAD AND NORDEX ROAD OF CW POST ROAD TRACT 3 AS REQUESTED BY CITY, WATER, & LIGHT AND JIDC

Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary.pdf](#)
[South of CW Post Plat 190AC.pdf](#)
[Aerial View of Location.pdf](#)
[Craighead Technology Park Map.pdf](#)
[Property Owner Notifications - signed - notofication.pdf](#)
[USPS Receipts.pdf](#)
[Warranty Deed.pdf](#)
[REZONING CWL.pdf](#)

Councilman Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Long, to suspend the rules and offer the ordinance for first reading by title only. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilmen Street and Frierson who abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Bobby Long, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Abstain: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

ORD-17:056

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3 TO I-2 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE PART OF LOTS 1 & 2 OF HAAG-THRASHER ADDITION BETWEEN LITTLE BAY ROAD AND GRISHAM ROAD AS REQUESTED BY CITY, WATER, & LIGHT

Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
[HAAG THRASHER ADD Plat.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary.pdf](#)
[Aerial Veiw of Location.pdf](#)
[Craighead Technology Park.pdf](#)
[Warranty Deed.pdf](#)
[REZONING CWL.pdf](#)

Councilman Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and offer the ordinance for first reading by title only. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilmen Street and Frierson who abstained from voting.

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

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Abstain: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

ORD-17:057

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO I-2 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE STREET BETWEEN NESTLE ROAD AND NORDEX ROAD OF CW POST ROAD TRACT 1 AND TRACT 2 AS REQUESTED BY CITY, WATER, & LIGHT AND JIDC

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[Property Owner Notifications - signed - notofication.pdf](#)
[South of CW Post Plat 190AC.pdf](#)
[USPS Receipts.pdf](#)
[Warranty Deed.pdf](#)
[REZONING CWL.pdf](#)

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Hafner, to suspend the rules and offer the ordinance for first reading by title only. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilmen Street and Frierson who abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Abstain: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-17:035 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT PROCESS AND REGULATIONS FOR TEMPORARY STREET AND LANE CLOSURES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Temporary Street and Lane Closure Regulations](#)

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

Councilman Street asked that the ordinance be held at second reading.

This ordinance was Held at second reading.

ORD-17:042 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CREATION OF A REGULATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT, AND FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 42, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS - STREET DEPARTMENT.

Sponsors: Streets

Councilman Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only. All voted aye.

This ordinance was Held at second reading.

ORD-17:043 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CREATION OF A REGULATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, AND FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 42, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS - ENGINEERING

Sponsors: Engineering

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

The ordinance was Held at second reading.

ORD-17:044 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CREATION OF A REGULATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION, CEMETERY DEPARTMENT, AND FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 42, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS- PARKS/RECREATION AND CEMETERY

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Parks Fee Sched 2017](#)

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

The ordinance was Held at second reading.

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Building permits for June were \$1.8 million for commercial and \$6.3 million for residential. This is down about \$10 million from last year. This can be attributed to multi-family building because it is based on the number of units. Multi-family this year is less units than last year.

Occasions Magazine recognized the Jonesboro Downtown Barbecue Fest for favorite local festival and favorite local park was Craighead Forest Park. It's good the city was noticed in the magazine.

All of the budgeted overlays for the year have been done. The city budget \$1,066,000. There's about \$20,000 left over. It will be used on the bridge on College.

Sales tax at the end of June came in at about \$2.4 million over 2016. He hopes it continues to go up even more. That is through the first six months of the year.

He has pulled the department sheets for the first six months of the year and everything is on target. There are a few items that need to be discussed with department heads, including overtime. Overall, the first six months look good.

The Grant Department has received the CDBG allocation for next year. It will be \$583,991. That is only \$5,000 less than last year.

He thanked the Highway Department, State Police, the Jonesboro Fire and Police Departments, the Street Department and E-911 for their work during the recent accident on I-555. To have such an accident and get it under control in less than an hour is remarkable. I-555 was opened up within a day or so and the overpass is now back open for two lanes. He doesn't know how many more weeks will be needed to the rest of the repairs. He thinks it'll be another week or two.

Two new pavilions with phone charging stations were constructed at Joe Mack Campbell Park. They were paid for by the Jonesboro Booster Club.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and place ORD-17:058 on the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-17:058

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CASE TRACTOR FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Streets and Finance

Councilman Street explained there's an emergency with one of the tractors. The transmission went out last year and would be too costly to fix. They are looking at replacing the tractor instead. The equipment the city has right now can't handle mowing the ditches.

Councilman Street 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 Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman

Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

Enactment No: O-EN-039-2017

Councilman Hafner stated there were four teams in the Jonesboro in the Arkansas Junior Storm program that competed in a national volleyball tournament in Minneapolis over the past week or so. The tournament had over 41,000 amateur volleyball players. Over 10 days they estimated it had a \$50 million impact on the city. While Jonesboro doesn't have a way to host something that big, you can see what an impact sporting events has on a city. He rode on their bike paths, pedestrian trailways and greenways for four days. He was impressed with the amount of paths they had available and where they were located. It was amazing to him the number of people who were enjoying those paths, including work commuters, people on racing bikes, little kids with their families, elderly people and people out safely enjoying the beautiful weather. With the amount of people enjoying the new pathway out at Craighead Forest, he wondered how many more would take part in a more active, healthy lifestyle in a state that is high in obesity rankings if there were more safe places to walk and ride. He thinks they need to work on more ways to find funding for those types of pathways. Jonesboro has a low cost of living, but sometimes if a city is too low cost and amenities citizens want aren't being provided, then sometimes the citizens will go somewhere else to find them. The city needs to take a real serious look at getting plans finalized and finding funding for them in order to put them in action or else the city will go backwards.

Mayor Perrin noted he has the revised proposal of a master bike trail for the entire city. The total cost of the proposal is \$134,000. He hasn't been able to visit with Councilman Street, who chairs the MPO, but he knows the city has a little excess money there. He would like to visit with Councilman Street about that and present it to the MPO. The only way you're going to get big grant money from some entities is if you have a plan. He has sent it to the Highway Department and they said it was compliant from signage to speed. He would like to meet with Councilman Street by Monday to discuss the MPO helping the city pay for the proposal.

Councilman McClain added he was recently in northwest Arkansas with his son for a baseball tournament. From where they were staying, they could've gotten on a sidewalk and walked to the ball fields. If Jonesboro doesn't start investing in ways to improve the quality of life, then people will leave. People are going to larger cities such as Little Rock, Memphis and St. Louis who all invest in those types of things.

He added there will be a meet and greet on July 29th at the fire station on Brazos from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mayor Perrin stated he will put that on the city's website and Facebook. Normally he starts holding ward meetings in September. They will also be kicking off an informal program that will bring in the council members to discuss things they feel like the city has an interest in.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson Drive, said bike trails and walking trails are great. But, where he lives the mosquito will eat you up. He asked about the mosquito control flyover. He stated trucks can drive around all they want to, but all they do is move the mosquitos from the ditches to your yard. Mayor Perrin explained Chief Operations Officer Ed Tanner spoke with Jim Stark from Vector Mosquito Control today. They flyover was either on July 2nd or July 3rd, right before the holiday. But, there's been rain every day since then. Vector gives the city reports based off the AVL information from their trucks. The city's contract with the company includes at least eight flyovers. Jonesboro probably needs another one this week. Mr. Cook stated when it's raining the city needs the flyovers more often. Mayor Perrin agreed.

Councilman Hafner noted he spoke with someone the other night that stated they were at Craighead Forest on the 4th of July and the mosquitos weren't bad outside. But, when they went inside the bathrooms the mosquitos were horrible. He doesn't know what is done regarding fuming inside the bathroom facilities, but that needs to be looked at. Mayor Perrin stated he will make a note of that. Vector can do that. They have a machine that can be taken off the truck and taken inside a building to fog it. He reminded everyone if they have an event at their home, they can call Vector and the company will fog your yard at no cost.

Cheryl Cheshier, 205 Hillpoint Cove, stated during the August 19, 2014, City Council meeting Councilman Moore clarified the city wasn't devoting any money to Greensborough Village. Mayor Perrin agreed at that time, saying it is a private development and not a city project. Councilman Moore added the project is not city sponsored nor is it city funded. Harold Carter, a Jonesboro resident, asked at the time if all public works such as street, sidewalks, etc., would be privately funded. Mayor Perrin answered yes. In response to a question from Phillip Cook, Mayor Perrin reiterated at the meeting that it is a private development. He also noted any road within the project would require a letter of credit or bond to assure completion at no expense to the city. At the September 2nd City Council meeting, Councilman Moore for the Mayor to reaffirm that the project is not a partnership between the city and a private developer. He clarified the project is a purely private development. Mayor Perrin agreed. Councilman Moore explained at that meeting that a Jonesboro Sun editorial had implied a partnership between the city and developers existed and stated nothing could be further from the truth. Mayor Perrin stated again that the project was a purely private deal and has nothing to do with the city. In a September 10, 2014, Jonesboro Sun interview, Mayor Perrin stated Halsey Thrasher Harpole had approached the city about helping to pay for the road through the village. Mayor Perrin told them it had to be a private road and explained to them the city can't take funds and put it on a private development.

Ms. Cheshier continued at a September 14, 2014, City Council meeting, in response to comments from Tom Reeves, Councilman Moore noted Mayor Perrin stated at the last two meetings that this is a private development without city involvement. Mayor Perrin agreed. Greensborough Village received their TCO rezoning approval on October 6, 2014. Two months later a new Master Street Plan map was created. The map showed a taxpayer funded primary street going through Greensborough Village. She questioned why.

Mayor Perrin stated he was sorry she wasn't at the Public Works Committee meeting held earlier in the evening because they discussed the situation there. Greensborough Village has put up \$548,430 for the first portion of Phase I. The work phase will start and progress on for that phase and does include a road. Two years ago, Greensborough Village was offered to put a road through there from Red Wolf Boulevard and was included in the 2015 Master Street Plan. The plan was never approved by the City Council. The Master Street Plan for 2017 has simply left that

road in there, so noting there will be public hearings. The Highway Department has come up with several alternatives on that road, so they don't know what is going to happen with the road. It can be easily removed from the Master Street Plan for 2017.

Ms. Cheshier questioned what action by the Highway Department would lead to the city putting an arterial through Greensborough Village, providing the primary road. Mayor Perrin stated he doesn't think the Highway Department will put a road through a private development. Ms. Cheshier explained City Engineer Craig Light told the MAPC the road was left on the map because the city is waiting to see what the Highway Department is going to do. She noted what is on the map is a principal arterial. Mayor Perrin reiterated the road was just left on there because the Highway Department hasn't come up with an alternative to what they're going to do. All the alternatives he has seen have not been a major road through Greensborough development. Ms. Cheshier agreed, adding what the proposed map shows is a city street. She questioned again what action by the Highway Department would lead to the city putting a street through Greensborough Village because that is what's on the map. Mayor Perrin answered the road is only on there because it was left on after the 2015 map, but it can be removed at any time. It's just a plan. That doesn't mean the road will be put on there. They are waiting on the Highway Department to decide what they're going to do. What he has seen is a flyover, almost a roundabout. The plans he has seen by the Highway Department doesn't show any master street through the Greensborough development.

Ms. Cheshier stated the developers offered to provide the right-of-way and prepare the road bids to put a highway through Greensborough Village. Mayor Perrin replied the Highway Department told the developers they would not do that. He was there when Lori Tudor from the Highway Department told Gary Harpole that the Highway Department doesn't build roads for private developers.

Ms. Cheshier clarified that he is saying the road was left on the map because the developers offered to contribute to road. Mayor Perrin disagreed, reiterating the road was on there in 2015 and that Master Plan was not adopted by the City Council. It was put on the 2017 Master Street Plan only because they do not know what the Highway Department is going to come back with. He still doesn't know what they're going to do, but will be meeting with them next week.

Councilman Vance explained the map is guide telling a developer if he builds a street in that location what standards it will need to meet. In all the years he was involved with the MAPC and City Council, the city never added money to a street to make it anything different than what the developer was putting in.

Ms. Cheshier stated six months ago the MAPC approved an altered final site plan for Greensborough Village. The primary road no longer connects with Johnson Avenue and no longer crosses ASU's property. A side street that does connect to Johnson was supposed to originally merge into the primary road now ends in a cul-de-sac. The northern most portion of the primary road and the entire intersection with Highway 351 has been moved south onto acreage that is not even in Greensborough Village. So what is on the proposed 2017 Master Street Plan does not match the road Greensborough Village has been told they could build. Mayor Perrin replied the map is only a guide to go by. The road they're putting in now, the road they've put up over \$500,000 for, is a road they are building themselves.

Ms. Cheshier explained by law a condition for final development plan approval is that appropriate arrangements with the applicant have been made to ensure the accomplishment of the public improvements. They have been approved for phase one. Phase one includes three streets, which would be somewhere around \$4-5

million. There is no bond or letter of credit. Instead, they have written a check to the city for a little over half a million dollars. Mayor Perrin stated yes, they have put up \$548,430 for construction of those roads.

Councilman Frierson noted it has been more than five minutes and motioned for adjournment of the meeting.

Mayor Perrin stated he would be glad to sit down and discuss the matter with Ms. Cheshier. He is going to the Highway Department next week, but doesn't know how to make it more clear.

Ms. Cheshier stated the Master Street Plan says its purpose is to provide for the placement of the city street system in the future. Mayor Perrin explained the road was put in there until the Highway Department decides what they're going to do, as was discussed in the meeting earlier tonight. An article in the newspaper indicated the developers didn't put up anything. That was wrong. Money has been placed in an account with the city for the roads partially for phase one roads. He stated no city money.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner and David McClain

Absent: 1 - Darrel Dover

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk