



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

Election of a committee chair

Councilwoman Furr motioned, seconded by Councilman McCall, to appoint Councilman Moore to be chair of the committee for 2008. All voted aye. Council McCall motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to keep the subcommittee chair assignments the same for 2008. All voted aye.

1. Call To Order

Present 6 - Chris Moore; Tim McCall; Judy Furr; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-08:005](#) Minutes for the December 18, 2007, Public Safety meeting.

Attachments: [121807](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall; Judy Furr; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

[ORD-07:3164](#) AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE SALES OF NOVELTY LIGHTERS WITHIN CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO:

Sponsors: Public Safety Council Committee and Fire Department

Attachments: [Consumer Product Safety Comm examples of novelty lighters](#)

Fire Marshal Craig Davenport explained all over the state novelty lighters are starting to be banned because they have caused several child deaths and injuries. Chairman Moore questioned whether the City has the right to ban a product that is legally made available. Mr. Davenport stated he thinks so because several other cities have banned novelty lighters, including North Little Rock. He noted Polk County has banned novelty lighters county-wide due to a fire caused by novelty lighters in September that killed three children in Russellville. Chairman Moore then questioned how novelty lighters are defined in comparison to regular lighters. Mr. Davenport explained it goes by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission. Chairman Moore then noted the ordinance describes novelty lighters. Discussion was held regarding whether the ordinance should be added to the Council agenda or wait until the next meeting. It was decided to wait until the next meeting

to put the ordinance on the agenda in order to give sellers time to pull the lighters from their stock. Mr. Davenport added the ordinance notes lighters that are stored in warehouses are not subject to the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilwoman Judy Furr, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall;Judy Furr;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-07:2567 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 2212 Brazos Street, 8461 C. W. Post Road, and 6119 Highland Drive FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office, Fire Department and Animal Control

A motion was made by Councilwoman Judy Furr, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall;Judy Furr;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

RES-07:2578 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 504 Kitchen

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A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall;Judy Furr;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

RES-07:2579 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 916 Cate

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A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall;Judy Furr;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

RES-07:2580 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 511 Houghton

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A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall;Judy Furr;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

RES-07:2581 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 300 Baker (House Trailer)

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Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver asked for the resolution to be pulled. He explained there are two parcels with the same address. He further explained one of the parcels was recently given a new address, so they would like more time to make sure the right parcel is being condemned.

RES-07:2582 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 509 Houghton

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A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall;Judy Furr;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

RES-07:2585 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE VALLEY VIEW FIRE STATION (5416 MAPLE VALLY DRIVE)

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Maple Valley Drive Warranty Deed](#)
[Bids--Valley View Fire](#)

Operations Director Misty Micenhamer explained Wade Carpenter was the highest bidder at \$50,501. Councilman Perrin questioned whether there was an appraisal done on the property. Ms. Micenhamer answered yes, there was an appraisal. Chairman Moore also noted they advertised the sale of the property.

A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall;Judy Furr;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

RES-07:2586 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1820 E Johnson (White Oaks Apartments)

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A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall;Judy Furr;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

Usage of Parking Fund money

Lt. Roger Morphis explained they found an ordinance from 1959 that establishes the Parking Authority and the parking meter fund used to pay off bonds from improvement of downtown parking. He further explained City Attorney Phillip Crego recommended drafting a new ordinance to specify how the money will be used. Police Chief Michael Yates stated the impression he's gotten is that the money should go towards parking enforcement and improving the parking areas. Councilman McCall discussed a recent e-mail from Kent Arnold questioning downtown parking and improvements. Chief Yates stated they could use the funds for improvements if it's specified that's what the funds are to be used for. Chairman Moore recommended using the money for capital improvements and policing personnel.

Councilman McCall questioned the status of the lot on Cate that doesn't have any lighting. Chief Yates explained there is existing lighting but it's not operable. Councilman Perrin suggested getting with CWL to work on getting lighting.

Councilman Hargis explained the fund's money was derived from double-taxation from the downtown properties for about 15-20 years which helped with that improvement district. He stated he thinks the property homeowners should have some strong input as to the improvements.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 5 - Tim McCall;Judy Furr;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall