



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Mayor Harold Copenhaver was in attendance

Present 6 - Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant; Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

Absent 1 - Charles Coleman

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:052](#)

Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on June 8, 2021

Attachments: [Finance Minutes 06082021](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams; John Street; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-21:027](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UN-RESTRICT THE REMAINING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS, ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED FOR 2016-2020 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (STIP) AND ACCOUNT FOR THEM IN GENERAL FUND UN-APPROPRIATED RESERVES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Engineering and Finance

Attachments: [Steve Purtee Email to Joe Hafner about STIP committment 06252021](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "One thing I wanted to just clear up. You know back in 2016 when this money was set aside, I guess it was thought that it needed to be put in a restricted fund so it was there when these projects were done. You know all projects, I guess for the most part, are still going to be completed. Steve Purtee sent

me an email that may answer some questions y'all may have. He said, and I'm not going to read the whole email and I'll give to City Clerk April Leggett afterwards, it said simply, "back in 2016 we restricted or earmarked general funds of \$7.8 million for the STIP commitment through the Capital Improvement fund. We expended \$3.7 million of this commitment over the next 3 years through the Capital Improvement fund. Beginning with budget year 2019 we determined these expenditures are eligible as Street Turnback expenditures. Then we budgeted and expended the next \$2.6 million of the commitment through the Street fund. The remaining commitment of nearly \$1.5 million is budgeted in 2021 also through the Street fund. We expect to satisfy this commitment once ARDOT requests our \$1.4 million portion for the HWY 351 Airport Overpass project when the bid is let later this year. Through the duration of the commitment we maintained sufficient un-restricted funds in both Capital Improvement and Street funds to support the commitment even while the funds were budgeted and expended through the Street fund. Legislative Audit has requested we pass legislation to un-restrict the remaining \$4.1 million cap improvement commitment and account for them in general fund unappropriated reserves. Effectively, that is what we had been doing all along and this is legislation that supports that fact. Since the original action originated via ordinance, it needs to be un-restricted through similar council action. The emergency clause is necessary so we can proceed to our exit meeting with Legislative Audit in mid-July and the suspension of required multiple readings will not provide any consequential impact." So basically it's just to un-restrict the funds and put them back into the general funds. They're still going to be used for STIP but it's just un-restricted." Councilmember David McClain asked, "So it didn't change any projects?" Chairman Joe Hafner said, "It didn't change any projects, I mean no not really." Councilmember David McClain asked, "Is there a reason that he said the way it was done in the past like that?" Chairman Joe Hafner said, "I think it was mainly just to say hey here's the money that we're going to need in the future." Councilmember John Street said, "We basically wanted to insure ARDOT that we were going to firmly commit publicly, those funds to match the matching money or serve the matching money for those projects. They were supplying \$90 million so that \$7.8 million that we pledged, we wanted to insure them that we did set that money to the side to meet our matching our 20%." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "And I think originally they thought that's how it needed to be done, but after it got going it was like it didn't need to be restricted." Councilmember John Street said, "I guess the Finance Director at the time, it was their recommendation and we just did that." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "And that was a safe thing to do."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-21:090](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 S ALLIS, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-40800, OWNED BY MICHAEL DUANE DARLING

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [200 S. Allis](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:091](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 309 N SECOND, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144182-17700, OWNED BY JOHNNY MEADOWS

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [309 Second](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:092](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 317 N SECOND, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144182-17500, OWNED BY MARSHALL MOONEY

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [317 N. Second](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:094](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1112 W HUNTINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-01500, OWNED BY MABRY'S PROPERTIES & HOLDING

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1112 Huntington](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:095](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1305 OAKHURST, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18700, OWNED BY DIAN FRANKLIN, LLC.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1305 Oakhurst](#)

Councilmember John Street said, "I'd say this one, the reason for the price difference is they had to clean that and haul off a bunch of stuff and it had the admin fees and the filing fees. Most of the normal ones that are \$175, that's typical mowing. There was a couple of them that had to be boarded up but that one was a little higher, if anyone was wondering what that was about."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:096](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1328 W. HUNTINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18100, OWNED BY DKI, LLC.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1328 Huntington](#)

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, "Mr. Councilmember, I just wanted to bring to your attention that our Facebook is out right now. Our internet is down so do you want to wait a few minutes, see what kind of time frame we have? Director of Communications, Bill Campbell can you check and see?" Councilmember David McClain said, "I say go ahead." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Yeah, this is a committee meeting, it's not like they are going to call in. I say we keep going. Just to clear up why we are proceeding, we don't really make any final decisions here so if someone has an issue and they come to the Council meeting, they can ask for any of these items be taken off of the consent agenda and addressed further. That is where the final decisions will be made. We simply decide whether not to forward on to the Council."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:115](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 409 N FISHER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-10500, OWNED BY PAUL D GAMBILL

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [409 Fisher](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:107](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4304 RACE ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-19900, OWNED BY CHARLES CRAIG CONYERS

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [4304 Race](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:108](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2501 MARY JANE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-24200, OWNED BY KENNETH L. & DENA BROADWAY

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [2501 Mary Jane](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:109](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1313 PARDEW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144212-20200, OWNED BY MICHELLE NUTT

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1313 Pardew](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:110](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1020 HOPE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144173-04400, OWNED BY GARY TOOMBS

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1020 Hope](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:111](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1014 S CULBERHOUSE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144192-21300, OWNED BY CHARLES E NOELL JR

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1014 S. Culberhouse](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:112](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 816 HOOVER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-14800, OWNED BY ROBERT WHITAKER

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [816 Hoover](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:113](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 716 W WASHINGTON AVE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-17800, OWNED BY HRB PROPERTIES INC.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [716 W. Washington](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:114](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 ALLEN, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-30100, OWNED BY KENNY COLEMAN

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [500 Allen](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:116](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 405 STATE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144171-03500, OWNED BY CHARLES E NOELL JR.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [405 State](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:117](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 204 WOODROW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-23400, OWNED BY NEWELL COOTS

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [204 Woodrow](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:118](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 S ALLIS, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-40800, OWNED BY MICHAEL DUANE DARLING

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [200 S. Allis](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:119](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 MULBERRY, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144074-09600, OWNED BY LEON JONES

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [200 Mulberry](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:120](#)

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS

Sponsors: Finance and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Notice-Hearing](#)
 [Resolution.wpd](#)
 [Ordinance.wpd](#)
 [Lease](#)
 [Indenture](#)
 [Guaranty](#)
 [BPA](#)
 [Pilot](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:121](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ACCEPTING A DONATION OF LAND FROM THE JONESBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Sponsors: Engineering and Finance

Attachments: [Warranty Deed](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:122](#)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL 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: Finance and Mayor's Office

Chairman Joe Hafner said, I would like to say thank you to Nestle for continuing to invest in Jonesboro. Obviously, you all are a big part of our community and we appreciate your continued belief in Jonesboro and our citizens and your employees. Councilmember David McClain asked, how big is the expansion? Is it in here? Nestle Factory Manager Mike Mann approached the podium and said, the expansion is over \$100,000,000 and will employ approximately 100 new employees. Councilmember

John Street said, that is the equivalent of having a whole new industry coming. It's awesome. I would like to take what he said and say thank you again. We really appreciate Nestle. The expansion here shows a great faith in our community by providing that many more jobs, doing another expansion, so we appreciate it all and don't know how to say it enough. Hope you keep expanding and are successful. Mr. Mann said, we appreciate everything Jonesboro does for us. Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, Mr. Chairman, we appreciate Nestle and others that have participated in this program, so related to the program not Nestle. I remember a couple of years ago, and maybe the law had changed, a couple of years ago we were a little surprised because, I don't know if it was someone here from Finance, someone had submitted after the fact and it was kind of a large amount, but the Legislature let us go back and change that so we don't have any surprises in the future or were we able to budget for that. If no one knows that answer, if they could answer me later. Chairman Hafner said, maybe that is something for Steve to address because I think they have to apply for it after the fact. Councilmember Bryant said, yeah, Brian or whoever, if sometime if you could get me an answer. Councilmember Street said, yeah, I think that they stay a brush to that a lot better now, knowing that, that can happen. I don't think we spend money that we get just because we got it. I know that they anticipate that or they have been. Councilmember Bryant said, yeah, I know a couple of years ago we had some surprise and maybe the law has changed since then but Steve will probably know more.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:123](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FY21 CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING GRANT

Sponsors: Grants and Finance

Attachments: [Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant Program Summary](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "I don't know, in the title if after Community Development that if Department needs to be added. Was Department left out? It just says The City of Jonesboro Grants and Community Development, shouldn't that be Department because it says Department down below." City Clerk April Leggett said, "That's how they submitted it." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Ok, I didn't know if it needed to be added. I think it needs to be added. Is that something that we need to make a motion to amend or can y'all amend it?" City Clerk April Leggett said, "It's a small change. I don't think it's significant." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "I just think it needs to be added for correctness." Councilmember David McClain said, "I guess I've got a question. So are these 2, RES-21:123 and RES-21:124, tied together in a way. That's not part of the one we announced the other day." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "No." Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, "Regina can explain it in more detail." Director of Grants Department, Regina Burkett approached the podium, "This is a completely separate grant. This is a planning grant and we are working with the neighborhood right now. Not sure if we are going to be able to apply for it, I will let you all know. We are working with that right now but this is completely separate from the Connectivity Plan that was announced the other day." Councilmember David McClain said, "That's RES-21:124. That's the next one?" Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Yes."

Councilmember Ann Williams asked, "Is there a particular neighborhood in mind at this point?" Director Regina Burkett said, "West End approached us about this a few months ago so we are trying to work with them on it right now. As we've looked through some of the public housing here in Jonesboro; we're not finding enough failing homes, there's a grade and we have to have something below 50%, so that's what we're looking for right now. We're not finding much of it but if we can apply for this this year we are going to move on to other neighborhoods. We're hoping to do it this year so we can kind of learn from this grant on what we need to do and then take other sections in the city and in the next few years move forward. We're still working so we really want to work on this grant but I don't know if we are going to be able to or not."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:124](#)

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY21 RAISE GRANT FOR THE UPPER HALF OF THE JONESBORO CONNECTIVITY MASTER PLAN.

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation and Finance

Attachments: [Connectivity Plan North Loop Executive Summary](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "One of the main questions I had, and it was confirmed, is, the one Jonesboro Connectivity Plan that the Council unanimously approved a couple of years ago will serve as a bases for this. This is simply a way to fund one of the many great plans we have sitting on a shelf right now, or at least a portion of it." Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, "I just congratulate the administration for thinking bold and big. I think if you could have picked anything this is the most important thing you could have picked, so thanks for your leadership on it. It's exciting and you know maybe at full Council, I mean I think most of us kind of remember all of it, but maybe y'all could remind us with a power point or something. What questions I have I'll save for Council so everybody can listen to all the answers. Otherwise, you'll probably answer the same thing twice." Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, "Council, I appreciate your support and as you know, this is an opportunity for the City of Jonesboro, this is a game changer. Again, it is part of the original Jonesboro plan but in the last 4 ½ months we've looked at how we can adjust and accommodate to apply for this Raise Grant, and I've got to say that between many departments in the city, we have all come together, we've been creative and with community as well. I want to reach out and say thank you to many individuals that have written support letters, we're going to be asking for additional support letters. Senator Boozman made a statement and if you don't mind I would like to read it. He said, "Infrastructure investment plays an important role in community growth and economic development. I'm proud to support this grant because this corridor will improve connect ability between downtown and the university while simultaneously encouraging the healthy lifestyle." And I'd like to add to that, this is going to, we created and with all the support, we looked at ways to mitigate flooding, this will help and apply some of that to this. Make sure our community is safer, promotes a healthier lifestyle. We've also looked at honoring the veterans, as well, on this and it creates a better public infrastructure. But more importantly, it's going to create an inner mobile life changing plan for this community. It's a game changer, people will come here to this community to live here because this is here, and this is just the beginning to what we have plans to do. So, again, this is just an

application but with the communities support, with our legislative support, our Washington support, we're going after it full storms. Hopefully we can get all of it, it might be just bits and pieces of it, but we're asking for truly what this community needs."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-21:125](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1506 PRATT CIRCLE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144082-09900, OWNED BY CHARLES H BOWMAN

Sponsors: Code Enforcement and Finance

Attachments: [1506 Pratt Circle06232021](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "I just want to say I appreciate whoever put the agenda together and put a couple different things in there in the middle of all those other municipal liens. Kind of gives me a break from that." Councilmember David McClain asked, "How are we doing as far as collecting on the liens?" Chairman Joe Hafner said, "It's a long process but Mike if you'll come to the podium please." Code Enforcement Director Michael Tyner approached the podium, "It's a fairly drawn out process. We've had a few invoices come in here and there sporadically. Normally on some of these vacant properties, once the taxes come due, either the mortgage company or whatever bank servicing it will pay those off. The other ones, as they come up for sale or as people pay their property taxes they'll take care of them. It's still kind of an uphill fight most of the time." Councilmember David McClain said, "Yeah, I figured as much." Councilmember John Street said, "As you're there Mike, I'd like to commend you and your crew for the hard work it takes to put all of this together and it has made a difference. I think we have seen a lot of this turn around since you started putting liens on these properties so just keep on doing it and Joe can take a break if he can't read them that long." Director Michael Tyner said, "That was a small batch, rest up the vocal cords for the next meeting."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

David McClain, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Ann Williams;John Street;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison