



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

5:30 PM

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

SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:20 P.M.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Boy Scout Troop 134 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Adrian Rodgers gave the invocation.

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-16:025

Motorcycle Awareness Month proclamation presented by Mayor Perrin

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin proclaimed May, 2016, as "Motorcycle Awareness Month."

This item was Read.

COM-16:029

Proclamation presented by Mayor Perrin to the Downtown Jonesboro Association

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Hailey Knight, director of the Downtown Jonesboro Association (DJA). He commended the association for their work to re-vitalize the downtown area. He declared May 3, 2016, as a day to honor the DJA. Ms. Knight thanked the board of directors and their volunteers, as well as the City Council and Mayor for their support.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

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

MIN-16:043

Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 19, 2016

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

RES-16:046

RESOLUTION TO MAKE REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR PERRIN

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-045-2016

RES-16:048

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: Finance

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-046-2016

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-16:020

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A CAR CAMERA SYSTEM SERVER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [TCS Ware Quote](#)

Councilman Johnson offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, 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 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-019-2016

ORD-16:024

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE SOLE SOURCE FROM CONSOLIDATED TRAFFIC CONTROLS, INC.

Sponsors: Grants and Engineering

Attachments: [Invoice and Sole Source Justification](#)
[GIF- Opticoms Grant Agreement](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street asked if this was an urgent purchase. Mayor Perrin answered no. He explained this is for the opticoms for the traffic intersections that help stop traffic for emergency vehicles. He noted all of the money is being given to the city through state representatives. They have combined GIF funding to do the opticoms as well as purchasing new equipment at the Miracle League Field.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Waived Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

ORD-16:025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5915 EAST JOHNSON AS REQUESTED BY SUKUP MANUFACTURING COMPANY

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

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street noted the vote from the MAPC was unanimous and there was no opposition. City Planner Otis Spriggs agreed.

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

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-16:022

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE MASTER WATERSHED PLAN PREPARED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR THE BIG CREEK DRAINAGE BASIN

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Executive Summary](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Todd Burton, 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;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-020-2016

ORD-16:023

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 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON HWY. 1 AND LAWSON ROAD AS REQUESTED BY WES THORNTON

Attachments: [Plat of Survey](#)

[MAPC Report](#)

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

Enactment No: O-EN-021-2016

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Building permits sold in April totaled \$21,177,481. 68% of that is for commercial, with the remaining 32% being residential.

Last month the city striped 2.72 miles of roadway.

The monthly financial reports have been sent out to the Council members. The City had a good month, particularly with sales tax which increased over the prior month.

A recent City & Town Magazine released by the Arkansas Municipal League featured a story on Councilman Dr. Charles Coleman and Jonesboro's Success School.

Two Saturday's ago the West End had a neighborhood cleanup. They collected 14.17 tons, as well as over 100 tires in that area.

On May 19th, the Arkansas World Trade Center will be visiting Jonesboro and touring several facilities. They will be working with companies who would like to start exporting, but don't know how. They will be looking particularly at lines of credit.

There will also be a reception that evening.

The drug take back was held at the Police Department last Saturday. Over 500 pounds of drugs were taken to the PD.

In May an event will be held at the Turtle Creek Mall to fingerprint children. E-911 Jeff Presley has been asked to serve on that board of directors. The children are also given information about not talking to strangers, etc.

Scenic Hills Cleanup will be by May 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

He thanked the Sanitation Department for their work in the cleanups around the city.

COM-16:027

Airport Commission financial statement for March 31, 2016

Sponsors: Municipal Airport Commission

Attachments: [Financial statement](#)

This item was Filed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Dover, to suspend the rules and place RES-16:058 and RES-16:049 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-16:049

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LAKESIDE CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR THE RACE STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE III - (2016:20)

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Bid Tab](#)
[Contract Documents - 2016 20](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-047-2016

Councilman Johnson reminded the Public Safety Committee of the special meeting on May 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Councilman Woods thanked the Mayor and city staff for a recent meeting with the Youth Development Commission. Mayor Perrin explained they received a call from Chris Massengill, the co-chair of the Delta Regional Authority, as well as a call from an office in the White House that will help with the summer program. They are looking for people ages 16-24 who would like to work from June 1 to August 15. They are

looking into paying the youths a salary during the program. The program will help teach people work skills.

Councilman Gibson announced the Public Services Committee met earlier tonight and decided they will be quarterly. They will be meeting every three months on the third Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Councilman Moore reminded everyone that early voting started today. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

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

Enactment No: R-EN-048-2016

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson Drive, came to the podium to speak. Councilman Frierson expressed concern about Mr. Cook being a candidate in the current alderman race and being allowed to speak during public comments now that he's a candidate for a Council position. He questioned whether there may be some ethical concerns with regards to Mr. Cook speaking tonight. Councilman Burton stated all of the aldermen candidates have the chance to show up and speak tonight. City Attorney Carol Duncan agreed, noting that several candidates are present tonight and can speak if they want. Councilman Johnson stated he thinks Mr. Cook is speaking as a public citizen and isn't endorsing himself for a council seat.

Mr. Cook referred to a recent happening in which several police officers protested their pay by parking their police vehicles at city hall. He stated he thinks it's unfair that two supervisors were suspended. Mr. Cook explained the officers have tried to get the attention of the council because of their financial concerns. He added he wouldn't want to live in Jonesboro without the police department we have or the fire and sanitation departments we have. He further stated he thinks the city is in trouble unless it starts paying the employees what they're worth. Mr. Cook explained in 2014 several raises were given out ranging from \$13,000 to \$2,000 and it didn't take long to get those done. He stated the officers just want the opportunity to do what they're doing and make a living without having to work extra jobs.

Roger Watkins stated there are homeless people that need help. He read some statistics concerning assistance programs. He then described some negatives instances with tenants, noting they were complaint driven.

Heather Talley, 805 W. Jefferson, expressed concern about the Police Department. She noted it's great to have expansions and growth. But, she questioned how those facilities are to be kept secure if the city doesn't have the officers to do it. The PD is down 16 officers. She explained officers can't be retained if they're not treated with respect and paid according to their abilities and the sacrifices they make. She announced there will be a law enforcement appreciation picnic on May 21st from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the public parking lot next to Abilities Unlimited on Union Street. She encouraged everyone to attend and bring people with them. She thanked the Jonesboro officers and support staff for their service.

Police Chief Elliott stated he supports the men and women of the Jonesboro Police Department. He added he supports the city and hopes that someday they can get the salaries to where they need to be. He explained there is a salary survey committee in place and he tasked them with looking into this issue. He knows it's not a swift

process, but there are areas in the salaries that need to be addressed, including possibly step raises. He added as they move forward it needs to be in unity and not at each other or against each other.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk