



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

PUBLIC SERVICES COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-23:011](#) PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 5-A STATE CHAMPION NETTLETON HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING TEAM

Read

[COM-23:018](#) PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 2023 JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

Read

[COM-23:019](#) PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY THE JONESBORO JETS SWIM TEAM

Read

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

[MIN-23:034](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2023

Attachments: [CC Minutes 04042023](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

[RES-23:060](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH CIRCA 1859, INC., d/b/a THE DOWNTOWN JONESBORO ALLIANCE (DJA)

Attachments: [Indemnification Agreement - DJA](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-086-2023

[RES-23:066](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL DECLARING AN EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION AND WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO REPAIR DAMAGE TO CITY-OWNED INDUSTRIAL TRACK

Attachments: [Eastside Rice LLC](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-087-2023

[RES-23:070](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRACKETT KENNERICH & ASSOCIATES, P.A. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE TURF RENOVATIONS FOR JOE MACK CAMPBELL PARK

Attachments: [Agreement](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-088-2023

[RES-23:071](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SENATOR JOHN BOOZMAN FOR UTILIZATION OF OFFICE SPACE IN THE MUNICIPAL CENTER

Attachments: [Sen. Boozman Jonesboro Office Lease-FINAL-3-30-23](#)
[City of Jonesboro Self-Certification Letter](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-089-2023

6. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-23:075](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 805 NORTH PATRICK FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER, BEAR VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Attachments: [Patrick Street Property LOI](#)
 [9 Acres N. Patrick St - Appraisal](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-090-2023

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-23:016](#) AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Attachments: [CO-2023-1 \(ORDER\)](#)
 [CO-2023-1 hearing minutes](#)
 [overhead view close up](#)
 [overhead view](#)
 [Petition](#)
 [Checklist](#)
 [Chief Hamrick email](#)
 [CityAttorneyResponse 04062023](#)
 [ORDINANCE of ANNEXATION](#)
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Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-23:016 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned to amend ORD-23:016 to add zoning of RS-1 to this annexation. Councilmember Chris Moore seconded the motion. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this ordinance be amended. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

[ORD-23:017](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES CHARGED BY THE CITY IN THE CORRECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DEFICIENCIES IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-23:017 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

City Attorney Carol Duncan said, the reason you are seeing this again, we actually held three readings on this ordinance and it was passed at our last meeting. There were some amendments that were made in committee and the committee voted on those amendments and asked that they be passed, but then there was a clerical problem and it didn't get changed prior to our third reading and our vote. So, we wanted to go ahead and revote on it with the clerical error corrected so it's essentially what you had in the last three council meetings with the changes that the committee recommended and approved.

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, that ORD-23:017 be passed. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-014-2023

[ORD-23:018](#)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ACT 1112 OF 2017, AND APPLICABLE ABC REGULATIONS APPROVING THE RESTAURANT PRIVATE CLUB APPLICATION OF KPOT JONESBORO, INC. AT 2312 E. PARKER ROAD, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Attachments: [KPOT Jonesboro Inc. Application Redacted](#)
[Publication Receipt](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-23:018 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

[ORD-23:019](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY LOW DENSITY TO RS-8, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON WIMPY LANE

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Certified Mail Receipts](#)
[Rezoning Plat](#)
[Staff Summary - C.C.](#)
[Publication Receipt](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-23:019 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

[ORD-23:020](#) 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 THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CARAWAY ROAD AND STADIUM BOULEVARD AS REQUESTED BY WESCOTT ENTERPRISES, LLC

Attachments: [Application](#)
 [Certified Letters](#)
 [Rezoning Plat](#)
 [Staff Summary - C.C.](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-23:020 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-23:010](#) AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Held at second reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-23:011](#) AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG JUDY STREET AS REQUESTED BY HALSEY REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC AND MCP INVESTMENTS, LLC.

Attachments: [Petition](#)
 [Plat](#)
 [Letters](#)
 [Resolution](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-015-2023

[ORD-23:013](#) AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR UNBREAKABLE, INC., d/b/a CASA BLANCA MEXICAN GRILL TO BE LOCATED AT 3410 EAST JOHNSON AVE., SUITE C, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Attachments: [Unbreakable, Inc Application_Redacted](#)

James Elwin Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, said, I do want to remind people once again of what a traffic hotspot this is located in. We have got enough problems there without alcohol. I think you really need to vote this one down. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-016-2023

[ORD-23:014](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR ELM STREET CENTER, INC., d/b/a ELM STREET SPORTS CLUB TO BE LOCATED AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK ARENA, 217 OLYMPIC DR., JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Attachments: [Elm Street Center, Inc. Application Redacted](#)
[Publication Receipt](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-017-2023

[ORD-23:015](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR AGGIE ROAD CENTER, INC., d/b/a AGGIE ROAD SPORTS CLUB TO BE LOCATED AT TOMLINSON STADIUM, 208 OLYMPIC DR., JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Attachments: [Aggie Road Center, Inc. Application Redacted](#)
[Publication Receipt](#)

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

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-018-2023

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Copenhaver excused himself and Mayor Pro-Tempore Chris Moore assumed conducting the remainder of the City Council meeting. Communications Director Bill Campbell gave details for the Mayor's Comments section of the agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Chris Moore stated, we have two communication items. The City of

Jonesboro Financial Statement Overview for January 2023 is currently available on Legistar as is the City of Jonesboro Financial Statement Overview for February 2023.

Communications Director Bill Campbell said, I just want to mention that a couple of losses were suffered last week that need to be noted. Pastor Emil Williams was a staple of the Jonesboro community and the father of Councilmember Ann Williams. The Mayor wants to express his sympathies to Ann and her brother Todd and the rest of the family. The Reverend Williams served as a role model and advisor to all of Jonesboro for many decades. Also, Michael Nunnally died suddenly on Easter evening. Michael was the Mayor's Son-in-Law, but he was more like a son to him and this tragedy has hit the family hard. While they grieve, the Copenhavers and Nunnallys have found solace in the love and kindness of this community and he wants to insure every one of you, the City of Jonesboro family and the community at large, know just how much they appreciate you. We have all witnessed the outpouring of love that showed just how important Michael was to Jonesboro and the family that he leaves behind is touched and thanks you for your heartfelt compassion. I also want to point out that Brian Richardson and Tony Thomas filled in the Mayor's shoes this past week and nothing has been delayed, slowed, or cancelled.

The Mayor will join the Chamber of Commerce next week in D.C. It's the Chamber's fly in and we will see our elected U.S. officials and others while there. This is an important opportunity for our city to express our needs to be prepared for a wonderful future. What we get from our Senators and Congressmen are the result of their work on our behalf and this trip provides a critical meeting of the minds to help Jonesboro grow rather than see our tax dollars spent on another city in another state.

Work continues on Culberhouse, the multipurpose path on Culberhouse. They are moving pretty fast and work is almost completed along a stretch of sidewalks on Wilkins. The Mayor is pleased to see the new stretches of concrete all around town and we all know that it will serve Jonesboro well.

We have six new JPD officers starting May 1st. We are looking forward to hiring more and Chief Elliott says we have test dates this month. So, if you know anybody that needs to be a police officer, we need them. And, as you know, cities are hurting for police officers in today's climate, but we are proud that the Jonesboro Police Department is the guardian of our city.

The West End Neighborhood Association will do its annual spring cleanup on April 29th. If you are in that neighborhood and interested in more information, reach out to them or our Code Enforcement office. If you are in a neighborhood and interested in starting a neighborhood association that holds cleanups, West End was one of the first and is a prime example of how to do it right. We continue to search needed locations for our monthly, weekend dumpster cleanup. It's been a great success for several months and we have hauled off tons, literally, of items residents wanted to get rid of.

I think that we said that Chief Elliott's reports will be online later this week.

The last thing is that spring is coming and animals are ready for adoption. So, please consider Animal Control first when you are ready to adopt.

Thank you.

[COM-23:016](#)

CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW,
JANUARY 2023

Attachments: [January 2023 Financials](#)

Filed

[COM-23:017](#)

CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW,
FEBRUARY 2023

Attachments: [February 2023 Financials](#)

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, May 20th we will be having our annual fish plate giveaway starting at 11:00 a.m. I hope everybody shows, the community and any council. I would like for them to come by and get a free plate of fish fry. May 20th we will have our fish fry.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I want to thank Brian and the city while the Mayor has been out. We had a large limb cleanup down on Jefferson and Vine and city crews came out and cleaned that up and it went real well and I appreciate their help. I did have a call and I think Dr. Coleman received a call from a man who was concerned about the condition of Willett Road. Do we have any information on Willett Road? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, I did speak with a gentleman yesterday evening. There is a construction project going on out there for a new wastewater treatment plant. I talked with Michael Morris in Engineering and he was trying to get some additional information this morning about when they think that they might be able to end with the heavy loads out there. You don't want to pave the street when they are still hauling concrete because you are just going to be paving it again. I am hoping to have a timetable on that sometime this week. As I get more information, I will pass that along and I told that to the gentleman as well. Councilmember Moore said, I think that is the only thing he asked me was do we have a projected time of completion out there and I told him that was more up to City Water and Light than it was up to us. Mr. Richardson said, yeah, and I think that the two timelines aren't necessarily the same thing, completion versus whenever the road could be repaired really depends on when the heavy traffic and the heavier equipment that is going to cause damage to the road would be through with their operations out there. So, we are trying to find out more of an exact timeline. Councilmember Moore said, very good, thank you.

City Clerk April Leggett said, we wanted to make the council and the public aware that July 4th is on a Tuesday this year. So, the meetings will be on Thursday, July 6th. Councilmember Chris Moore asked, do we need to pass a motion? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I think our rules say when a holiday hits on the Tuesday of a meeting that it automatically goes to the following Thursday. Councilmember Moore asked, do you want a motion of that just to cover in case? Ms. Duncan said, we are good. We just wanted to make people aware.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beverly Parker, 3803 Sawgrass, said, I'm sorry the Mayor's not here because I want to recognize him as well. It's Earth Day on Friday and I am here to celebrate Earth Day with you guys, but mainly to talk real quickly about some of what I think are successes. I hope you all will agree. But, I think our city is looking considerably

better. There were a number of reasons for that. I am going to list a few, but I Mayor's insistence that it be clean is one of the reasons. I want to speak tonight as much to you guys as to the public that may be listening because there is going to be school children all over the state and certainly locally this week that are going to have lots of lessons about the environment and about litter prevention, etc. and I will reach out to the parents too to please to be enthused about those ideas and listen to your children. Some examples of things that are happening, not by me, but just organically. Nettleton High School is performing a cleanup around the school and the surrounding area. I think that is a great example of what can be done when you are interested in how your personal property looks. Nice Pak is also not only doing a cleanup around Parker Park, but they are also doing some minor improvements there and I would like to recognize them. ASTATE is having their annual Earth Day program on Friday and we will be there as well as about 500 to 700 children along with other adults and ASU students. So, again, these are small, but significant steps towards our vision of clean, green, and beautiful and I thank all of you. There has been a lot of partnerships. Most vividly, I think, with the city departments and I want to recognize a few of those individuals as we go forward. Code Enforcement and Sanitation that was mentioned earlier and that was called the Dumpster Cleanups. It's really be phenomenal in terms of not only the amount collected, but I think that one thing it has shown is that people do care about their individual communities. This is a little bit different than what we have done before in that people are bringing their stuff. And, by the way, it is open. It is called a neighborhood cleanup, but it is open to anybody within the city limits to come to that particular cleanup. This is citizen participation. Citizen participation is really what is making it so successful. And, I want to bring attention to one gentleman that I saw which was over at the cleanup next to the Veterans Village. He used a two wheel cart. It was a young man of maybe 30 and he made trip after trip after trip going out into the area and bringing it back. He didn't ask anybody for help. He chunked it into the dumpster and went back for more. And, I think that shows great individual want to have your area cleaner. So, thanks again to Code Enforcement and Sanitation for making all of that happen. I also want to thank Cameron Robinson and Brandon Carter. One of the things I hope you have noticed is our emphasis on what you call a code IQ. And, it is helping people understand the various codes or ordinances of the city. Everything from height of grass and we have really emphasized care of trash cans, making sure they go back to the house versus staying on the street. There's probably been six or seven of those. Mr. Roper has asked this time for it to be on pool enclosures, obviously for the safety of children in our community. So, that too is working and it is with the Communication Department's help. Parks and Recreation, I'm pleased to say they have not turned me down yet on anything. So, I especially want to thank them for all of their help. And, we are especially enthused by the new park plan that's in play, of what's going on now with those in plans. I'm especially proud that we have relaunched the Urban Forestry Council. I know you all have already heard about that. But, that was kind of an outgrowth of some of our plans with Keep Jonesboro Beautiful. And, they are going to be having their tree giveaway on April 28th. That is saplings that come from the Forestry Division and so, we are encouraging people to come out for that and we will be there as well. We are going to be giving out our beautiful paper bags. The Council have an example and I will just hold it up for the camera. We are giving these out at the tree giveaway and other places. What we are trying to do is emphasize that we want to go away from plastic with our refuse, our yard refuse and more to paper. The rational for that is all of you know is the process. It is a process issue with sanitation having to empty all of those bags. If it is paper, they don't have to empty. They chunk it into the incinerator. So, again, an issue that can help sanitation to get their job done, but quicker. I know there has been a little angst about the routine nature of the refuse being picked up, but I am appealing to the citizens that this can help you. So, if you would go to paper. We are going to have a

limited number to give away and there will be more information coming about that. Green Infrastructure, I just wanted to mention that in terms of what Parks is doing and also as we go forward with street planning. We have had some education on low impact development which I would hope that we would continue to investigate. So, I am going to move on to the five R's. So, it is Earth Day. Quickly, about the five R's, refuse, reduce, reuse, repurpose, and recycle. So, we want less waste to handle right? The less waste the better we are, the longer our landfill lasts. So, that is why you have also been given the nifty little bag. An example of refuse is refuse plastic at the source. I actually say at a store, I don't need a bag. I have my receipt and they look at me really funny, but I still say no thank you. I don't need the bag. It's even better if you have your own bag to put it in. They might not look at you so funny. So, now you have one of those and I expect all of you to lead the way in using your reusable bags. I have already mentioned the plastic bags. We want to reduce the amount of plastic. I don't know if you all have been reading a lot about how dangerous plastic is and it is getting worse and worse because we use so much of it. So, reduce plastic when you can. Reuse things in your home. I brought a little example. This is off of my lemon bag and this is my scrubber. So, I don't buy steel wool anymore. I use my little piece of mesh. And, so, any kind of ideas you have at home that you can reuse and not put more stuff into the trash makes it all better. It doesn't fly out and it doesn't go to the landfill. Repurpose like clothes, like when you get rid of clothes, turn those clothes into rags. Don't buy rags. And, the last one is recycle. We are very thankful to have recycling here in Jonesboro because many cities do not. So, as I said, the less waste we make, the less litter there is and the less stuff we have to handle. So, I would encourage the populace to come along with us on this little journey of Keep Jonesboro Beautiful and make it clean, green, and beautiful. I do think we are making progress and I thank you for all of your support. Mayor Pro-Tempore Chris Moore said, thank you Mrs. Parker.

James Elwin Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, said, by the way our city clerk can tell you that I was going to be here and do this before KAIT dealt with what some other city nearby is doing. Folks, we have upcoming a once in a lifetime opportunity. The next time it occurs, if it ever occurs will be after probably everybody in here is gone. Each of you should have a google map that I passed out to get an idea of this. If you will notice diagonally across this, there is an area. This area is called the swath of totality. And, what it is, it is the area where the solar eclipse will be total on April 8, 2024. It will be a Monday and it will occur about 1:50 p.m. If you will look at the map just about vertically, just about center of the thing, on the east side of that swath of totality, but definitely within it is the word Jonesboro. In fact if you google, go to google and look at the best places to see the total eclipse, one of the places they have listed is Jonesboro, Arkansas. There will be hundreds of thousands and very likely since this is the central part of the United States, millions of people that will come into this area for the total eclipse. Remember how much excitement we had about, what was about five years ago when we had a partial eclipse. This one will be total. It will be so dark that the animals will think it's the middle of the night. All of the street lights that are photosensitive will come on because AI will think that it is the middle of the night. It will be that dark here. We need to convince people that this is where they need to come to. We have the hotels here. We need them to come and stay in our hotels, eat in our restaurants, buy a souvenir from one of our local merchants. It is time for us to kick this thing into high gear so that we are ready to take advantage of this opportunity. Mayor Pro-Tempore Chris Moore said, thank you Mr. Hinds.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson John Street, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion

PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 9 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

Absent: 3 - David McClain;Anthony Coleman and LJ Bryant

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

April Leggett, City Clerk