



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Formon and Ms. Allison Whitley from the Mayor's office were also in attendance.

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-08:172 Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on August 19, 2008.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 3 - Tim McCall; Judy Furr and Harold Perrin

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Faye McCall

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-08:150 A RESOLUTION TO condemn property at 527 N Third St

Attachments: [527 N Third.doc](#)
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Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver explained the property owner lives out of state and has not maintained the property. He added he had been in contact with the property owner.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Judy Furr, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 3 - Tim McCall; Judy Furr and Harold Perrin

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Faye McCall

4. Pending Items

COM-08:117 Mosquito control report from Vector Disease Control for August, 2008

Attachments: [Mosquito control report for August, 2008](#)

Mr. Jim Stark explained they sprayed an average of 5.5 nights a week. He stated they had 16 service requests in August. He added if they were called out 3 or 4 times a month, they only write it down once. Councilman Harold Perrin asked how many times do they fly overs. Mr. Stark answered they fly as needed and he believes Vector still owes the City 1 or 2 flights. He stated he will look into that.

Chairman Chris Moore stated he would like Vector to make a list of places that need work before spring, so the areas could be cleaned up. He asked if there is someone around in the winter. Mr. Stark answered it is just him.

Councilwoman Judy Furr asked if Mr. Stark was able to look at the property on Bridger Creek Road. Mr. Stark answered yes. Councilwoman Furr asked if there were any steps the City could take to force the property owner to fix the standing water. Chairman Moore asked if the standing water was naturally occurring or from development because if it is naturally occurring the City cannot make the property owner fix the problem. Councilwoman Furr answered its naturally occurring.

This item was READ.

COM-08:118

Discussion by Ms. Wanda Turner concerning unchaining dogs in Jonesboro

Attachments: [Photos and information about dogs](#)
[Agression in Dogs and the Breed Ban Debate](#)
[Story about dog bite and spay/neutering your dog](#)
[Letter concerning dogs chained at 806 Olive](#)

Mayor Formon explained Ms. Misty Michenhamer had put an ordinance in Legistar concerning unchaining dogs. He further explained he had approved the ordinance but City Attorney Phillip Crego has not approved it yet. Ms. Wanda Turner presented the committee with copies of the proposed ordinance and supporting documents. Discussion was held concerning the ordinance. She explained there is a provision in the ordinance concerning tethering an adult dog as long as it is at least 1 year of age and less than 20 pounds. She explained this is to help the elderly citizens who have no option.

Police Chief Michael Yates explained they approached the enforcement with the size limitation because there could be enforcement issues with the time limitation. Chairman Moore stated he does not see how Mr. Crego can enforce the size limitation.

Chairman Moore asked what the problem with temporary tethering is. Ms. Turner explained by law that is considered tethering to a stationary object. She added you cannot limit it to a type of breed, person or neighborhood. Chief Yates stated enforcement will be complaint driven.

Chairman Moore asked what Mr. Crego thought. It was also questioned how other cities handle it. Ms. Turner answered it is all complaint driven and based on judgment by Animal Control and the Police Officers. Chief Yates asked if other cities enforce their ordinance by time or the size of the dog. Ms. Turner stated they enforce it by time.

Chairman Moore asked Sgt. Larry Rogers if he would want to have time or weight restriction. Sgt. Rogers answered a time limitation is already imposed on the trolley system.

Discussion was held concerning fencing of dogs. Ms. Turner explained the ordinance is not telling anyone they have to spay or neuter their dog, they just can't tether their dog outside for any reason.

Councilman McCall explained there should be a contact number for questions about the no chaining law. Ms. Turner explained other cities have brochures about the no chaining law for that city.

Chief Yates suggested a survey be developed based on the questions the committee has, then send it to the full council to decide if any changes need to be made and he would make those changes. Chairman Moore stated before it goes to full council a public hearing should be held.

This item was READ.

5. Other Business

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

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

Aye: 3 - Tim McCall; Judy Furr and Harold Perrin

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Faye McCall