



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

NOMINATING AND RULES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 6:20 P.M.

PUBLIC WORKS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 6:25 P.M.

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

Present 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent 1 - Chris Moore

4. Special Presentations

City Council Reschedule

Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilman Street to reschedule the next City Council meeting and the Public Works Committee meeting for August 31st, 2009 with the same time frame. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. The motion carried.

[ORD-09:056](#)

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS PERTAINING TO CLOSING CARAWAY ROAD AT THE RAILROAD CROSSING INTERSECTING CARAWAY ROAD REPLACING SUCH AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING WITH AN ABOVE-GROUND RAILROAD CROSSING STRUCTURE

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [ASU Caraway Rd. RR Crossing](#)
[ASU Caraway Rd. RR Crossing - PDF](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson to waive the second and third readings. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Charles Frierson, that this Ordinance be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-043-2009

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda.A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

MIN-09:082

Minutes for the City Council meeting on August 4, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

RES-09:107

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE AHTD FOR THE RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANT

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [2009 Rec Trails Grant Contract - Unsigned - 6-26-2009](#)

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-081-2009

RES-09:117

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CRAIGHEAD COUNTY JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Sponsors: Finance and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Jonesboro Public Library](#)

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-082-2009

RES-09:118

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH W. WILLIAM GRAHAM, JR., INC. FOR ENGINEERING

SERVICES RELATED TO RAIL SPUR IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVE THE NEW NORDEX FACILITY

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement](#)

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-083-2009

RES-09:120

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RES-09:092 ADOPTED JULY 14, 2009, WHICH AUTHORIZED AN AGREEMENT TO ISSUE BONDS FOR NORDEX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Agreement to Issue Bonds - Nordex](#)

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-084-2009

RES-09:121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Attachments: [Quick Action Closing Document--Nordex](#)

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-085-2009

RES-09:122

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE JONESBORO YMCA

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Agreement of understanding to build ADA parking spaces](#)

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-086-2009

6. New Business

COM-09:106

Request by Garrett and Stacey Bond to set an appeal hearing regarding the denial by the MAPC for a conditional use in order to place a mobile home on an R-1 zoned parcel of land located at 4510 Harrisburg Road.

Attachments: [Appeal Letter](#)
[Applicants Photos](#)
[Record of Proceedings Conditional Use](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Oppositions Petition](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this appeal hearing be set for August 31st at 6:15 p.m. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Ordinances on First Reading

ORD-09:051

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Clerk

Attachments: [Shipment Letter](#)
[Code of Ordinances](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading. A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, to Waive Second and Third Readings . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote. Councilwoman Williams moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED by an unanimous vote. Councilwoman Williams moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in the following members voting aye: Frierson, Vance, Hargis, Williams, Gibson, Street, Johnson, Dover, Woods McCall, and Fears. The motion carried.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-041-2009

ORD-09:054

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES LOCATED AT 2506 AND 2510 E. JOHNSON AVENUE FROM C-4 AND R-1 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2506 & 2510 EAST JOHNSON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY JAMES CARR AND WILLIS AND CAROLINE GRAY

Attachments: [Carr & Gray Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman John Street offered the ordinance for first reading. A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

ORD-09:055

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 RESIDENTIAL TO C-4 COMMERCIAL LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 726 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY BRAD VADEN

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

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading.

This Ordinance was Held at one reading

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-09:103

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 726 W Huntington

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [726 W Huntington Ave Building Inspection Report.doc](#)
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[100_1288.JPG](#)
[100_1289.JPG](#)
[100_1290.JPG](#)
[100_1291.JPG](#)
[CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)
[Condemnation Checklist - PDF](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-087-2009

RES-09:112

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1021 Hope St

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)
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[100_1522.JPG](#)
[100_1524.JPG](#)
[100_1529.JPG](#)
[Condemnation Checklist - PDF](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-088-2009

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances on Third Reading

ORD-09:049

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RM-8 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2202 SPENCE CIRCLE AS REQUESTED BY BILL BRAND

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

Otis Spriggs, City Planner explained there had been no opposition to this item.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-042-2009

8. Mayor's Reports

Jeff Presley, Director for E911 provided an overview of his department to City Council members. He was able to access the Automated Vehicle Locating System which was real time of the dispatch center, showing the current location of police cars and other emergency vehicles. Mr. Presley also showed 33 tornado siren locations which are divided north and south of Nettleton. He explained this week they would be conducting a three minute test.

Councilman Chris Gibson questioned if Mr. Presley had researched the 311 Information System. Mr. Presley stated they had visited the Little Rock 311 and were trying to determine what would be best for Jonesboro. Mayor Perrin explained they are considering this for the 2010 budget and trying to determine which would be most cost effective.

WOLVERINE - Mayor Perrin reported he, Gary Harpole, and Gloria Roark had attended the Arkansas Work Force Replacement for Wolverine, which was going well. He also stated their legal counsel would be sending the deed and lease for Wolverine property.

AUDITORIUM COMMISSION - Mayor Perrin stated the Auditorium Commission is meeting monthly and that Terry Adams had looked at the Forum and the only thing needed was meeting ADA regulations for the restrooms.

CORP OF ENGINEERS - Mayor Perrin stated he had given a presentation to the Corp of Engineers in Tiptonville, TN for the purpose of entering a 50/50 Master Drainage Study. He explained once a cost is determined he would like to do one basin at a time. He stated it was his hope that the studies already conducted by Carter Burgess and others would go toward Jonesboro's 50% for in-kind contributions.

FEDERAL AUDIT GRANT - Mayor Perrin stated all inventory had been accounted for in the Federal Grant which was quite extensive. He explained the only exceptions was on the accounting procedures which are being addressed.

BUDGET - Mayor Perrin reported the budget process has begun with several departments meeting with Operations Director, Gary Harpole.

H1N1 SEMINAR - Mayor Perrin reported Jeff Presley, E911 Director would be working with Cathy Blackwell in providing a seminar this Friday at 9:00 p.m. on the H1N1 Virus.

VECTOR - Mayor Perrin stated he had the aerial application for Vector and if the council had questions they should contact him at the office.

REAL ESTATE BOOK- Mayor Perrin provided a book showing several properties believed to be owned by the City of Jonesboro. He explained Lenders Title was contracted to supply deeds for the City of Jonesboro in 2005, and Craig Light would be meeting with Lenders in order to obtain those deeds. Mayor Perrin stated he was hopeful in being able to swap out various properties with other entities in Jonesboro.

SIDEWALKS/OVERLAY- Mayor Perrin stated 90% of the sidewalks were complete with the exception of McArthur to Wilkins. This was in addition to the CDBG sidewalk funding. He also explained 41% of the overlays were complete.

REVENUE ENHANCEMENT- Mayor Perrin explained the ordinance that authorized privilege licenses calls for a Board of Review, of which members who serve on this board should pay privilege license. It was suggested that Councilwoman Ann Williams, who is owner of the Edge Coffee House and is the Chair of the Finance Committee could serve on this board.

LAND USE MEETING- Mayor Perrin announced a Master Street and Land Use meeting for August 24, 25, and 27.

Jonesboro Airport Commission financial statement for the seven months ended July 31, 2009, and 2008

Mayor Perrin stated he had sent the Airport Financial Statements to the members of the City Council and asked that the record show they had been provided.

This item was Read.

9. City Council Reports

[RES-09:123](#)

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO AN AD HOC

COMMITTEE TO STUDY PRIVATIZING RESIDENTIAL SANITATION SERVICES

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Chris Gibson moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend the rules and place this resolution on the agenda. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-089-2009

RES-09:124

RESOLUTION TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Chris Gibson moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend the rules and place on the agenda. A voice vote was taken with all members voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Jim Hargis, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-090-2009

10. Public Comment**11. Adjournment.**

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk

Date: _____