



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, November 4, 2025

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### PUBLIC WORKS 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 (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) INITIATED AND CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

**Present** 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and LJ Bryant

**Absent** 1 - Ann Williams

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

##### [COM-25:047](#)

A PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 ARKANSAS RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION "FESTIVAL OF THE YEAR" AWARD FOR THE JOYFEST FESTIVAL

*Mayor Harold Copenhaver began Well, good evening, Council, and it's always a pleasure to stand before you, especially when we're bringing accomplishments among our community and their achievements. First of all, this evening, I'd like to recognize Parks & Recreation Director Danny Kapales, Downtown Jonesboro Alliance Executive Director Sarah Doss, Downtown Jonesboro Alliance Event Coordinator Sarah Rickert, and Parks & Recreation Parks Supervisor Adam Larson. So the reason these individuals are coming forward is because Danny, this year, attended the Arkansas Recreational Park Annual Conference. And in doing so, this group, due to their leadership, was recognized as Festival Event of the Year, 5-10 years. It's quite accomplishment. It's not just one year, but five to ten years. And so, for Joy Fest. So this is Jonesboro Parks and Recreation, and let me read this Proclamation on your behalf. Whereas, JoyFest is a collaborative effort between the City of Jonesboro Parks Recreation and the downtown Jonesboro Alliance. Whereas JoyFest began in 2019 with a 20 ft. Christmas tree, a Mayoral Proclamation and a simple refreshment table. That's all there was, right? I remember that. And has evolved to a premier Christmas celebration with a 55 ft. tree, corporate sponsors, and is attended by thousands of people. JoyFest continues to grow by incorporating Winter Wonderland and the JoyFest Tree Trail featuring vintage holiday scenery; Whereas the centerpiece of JoyFest is now a giant ferris wheel with tens of thousands of lights, skating, live music, life size snow globe, snow in the air, food trucks, and photo with Santa are features of the most wonderful time of the year festival. The Arkansas Recreation and Park Association recently awarded Jonesboro JoyFest Festival of the Year at their*

annual conference. JoyFest 2025 begins December 6th in downtown Jonesboro. So I, now therefore, Harold Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro and by the virtue of the city do declare December 6, 2025, as the official beginning of the season of JoyFest in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Congratulations to you all for making a wonderful event.

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[COM-25:046](#)

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF JONESBORO TRAP TEAM MEMBERS AT THE AIM GRAND NATIONAL TRAPSHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, now Council, you might also be wondering why the room is full this evening. Well, it is always a pleasure to see our youth in the community excel. And more importantly, for them to be recognized by their city for their achievements. So I'm proud this evening to bring forward and recognize the success of the Jonesboro Trap Team members at the AIM Grand National Trap Shooting Championship. It's always happy to see, I enjoy shooting myself, but I can't achieve the accomplishments that y'all are doing so keep up the good work and representing more importantly our community. So, I feel it's important that you be recognized for your efforts. The Jonesboro Trap Team recently completed the 2025 AIM Grand National Trap Shooting Championships Tournament in Sparta, Illinois. Youth compete as five person squads, both as individuals, and as squad, and all 30 team members came home with medals and no other organization competing had more winning squads. It says a lot. Good job, Joey. The JTT Young Guns were Runner Up, PreSub Champions for 9 to 11 year olds. The JTT Diamond State were Runner Up Sub Junior Champions for ages 12 to 15 year olds. The JTT Dirty Dusters, man I like these names. The Dirty Dusters placed 1st in the Sub Junior Class A Championship for ages 12 to 15 year olds. The JTT Uncoachables V3.0 placed 1st in the Junior Class B Championship for ages 15 to 18 years of age. And the JTT Another One Bites the Dust placed 1st in the Junior Gold Class D Championship for ages 18 to 21 year olds. Some of them are already off college. ASU Shooting Sports, coach by Jonesboro Trap Team, won Junior Gold Class A Runner up, tying for 1st place in ages 18 through 21 years old. Ten individual awards were also achieved and were acknowledged in this proclamation. Now, if you would, if you're here, I'm going to read a few names. Step forward once I read your name. High All Around, Pre-Sub Junior Class C Championship, Syllas Bass; Junior Gold Class C Champion, Hunter Walpole; Event One Handicap Championship, Pre-Sub Junior Champion, Falcon Thompson; Pre-Sub Junior 10th, Dutch Cox; Junior Gold 4th, Cole Cureton; Event Two Doubles Championship, Pre-Sub Class D Champion, Falson Thompson; Event Three Singles Championship, Pre-Sub Junior Champion, Dutch Cox; Pre-Sub Junior C Champion, Syllas Bass; Junior Gold Class C Champion, Hunter Walpole; and High Sub Junior Lady champion, Piper Smith. Congratulations to all of y'all. So I now therefore Mayor Harold Copenhaver by the City of Jonesboro and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the state of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim November 4, 2025 Jonesboro Youth Shooting Sports Day. Congratulations, everybody. All right, counsel, thank you very much for allowing us to have that time and to show off some members of our community. I always think that's very important when they achieve it in such a high level.

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## **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:** 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Ann Williams

[MIN-25:093](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON OCTOBER 21, 2025

**Attachments:** [CC Minutes 10212025.pdf](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

[RES-25:160](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1500 DANNY DRIVE, PARCEL 01-144214-10600, OWNED BY KEVIN & TONYA LYLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,220.80

**Attachments:** [01. 1500 Danny Notice of Violation.pdf](#)  
[02. 1500 Danny Billing Request.pdf](#)  
[03. 1500 Danny Demo Invoice.pdf](#)  
[04. 1500 Danny Council Notice.pdf](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-170-2025

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

***ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING***

[ORD-25:033](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO COMPLY WITH CHANGES TO THE ARKANSAS LAW REGARDING PRIVATE CLUB PERMITS

**Attachments:** [Alcohol Permit Application 2025.docx](#)  
[Final Jonesboro Application for Change in Business Operation of Private Club](#)  
[Final Jonesboro Application for Transfer of Location of Private Club Permit.docx](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:033 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-25:037](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117 ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 117-324(g) TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT TO HAVE A VALID REGISTRATION OR LICENSE ON A BOAT, TRAILER, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKED OUTDOORS ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:037 by title only. All voted aye.*

Councilmember David McClain said, I just I went back and I watched our public safety meeting and I was trying to make sure I understand correctly. Carol, if you don't mind, just touch on how this is differs from the state. The state requires you to register your boat trailer as well as RV. Mayor Copenhaver said, Brian, if you would. City Attorney Carol Duncan responded, or Roper. Councilmember McClain said, I just want to make sure. Ms. Duncan said, you do have to register it to drive it on the roadway, just to be clear. Councilmember McClain said, right, but I'm saying, so sitting in my yard, how long of a time are we talking about that someone does not have to. Chief Administration Officer Brian Richardson said, well, it's kind of a layered question. One, Code Enforcement has plenty of tools to stop blight if it is a blighted situation, but two, if you look at say, ATV's or UTV's, most people don't get those actually registered, as this ordinance would imply that you have to do. I've got a couple of four wheelers and I don't think any of them are registered. They are titled, but not actually registered for, you know, state park use or federal land use. Secondly, you know, if you go buy a boat, most of your boat trailer tags are permanent tags. So, that's really not an issue, but if you've got a boat that you have a used in four, five, six years, the registration may be out of date. It doesn't mean it's a blighted thing. I mean, I've seen some pretty nice boats that don't have in-date tags, but it just really kind of better defines, with consistency, when you compare it with the automobile ordinances what is considered a blighted vehicle, tags are not a part of that equation. It has to have other multiple components that are wrong with it. So this ordinance just kind of makes it more consistent with the way that we treat vehicles when it comes to boat trailers and UTV's. And, you know, it maybe not all that relevant in the city of Jonesboro, but on some property that are larger, somebody may have a utility trailer that never leaves the property, but is used to haul firewood around or hayrides or whatever that may be. This just removes the fact that a perfectly fine trailer may not be registered. It may not be used for street use, but it somehow be against city code ordinances and it just give better direction, our enforcement officers that address blight, not necessarily technicalities. Ms. Duncan replied, but to be clear, if it's used on the street, it has to comply with all of the other. Councilmember McClain said, right, correct. I just didn't want people to have an unregistered trailer or something like that, and then all of a sudden they are on the road. And, then they say the city says, I don't have to. Ms. Duncan said, no, that is not what this says. Councilmember McClain said, thank you.

Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, I was wondering if Scott could come up here because I tried looking at the 17-324 to look at saying that nothing else in that was going to change. I'd like to know what the ordinance is that if someone has a trailer parked out in the front of their yard, how long can it stay there without someone calling Code Enforcement or do we call? We have that right. How long can that car or a trailer be parked in front of a house, even whether it's registered or not registered without making kind of, why aren't they moving it? Code Enforcement Director Scott Roper said, this has absolutely nothing to do with where trailers are parked. There are ordinances in place that dictate where trailers can be parked and where they can't. It's the same with vehicles. Whether they are inoperable or parked, we can deal with those. This has nothing to do, this is strictly talking about registration of trailers. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.

Tommy Lackey, 1003 W. Matthews, said, I'm listening to this. If a car or truck or trailer sitting out in the street, it's not sitting in the yard, if it's sitting in the street, then it would have to be licensed? Ms. Duncan said, right, it has to follow the rules of the state. Mr. Lackey continued, so, just if it's sitting in the street, it can't set there. I mean, that's the way I understand it. I don't know if I am clarifying it for anybody or not. Ms. Duncan continued, I mean, there could be other things that affect it sitting in the street, whether it's legal to park a trailer there or not, there are other ordinances that

*deal with that, and other state laws that deal with that. This only applies to whether it has to have a tag. Mr. Lackey said, if they're in the yard. Ms. Duncan replied, well, if they're in the street, they have to have a tag because they are on the street. Mr. Lackey said, that's the clarification I was curious about. Thank you. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you.*

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-25:038](#)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember L.J. Bryant, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:038 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-25:039](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 2-289 TO THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLED FIREFIGHTER BILL OF RIGHTS

**Attachments:**     [Firefighter Bill of Rights.pdf](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember L.J. Bryant, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:039 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING**

[ORD-25:035](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT TRANSFER OF LOCATION FOR THE PARSONAGE, LLC

**Attachments:**     [Parsonage Private Club Transfer.pdf](#)  
                              [Receipt.pdf](#)

**Held at second reading**

### **ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING**

[ORD-25:034](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MID-SOUTH AUTO SERVICE TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE CITY OF JONESBORO

*Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, Mayor, could you just fill in the blank here on this one, for us? Mayor Harold Copenhagen asked, Steve, would you like to come forward on this authorizing Jonesboro Auto Service? Finance Director Steve Purtee said, Yes, sir. What was the question exactly? Councilmember Bryant said, yeah, I mean, I see he's a city employee, and we're going to maybe do business with him, but kind of, is he a full time city employee? Like, can you color the picture for me a little bit? Mr. Purtee replied, well, in all situations, we would have any individual or entity that might have a conflict of interest would come before this council for approval of an ordinance, adopt an ordinance to do business with that entity or person or individual. This particular individual, we've done work with them for quite some time. They are now an employee, so we're just doing the work to adopt this ordinance so that we can continue*

*doing business with that individual. It's a situation where there have not been any issues relative to the work, the degree of the work being performed, or the expense of it relative to other situations we have. So it's just simply gratifying that we can continue to do business with this person. Mayor Copenhaver said, and that employee is Justin Tittle. He is the owner and he owns an interest in Mid-South Auto Service just for clarification for the public.*

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

**Aye:** 10 - Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Chris Gibson; David McClain; Joe Hafner; Kevin Miller; Anthony Coleman; Janice Porter; John Street and Charles Coleman

**Nay:** 1 - LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Ann Williams

Enactment No: O-EN-038-2025

## **8. MAYOR'S REPORTS**

*Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:*

*So once again, good evening everyone. In addition to tonight's agenda items and proclamations, I have a few updates that I think you'll enjoy hearing about.*

*Last week, I had the honor of speaking at the Arkansas Department of Transportation Conference, which was held right here in our hometown. We had more than 400 attendees exactly. I think we had 450 attendees for the conference. It's first time that ARDOT has held a statewide conference and it's right here in your own community. Many visiting Jonesboro for the very first time. It was a great opportunity for us to showcase what makes our community so special. From a beautiful Arkansas State University campus to our growing downtown to even our shooting range and recreational areas. Let me go into a little bit more detail. Also, what that meant was that we have the opportunity to provide a showcase area for many of ARDOT employees that have never been here. About 25% have never been in Northeast Arkansas much less Jonesboro. So their first impressions were very keen and obviously the people had a lot to do with it, but more importantly, Jared Wiley is the Executive Director now of ARDOT. He's an ASU graduate. And many of his team members are also Arkansas State University graduates. So I'm excited that through the years and a little bit of prodding through the City of Jonesboro, ARDOT is now going to be opening an office right here in Jonesboro. It's their only office outside of Little Rock and Fayetteville, and it's a big deal for us, a big deal. It's going to be mainly housed with engineers and with that, hopefully can expedite northeast Arkansas projects. So this is very important to the growth, not only continued growth of Jonesboro, Arkansas, but Northeast Arkansas. So we appreciate the investment that ARDOT sees in Jonesboro and Northeast Arkansas. And we're looking forward to many good plans in the future.*

*We also had the pleasure of welcoming a new national organization to town, the United Breast Cancer Foundation. This nonprofit provides incredible support for patients and families by helping with everyday essentials and emotional care. Their ribbon cutting was a heartfelt event. And we're so proud that they have chosen Jonesboro to make it their new home and they'd come all the way from New Jersey. But, more importantly, I think the one thing that was really reiterated by their Executive Director was the fact that the people in Jonesboro is what made it a reality for them to call it their home.*

*We've already mentioned JoyFest, which is coming up soon, but we just wrapped up also a fun filled Halloween week. Rain or Shine, the Jonesboro Police and Fire Departments, hosted their annual trunk or treat downtown. And thousands of kids turned out. I was blown away. I really appreciate the efforts of our community members that weathered the storm from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon preparing hot dogs, hot chocolate, and everything else for many of our youth. We anticipated about 4,000-5,000 youth turned out for the event. So again, volunteers stepped up, and without them, we couldn't have had that happen. So the community spirit is something that we can all be proud of.*

*There were also Halloween celebrations around town Friday, including Pathways and Arisa Health. I had the privilege of helping judge both a costume contest and a chili cook off that day. And, I have to admit, the chili was a little tough, but it was tasty. Tony Thomas, kind of, he didn't inform me that there was going to be a chili contest, but he was a judge as well, and he broke out in sweat, so that was a pleasure for me to see.*

*The weekend stayed busy with the Renaissance Fair at Craighead Forest Park, from when I saw the event was really growing. It's wonderful to see so many people getting into the spirit of jousting and enjoying our park. We had several thousands people attend that from Friday through Sunday afternoon.*

*Saturday, we held our annual Veteran's Day Parade. You know, I've been attending that parade for over 15 years, and I'll be honest with you, I'm seeing a decline in our veterans, in the community that are present. World War II veterans are no longer present. Our veterans, from other wars are diminishing in size. So it reminds me of the importance of what we do for our veterans and our community, and as long as I'm mayor, we're going to support, we're going to do everything we can for second chance opportunities and provide the best that we can for our veterans.*

*Finally, I'd like to offer a congratulations to Scott Hollingshead in our Maintenance Department for being selected as Employee of Month, and it's again, sponsored by First Security Bank. Scott's dedication and hard work truly make a difference and we're lucky to have him on the team. So thank you for our all continuing to make Jonesboro such a vibrant and welcoming place.*

*There's several other things that I'd like to mention. Number one, I'm really excited to say I just got confirmation. I'll be making an announcement of a new Director of our Grants Department, hopefully by the end of the week, but I have confirmed that, and so I'm looking forward to the assistance of that individual to help move our community forward.*

*Also, I would like all of us and many of us are well aware of the passing former Mayor Harold Perrin's daughter. Keep him and his wife and the rest of their family in your prayers. We need to continually pray for them as they go through some dark times. So we need their recovery. So please pray.*

*Now, Council, I want to say just a few more words. A recent post has been circulating around social media sites implying that city officials and staff were served by U.S. marshals recently. That did not happen. Similar posts began appearing more than three years ago when Council was in the process of creating the animal rides and exhibits ordinance that was eventually unanimously passed. The ordinance requires that any person, vendor, group, or business wishing to charge a fee, seek monetary donations, or receive any financial benefit for any other activities associated with*

*animal rights or displaying of animals in the city have liability insurance in case someone gets hurt, and permission of that property owner that the rides or exhibits are being held at. The city has and will continue to promote legislation that protects the people and property owners of Jonesboro. Sadly, because of these posts against the good people of our Animal Services Department and multiple local animal support agencies, there will be no low cost animal shot clinics in November or December in an effort to not unfairly place volunteers in a position where they do not become a target of misinformation and attacks. Due to the facts that three years ago a lawsuit was filed, I will defer to any other question to the Arkansas Municipal League Legal Counsel.*

*Also, following a recent Public Safety Center Task decision to endorse construction of the E-911 Real Time Crime Center facility on the 400 block of West Washington, the new legislative step will be to approve a construction manager for the project at the Washington site. For clarity, had the property on Caraway been recommended by the task force, a contract to purchase the land would have been submitted to Council for approval. That legislative step is not necessary since the city owns the Washington location. The request for qualifications, which many of you know, Council, is an RFQ process. How the city selects a construction manager was completed just yesterday in accordance with our professional services guidelines and will be considered by the Finance Committee on November 13th, and if approved, City Council on November 18th.*

*So I will close by saying that I've been asked by multiple residents what they could do to dispel rumors and attacks they see circulating on various topics. My response is that any time, any time you hear something that you are concerned about, do the research yourself, and don't assume what you read is true. Jonesboro is not the exception to misinformation plagued across our country. It just hits harder when you see wonderful people doing wonderful things, and they are targeted because of someone's self-interest.*

## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*City Clerk April Leggett said, I would like to mention that the Finance Committee Meeting should be moved from Tuesday to Thursday. Due to Veteran's Day on Tuesday, we normally have our meetings on Thursday and I just want to make sure that people know that. It's in our rules. Ms. Duncan said it's in our rules and happens automatically when it is a federal holiday. Mayor Copenhagen said, did y'all hear that? Okay, Finance meeting will be on Thursday versus Tuesday of next week.*

*Councilmember John Street said, I'd just like to add on what you said, Mayor, the inaugural Arkansas Transportation Summit was well attended. I made all four days of that. We were represented fairly well by people on both the Policy Committee and Tech Advisor Committee. And Craig Light and Derrel Smith both were in attendance. They really enjoyed their time in Jonesboro. A lot of them, like you said, hadn't been here. They were very impressed. Lee Wells and them did a great job hauling them around on the trolleys. They really enjoyed those. That's the first time they'd seen those, so they really liked them too. Even, I know Jesse Jones with the Highway Department, some of the people you said, you know, hadn't seen them yet. They rode on them and enjoyed them as well. But it was really good and Jared Wiley was tickled to death. He said he intentionally brought that here because of his association with our Arkansas State University and Jonesboro and he really likes Jonesboro. A lot of his staff are graduates from the engineering program at Arkansas State. But he wanted to showcase and highlight Jonesboro and I think he did a good job. But it was really, I*



have to say this about Marvin Day. His Bridge, County Bridge Operation, I mean, man, there's a bunch of them from ARDOT went and toured that. They're looking at possibly adopted something like that on the state side, but they were very complimentary of the Bridge Program as well. But it really was a great conference. I asked him if he would bring it back. He said he see would see what he could do. Everybody did enjoy it and Jonesboro welcomed them and showed them every hospitality. So it was it was really neat. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, well, we can we can't bring people to our community, John, unless we have good highways to do it. Councilmember Street replied, that's true. Mayor Copenhaver continued, and so that partnership is very key and evident. So I appreciate the technology that they also brought. There was a lot of new innovative systems out there from hard braking to monitoring. A lot of our community that we can do to expedite things for safety. Councilmember Street said, well, something else, they did an analysis on Jonesboro access in and about the city and believe it or not, we have one of the best accesses throughout the city of any city in the state. They said for many destination or any origin that origination to a destination, the typical in Jonesboro was 15 minutes. 15 minutes. Now, I know that sounds light when you're in high traffic, going across town, but I've checked it several times this week because that even blew me away a little bit, but pretty much you can get anywhere you want to go around town in 15 minutes. So, I told my wife to quit complaining about traffic. It's good to have that problem. When you're out there and you see that traffic. There are a lot of cities around northeast Arkansas that would love to have that traffic problem. So we're blessed, but everybody really enjoyed it, and they like the people in Jonesboro. It was a really good event. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your attendance.

Councilmember Chris Gibson said, just real quick, Mr. Rickert, the Executive Director for the A&P Commission was here earlier and he shared with several of us that they did pour the side walls on the competition pool at the Ridge Athletic Center today and walls will start going up as early as next week. So exciting times for sports in Jonesboro.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, just a comment for the City Attorney. Carol, would you give us another written update of the cases we have going on? Maybe provide the whole Council with kind of a summarizing of where we are at. Ms. Duncan said, absolutely, we will get that done for the next meeting. Councilmember Moore said, thank you, ma'am. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you, Councilman.

Councilmember Brian Emison said, yes, I just wanted to say thank you to Mayor for clarification on the status of the task force and our next steps moving forward. Also, didn't mention this in the past City Council meeting, but just wanted to say thank you to the members of that task force and for the hard work that each and every one of y'all did along with the individuals from the city's administration that got us answers to all of our questions. It made making that decision a lot easier having up to date information and being able to render a recommendation. And I just wanted to say, thank you once again and I apologize for any miscommunication on that, of course, no matter either direction that we took as far as action from the task force, it was going to have different legislative lines that it had to take. So saying that we were going to have a full vote on that at this meeting that was due to the answer that the task force had recommended was not the path that that legislation had to follow. So I just wanted to say thank you to everybody once again. Mayor Copenhaver replied, but again, I want to follow up too and just say thank you again for the councilmembers that served and you are honorable in that, and we were fully transparent. So I appreciate all that. Thank you.

Councilmember Janice Porter said, as of last night, I'm a graduate of the Citizens Police Academy. I want to take this opportunity to thank JPD for an excellent introduction to their operations. The 13 week curriculum is both interesting and informative. Thank you for providing this excellent outreach to the community. City Attorney Carol Duncan asked, are you going to suit up with the Fire Department next? Councilmember Porter said, I have to be impartial don't I? City Clerk April Leggett said, you will enjoy both. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you councilman. I think you were a graduate of the 20th class. And if I'm not mistaken, that's over 400 now. Yeah, it's pretty amazing. That's great. And like I said, I'm also so proud to see the Fire Department has initiated that as well.

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tommy Lackey, 1003 West Matthews, said, you know, I come from that age where I started with a slide rule and I'm using a computer now. Where do I go to, to find out about the thing where it had been accepted and that the 911 Center was going to be at? What website would I have gone to? I read it in the newspaper. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, that's on our city website. If you want to want to come up to our office, then we'll be happy to show you exactly how to access that. Mr. Lackey said, no, if it's on the website and it's been there all this time, I've totally overlooked it. City Clerk April Leggett replied, we have social media sites like Facebook that has the video. Facebook has a video that you can watch for the City of Jonesboro. Mr. Lackey said, okay. I guess I have gone to the wrong location. Ms. Leggett said, the communications department will have it. We also have, the City Clerk's Office has the legislation called Legistar. Mr. Lackey said, okay, that's fine. All I want to know is the website. Ms. Leggett replied, it is on the City of Jonesboro website that you can go to. Mr. Lackey said, like I said, I saw it on the news. That's what I'm curious about. And, Ms. Carol, I didn't understand earlier about cars parked on the street and you clarified that for me. Thank you. Ms. Duncan replied, glad I could help.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 1 - Ann Williams

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Harold Copenhaver, Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**April Leggett, City Clerk**