



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, April 16, 2019

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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

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

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

#### 3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

*Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance.*

**Present** 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

##### [COM-19:022](#)

OVERVIEW GIVEN BY ROTARY REPRESENTATIVES ON THE ROTARY CLUB OF JONESBORO CENTENNIAL PLAZA

*Beverly Parker, Rotary Club of Jonesboro, said, I am very excited to be before you tonight, before you the Mayor, the council, and those assembled tonight. I want to mention that there are a few other representatives with the Rotary here tonight. I want to ask them to stand please and be recognized, our leadership, we appreciate all of their work. So, I am here tonight to talk to you about this wonderful new venue that we are providing for the city. From the time of conception, our club has been working towards this time for approximately three years. Because in August, our club will celebrate 100 years of service to the citizens of Jonesboro. We worked with city leadership and many stakeholders to conceptualize a project that would be fitting to honor us, the club, and the city for our Centennial Celebration. Two years ago this month, the City of Jonesboro and the Rotary Club of Jonesboro entered into a joint agreement for creation of a downtown space that the entire community could enjoy. You see here the rendering of what we proposed in April of 2016. Now, I will show you what it is looks like today and in two weeks, it is going to look even better. We are very, very proud of what we have been able to accomplish. We are nearing completion with just a few items remaining. Namely, there will be some musical instruments installed. The murals are in process. The Rotary emblem that is in the middle will take shape in the next few days. We are able to say that we are going to meet our target for dedicating this facility on April 26, 2019. Entertainment will begin at 3:00 p.m. and the dedication ceremony will be at 4:00 p.m. We hope that you all will be present with us. Reflecting back on our MOU with the city, you agreed to help with the demolition, to upgrade the drainage, to close Monroe Avenue in front of the Forum to provide for safety of all of those participating in the area and to engage City, Water and Light to provide the electrical infrastructure necessary to bring that underground. So, this was a*

feat in itself, but all of this work that you guys provided made it possible for our club to leverage a much larger project than we would have been able to do on our own. Rotarians raised the balance of the costs which come to approximately \$750,000. Without the city's help and the generosity of many local businesses that provided materials, equipment, and manpower. This project would not have been possible. The aim has been to provide vibrancy to downtown Jonesboro and provide a place, a gathering place for the entire community. I would like to recognize the city staff who assisted, particularly Craig Light and others in the Engineering Department who shepherded the project for the city. Mr. Light and the engineers at City, Water and Light worked with an architectural design team lead by John Mixon. We have the fastidious work of Jerry Brackett and Kevin Bailey Contractors who did the contracting work at no charge. This made a huge difference and they deserve much of the credit. Therefore, effective April 26, 2019, the Rotary Club of Jonesboro will convey to the city the gift to be known as the Rotary Club of Jonesboro Centennial Plaza. For over 100 years, we have worked to serve this local community and to improve the lives of citizens. Internationally, we work on many things and we are this close to eradicating polio. We are people of action. So, we are especially proud this day as we have reached this milestone of 100 years of service and deliver to you this beautiful venue.

Mayor Perrin said, I know the city is currently redoing all of the sidewalks leading to the plaza. I was there the other night when Kristi Pulliam and Andy Shatley and several of them were checking the sound between the two buildings and things which was incredible. I did not know that it could hold up to 200 or so people with lawn chairs and all of that. I just couldn't believe how large it was when I was there. So, I am real, real appreciative of you all doing that. That will tie into the new renovation that the city is doing for the Forum. The Forum budgeted \$250,000, the council did for this year. The new canopy is up at the Forum now. The new drapes will be arriving from Dallas next week to be installed. We should go out to bids this Sunday on the concession stands, the walls, the lighting, the sound booth, and things like that. So, it is going to be absolutely incredible. It is going to be tight like a hand in glove. But, we appreciate not only this, but I can tell you Rotary Park since I have been on the council fifteen years and as Mayor eleven, I don't know how many dollars and time that you all have given this city. We sincerely appreciate everything that you all have done.

Ms. Parker said, if you would step down, we have something to provide to you. Can you join us here at the podium? Mayor Perrin, I know you were a recipient of a Paul Harris fellow. I note that you know that it is the highest honor bestowed in Rotary. This fellowship was named for Paul Harris who was the founder of Rotary. He founded it in 1905. Rotary is now the largest service organization in the world. Our motto is "Service above Self." On behalf of the Rotary Club of Jonesboro, I am here tonight to present to you with a Paul Harris pin. This honor is bestowed to you in recognition of your efforts along with the plaza and we thank you for your leadership and your willingness to partner with Rotary in making a difference in our community. So, thank you so much. Mayor Perrin said, thank you. Let me just say this, I accept this pin not just for me, but for the city council and all of our family here at Jonesboro which is well over 500 employees. We are all a team. It is not I, it is we. We appreciate that and thank you so much. It is quite an honor. It has been a while since I received the Paul Harris award. Thank you.

**Read**

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Approval of the Consent Agenda*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

[MIN-19:033](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 2, 2019

**Attachments:** [Council Minutes 04022019.pdf](#)

**This item was passed on the consent agenda.**

[RES-19:023](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5713 EAST NETTLETON AVENUE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD MITIGATION

**Attachments:** [Offer Package 5713 E. Nettleton](#)

**This item was passed on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-039-2019

[RES-19:032](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FISHER ARNOLD TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE JONESBORO DOWNTOWN TO ASU CONNECTION PROJECT (JOB 100971)

**Attachments:** [Summary - SOQ](#)  
[Proposal - 100971](#)

**This item was passed on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-040-2019

[RES-19:042](#)

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH THE JONESBORO BASEBALL BOOSTERS

**Attachments:** [JBB Proposed 2019 Agreement.docx](#)

**This item was passed on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-041-2019

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

*RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED - LAND BANK COMMISSION*[RES-19:043](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO,

ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO SELL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 115 NORTH DRAKE TO JUAN CARLOS CRUZ AND PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 108 NORTH BRIDGE 112 NORTH BRIDGE FROM JUAN CARLOS CRUZ

**Attachments:**    [Commitment \(AR\) - 108 North Bridge](#)  
[Commitment \(AR\) - 112 North Bridge](#)  
[Plat - Block 9, Lots 11, 12, 13](#)  
[SIGNED OA FOR 108 AND 112 NORTH BRIDGE](#)

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-042-2019

[RES-19:044](#)

A RESOLUTION RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 107 NORTH BRIDGE FROM VERNON WOOD.

**Attachments:**    [107 N. Bridge - Limited Title Search](#)  
[107 N. Bridge - Title Search](#)  
[NEW 107 North Bridge Signed O&A](#)  
[Plat - Block 10, Lot 15](#)

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-043-2019

[RES-19:045](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 109 NORTH BRIDGE FROM VERNON WOOD.

**Attachments:**    [109 N Bridge - Title Search](#)  
[109 N. Bridge - Limited Title Search](#)  
[NEW 109 North Bridge Signed O&A](#)  
[Plat - Block 10, Lot 16](#)

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-044-2019

[RES-19:046](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE LAND BANK TO PLACE A BID UP TO THE AMOUNT OF THE LIEN DURING THE AUCTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 501 MARSHALL STREET, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS.

**Attachments:** [RES-18-199](#)  
[Lien Paperwork for 501 Marshall](#)

*Councilmember Chris Moore asked, since we have to approve all contracts, if the Land Bank bids that up to the price of the lien and they are the high bidder, then will the contract come to the council? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, there won't be a contract. It will just be ours at that point. That is why you are approving the purchase price. Councilmember Moore said, so, we are just authorizing that? Mayor Perrin said, only up to the lien amount. Ms. Duncan said, if the bid is more than that, they get it and we get our money for our lien. Councilmember Moore said, sure. Mayor Perrin said, right.*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: R-EN-045-2019

#### ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-19:018](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR 1812 PIZZA COMPANY.

**Attachments:** [Application\\_1812 Pizza.pdf](#)

*Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:018 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-19:020](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4801 EAST PARKER ROAD FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO IC-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AS REQUESTED BY RIDGE SURVEYING ON BEHALF OF RUTH CAUBBLE

**Attachments:** [19151\\_plat.pdf](#)  
[Application.pdf](#)  
[Staff Summary - Council.pdf](#)  
[Zoning Plat.pdf](#)

*Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:020 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-19:015](#) AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR 1108 INVESTMENTS, DBA EMBASSY SUITES OF JONESBORO

**Attachments:** [Application.pdf](#)  
[Members.pdf](#)

**Held at second reading**

[ORD-19:016](#) AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR JLH HOLDINGS, DBA HOULIHAN'S OF JONESBORO

**Attachments:** [Application.pdf](#)  
[Members.pdf](#)

**Held at second reading**

[ORD-19:017](#) 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 I-1, LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO C-1, DOWNTOWN CORE DISTRICT LIMITED USE OVERLAY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 304,310,312,316,318 CATE AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY INDIA OLSON OF EDG ON BEHALF OF TED HERGET OF MATH INVESTMENTS

**Attachments:** [Staff Summary - Council -.pdf](#)  
[18263 REZONING PLAT - ALL LAYERS.pdf](#)  
[Application.pdf](#)  
[Boundary Survey Plat.pdf](#)  
[Boundary Survey.pdf](#)  
[Rezoning Replat.pdf](#)  
[Site Plan.pdf](#)  
[Cate Street - Opposition 04022019.pdf](#)

**Held at second reading**

## ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-19:004](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED CITY COUNCIL, ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2019

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A.pdf](#)

*City Clerk Donna Jackson said, I need to make a recommendation. I was visited by a couple of citizens and my intent, whenever this was presented, we have been working on this for well over a year now, and the section that I am referring to is Section 2-87 Subsection 3. We had put in there a timeframe for items that are presented by the public to be given to the Clerk. From my perspective, it was in order to keep a good record for the public. But, through talking with Tracy Parker and Patti Lack, there is a*

*sense that there could be censorship and that was never the intent. So, I have rewritten that section and I would like to read it. "The City Clerk's Office shall enter all items for discussion or action by citizens wishing to address Jonesboro city council members. No handouts, attachments or presentations shall be made part of the official record without providing the documents to the City Clerk's Office." I have taken out the deadline. This can be done after the fact, just so long as I get whatever is being handed out or presented.*

*Councilmember Charles Frierson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to amend 2-87 (3) to reflect the change. All voted aye.*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-022-2019

[ORD-19:008](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 117-139(E) (6), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MAXIMUM HEIGHT WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS WITH THE INTENT TO CLARIFY MAXIMUM HEIGHT FOR THE GENERAL HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY.

**Attachments:** [building height.pdf](#)

*Mayor Perrin said, now we are legal. We can be over 35 feet. We are in good shape.*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-023-2019

[ORD-19:009](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50 PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADD 50-26 ENTITLED "SMOKING AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS" WHICH SHALL PROHIBIT SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE IN ALL CITY PARKS, FACILITIES, AND TRAILS

*Mayor Perrin said, with no emergency clause, in 30 days, it will give the Parks and Recreation Department plenty of time to get the signs put up. We have plenty of locations to get them put up at.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-024-2019

[ORD-19:011](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE VI OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CHAPTER 117-138 OF THE ZONING USE TABLES REGULATING SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

*Councilmember Gene Vance said, I voted no. I have to be consistent.*

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

**Aye:** 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

**Nay:** 1 - Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-025-2019

[ORD-19:013](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR PROJECT AWARENESS, INC.

**Attachments:** [ProjectAwarenessInc.Bamboo.CityOrdinance.pdf](#)  
[Private Club\\_Redacted.pdf](#)  
[Baker email 03182019.pdf](#)

**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:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-026-2019

[ORD-19:014](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3841 GRIGGS AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL, R-1 TO COMMERCIAL, C-3 LUO AS REQUESTED BY GEORGE HAMMAN ON BEHALF OF J.K. KAZI

**Attachments:** [Staff Summary - City Council.pdf](#)  
[Application.pdf](#)  
[Rezoning Plat Planning.pdf](#)  
[rezoning plat.pdf](#)

*Councilmember Chris Moore asked, is that where he is going to want to build a construction warehouse? Planning Director Derrel Smith said, this is a warehouse.*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-027-2019

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



Mayor Harold Perrin reported on the following items:

I've got just a few items to cover with you briefly this afternoon.

First of all, Deanna Hornback has been promoted to Director of Finance. I know that Deanna will do a great job. She ran Suddenlink here for a number of years and went through I don't know how many mergers and acquisitions in that which took a lot of accounting to get that done. We just wanted to say thanks to and congratulate Deanna for being our Director of Finance. Any questions from now on, just direct them to her.

A press release was sent out yesterday if I am not mistaken. Our new Director of Grants is Regina Burkett. Regina Burkett is well known in this area. She worked for AR Care for a number of years, almost 9 or 10. She has been with a company here for three years. During that time, she has graduated from the Delta Regional Authority School and has been certified in several of those. She has extensive knowledge and contact. In fact, I visited with Shane Broadway today at a meeting at ASU and some others congratulating us getting Regina here. Regina will do an outstanding job. She is very much aware of grants and knows where they are at. So, we are glad to have Regina and she will be here Monday on April 22, 2019.

Planning Director Derrel Smith will be having his first Master Street Plan Committee meeting on April 25, 2019. That will be coming out as a release in the newspaper as well. I just wanted to give you all a head's up if you would like to attend that meeting. If you all will remember, we do it every other year. It is one year Streets and one year Land Use so therefore, neither one of those plans are more than two years old. They are almost hand in glove quite frankly. When you identify high-density, that is going to tell you whether it is arterial, major arterial or whatever as far as streets are concerned.

Today, I, along with Communications Director Bill Campbell and Grants Community Service Manager Hillary Starnes, met with Senator Boozman's staff. We were very impressed. We met at Arkansas State University. His staff is in charge of all legislative actions as well as the Veteran's Affairs. We were very pleased with that. We spent some time and did show the people from Washington, D.C. our new Veteran's Village. There were about 6-8 people here. They were very impressed with that. In addition to that, we met the doctor that is over the entire Veteran's Administration in the hospital in Memphis. Lynda Nash and Beck Pride Center works with them. I was very pleased that he had told us today in a meeting that when we get our Veteran's Village done, that they have new mattresses, all new kitchen appliances, all of those things. He has already got the grant and got those secured. He would be happy to fill those in those houses. So, that was a big tear jerker for us today to furnish nine homes with all of that equipment. Every time we look up, someone is calling and saying, how can I help? And, that is very pleasing on our Veteran's Village.

The last thing is we kind of knew that HUD was going to cut down the Community Block Development Grant on our funding each year. Jonesboro is an entitlement city so we are appropriated x number of dollars a year. And, from that, the Citizens Advisory Committee through the CDBG has several meetings in town to decide where we want to place that money. They, in turn, give that to me which I bring it to the council for approval for every line item, for every dollar that we spend. But, we were entitled for 2019, \$604,085, but that is down about \$18,000 from last year. So, it will be a little bit tighter as we appropriate some of these funds. But, still yet, we thought it would be a lot more than that. So, I am real pleased that we got over the \$600,000 through our CDBG.

[COM-19:026](#)

Airport Commission Financial Statements ending March 31, 2019

**Attachments:** [JAC Jonesboro Airport Financials 03 2019.pdf](#)

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## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*City Clerk Donna Jackson said, Councilmember John Street asked me to read this. He is calling a special called Public Works Committee meeting. "I am requesting a special called meeting of the Public Works Committee on April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the proposed ordinance and accompanying policies, for the selection of Professional Services, and to vote down and replace the mistakenly introduced resolution, which was forwarded to the City Council for consideration at the regular Public Works Committee Meeting on April 2nd, with an ordinance." Mayor Perrin asked, what is the time on that? Ms. Jackson said, 10:00 a.m. on April 23rd. Mayor Perrin said, we will do a release on that too. Anybody in the public can attend that too as well. I have got you down Mr. Street. I know you can't talk.*

*Councilmember LJ Bryant asked, Mayor can you speak as to any update on TRG and the impact of that moving from downtown? I know you all had a meeting in the last week or two. Mayor Perrin said, yes, we met last week with Jack Grundfest. In fact, I am going to be in Little Rock tomorrow. I am going to try to set up a luncheon to get an update on that. They have made an offer on nine acres of land. Again, I think I know where it is at, but he has not given that. He is under a confidentiality agreement on the land. I did meet last week with four people from ADEQ and discovered that ADEQ does not have funds as far as the state agency is concerned as to clean up the facility when they move. Now, what they did instruct us to do is at first, they asked do you own any property. And, we said we do not own any property. So, before we would want to purchase any property and swap with them or whatever, we would have to get the funds through Brownfield, through their program. So, we are working with our grants division as well as the East Arkansas Planning Development District to try to secure and look for Brownfield money. I think there will be plenty of money that we can secure to get that cleaned up. If, in fact, we do a park, there is a level of how much you have to do to clean up if you do a park with a parking lot, walking trails, amphitheater, or whatever. It is way down at the bottom of what you have to do. Basically, you just have to put in about a 2-3 inch cap on that and some stuff. But, if you were going to build on that, you would have a major, major deal. We have got a lot of homework to do with Engineers and get that all done. But, the answer is, they are still wanting to move and we would love for them to locate someplace else so we can go ahead and use that for the City for something. We don't want to enter into any contract whatsoever until we have all of the answers to you all. Councilmember Bryant said, thank you Mayor. Mayor Perrin said, you are quite welcome.*

*Councilmember David McClain said, Friday night, Temple Baptist is going to have an evening out for the whole family at Allen Park from 5:30-7:00 p.m. over there off of Race Street. That is something that everyone is invited to if you guys can come out. They will have an Easter egg hunt and music, free food and all of that good stuff. It is this Friday, Good Friday. Mayor Perrin said, great.*

*Councilmember Chris Gibson said, as Chairman of the Nominating and Rules Committee this year, Councilmember Bobby Long has reached out to me and made me aware that there are some on this council that are on several committees and some that are not. They may be appointed to one. He is sitting on one and has*

requested to be involved in more. It has not only got me thinking about the problem, it has got me thinking about the process because as a Nominating and Rules Committee, we are supposed to organize the first meeting of the year and we have been a little lackadaisical on that over the last nine years. I don't think there has been any ill intent. I think we have just kind of been status quo with the positions that we were in and haven't done a real reorganization. With that being said, I talked to my counterpart Councilmember David McClain on the other side and I feel that we need to get more diligent in that moving forward. But, for this year, I am willing to step down in my seat on Public Safety and offer that to Councilmember Bobby Long with the contingency that we do get more diligent with that moving forward. Mayor Perrin said, ok, good. I think Councilmember Long became Chair in the Public Services Committee meeting earlier. Public Services handles JETS, Parks, etc. Councilmember Gibson asked, do we need to put that in the form of a motion? City Attorney Carol Duncan asked, if Councilmember Gibson steps down, you will appoint Councilmember Long? Mayor Perrin said, yes. Councilmember McClain asked, is it Public Services or Public Safety? Councilmember Gibson said, it is Public Safety. He is already serving on Public Services so that will give him two committees. Councilmember McClain said, ok. Mayor Perrin said, he is just adding one. He is already on Public Services. Is that right? Ms. Duncan said, he is already on Public Services. They are moving to put him on Public Safety.

Mayor Perrin said, the reason why I got confused was at the Public Services meeting, Councilmember Gibson resigned as Chair and Councilmember Long was appointed as the new Chair. Councilmember Gibson said yes. He wants to get involved so we are going to let him get involved. This in no way reflects me wanting to get less involved. I will make that statement publicly as well. I will put that in the form of a motion. Councilmember McClain seconded Councilmember Gibson's motion. Councilmember Gibson said, I will relinquish my seat on Public Safety and I would nominate Councilmember Bobby Long to take my position and also my position as co-chair of the subcommittee of E-911. Councilmember Chris Moore seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I noticed that there were nineteen items on the agenda and not a single one of them had to have the rules suspended or an emergency declared so I want to thank you and your staff because that obviously means that things are being planned out way in advance and we are not being brought in at the last moment and having to make snap decisions. So, I appreciate that. That is important. In the conversation about TRG earlier, did I misunderstand you when you said that they had made an offer on a piece of property. Mayor Perrin said they have made an offer or an option on nine acres of property in the city limits of Jonesboro. Councilmember Moore said, maybe I misunderstood, but before, earlier when Hummelsteins was thinking about moving, we actually talked about a land swap with Hummelsteins to move them out to the Industrial Park. Instead of them having to sell their property and us buy it to do a land swap. Mayor Perrin said, I think what it is that I have been talking to them probably for a year and at the time, discussion started. At first, they didn't want to move. Then, the second thing came up and they said, well, we would like for you to pay for all of our moving expense, buy all of the property, and etc. and I said that cannot happen. It is too expensive and we are not going to buy all of your stuff. I'm sorry. Then the next thing came up that they went ahead and made an option or put an option on nine acres of property.

Once we see what it is going to take to get it cleaned up and know that we have the funds secured on a Brownfield grant or whatever, then one or two things can happen. One is that we can go and exercise their option back and buy the nine acres and swap

*with them or that they would go ahead and close on the nine acres. I can't control that. Then, we would have to go ahead and purchase the nine acres that they are on now sitting on. Councilmember Moore asked, is it out of the possibility that they would want to move to the Industrial Park with their competitor out there on property we already own? Councilmember Charles Frierson said, the Industrial out there would make it pretty difficult because we tried to put other things that created smoke and soot and we had to turn it down years ago. Councilmember Moore said, well, just three years ago, they approved TRG's competition, Sharp Recycling. Councilmember Frierson said, well, the other thing is we are running out of property for new industries out there and we don't have much left. Councilmember Moore said, ok. Mayor Perrin said, that is right. Councilmember Moore said, ok. So, we are pretty tight on the property. I just wanted to make sure because I am kind of like Councilmember LJ Bryant, whatever it takes to get them moving. Mayor Perrin said, on a weekly basis, either myself or Mike Downing with the Chamber is in contact not only with them, but with the GE building and I have no update on the GE building, but I can assure you that the environmental there has been done and we haven't gotten the results back on that. We are still working with corporate on the GE building which is 33 acres, a little over 33 acres.*

*Councilmember Moore said, downtown is looking fabulous. The Rotary Club tonight presented their new \$750,000 park. Five blocks away we have an open, burning fire next to City Youth. Mayor Perrin said, I totally understand. I have been between them and Denise Snider at City Youth Ministries. I understand both sides, don't get me wrong, but there are only certain things I can do legally. Councilmember Moore said, sure. Mayor Perrin said, the big new is they have agreed to move. So, we will just have to work out the details later. Councilmember Moore said, that is all I had. Thank you.*

*Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, Susan G. Komen is supposed to be April 27, 2019 so we moved our cleaning program to May 11, 2019. Scenic Hills is May 4, 2019 and Fisher Street is May 11, 2019. Mayor Perrin said, I know that Communications Director Bill Campbell has got that down and we will get that out on the website and Facebook and do the media on that. We appreciate again, you all doing that. We are going to reach out to Fairview as well. Councilmember Coleman said, on June 1, 2019 at the Fisher Street lot, we are having the bicycle safety for kids. We had it there last year. So, they are going to do a repeat. It went really well. Mayor Perrin said, good. Ok. Very good.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

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

**Harold Perrin, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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

**Donna Jackson, City Clerk**