



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 3 - Chris Moore; Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

Absent 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-12:084 Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on October 16, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-12:189 RESOLUTION PLACING STOP SIGNS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS AND MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO RIGHT-OF-WAY

Sponsors: Police Department

Councilman Moore asked if this is for Lombardy Circle. Mayor Perrin answered it is for Arrowhead Road and Lombardy Circle.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

RES-12:190 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS AND ROADS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Police Department

Councilman Moore asked if this is adopting a 20 mph. Chairman Johnson stated he thought the City was trying to get away from adopting 20 mph speed limits.

Councilman Moore noted he will vote no for a 20 mph speed limit, but he recommended amending the resolution to state 25 mph. Councilman Fears agreed. Chairman Johnson recommended the City adopt a resolution raising all the 20 mph speed limits to 25 mph.

Councilman Moore asked that someone go look at the speed limits in this neighborhood to see what they are set at. Mayor Perrin answered he will have someone look at the speed limits in the Fairview Addition.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Fears, that the speed limit in this resolution be changed to 25 mph. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

RES-12:220

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 519 Krewson, Owner: Brenda Richards

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)

[Inspection Report001](#)

[100E1859](#)

[100E1866](#)

[100E1858](#)

[100E1863](#)

[100E1862](#)

Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver explained they had to previously tear down a house owned by this owner. He added he has made contact with the owner who does not live in Jonesboro and also sent her an application through the Grants Department, which she has not returned.

Councilman Moore asked if the owner was the owner of the house next door. Mr. Shaver answered yes. Councilman Moore stated she did not respond to the correspondence for that property either. Mr. Shaver agreed.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

RES-12:221

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 207 Gordon, Owner: Martha Watson Swift

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report001](#)
[100E1806](#)
[100E1801](#)
[100E1787](#)
[100E1789](#)
[100E1795](#)

Mr. Shaver stated he has visited with the owner who lives in Marked Tree and she keeps saying she is trying to sell this property. He added this property has not had electricity since 2006 and now has been broken into.

Mayor Perrin noted the house is uninhabitable. Mr. Shaver explained the Chief Building Inspector does the inspections on the properties and they all agree that it needs to be condemned.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Gibson

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

Discussion about the condemnation process and mowing issues

Councilman Moore asked if there is a way for all condemnations to be brought before the committee. Mayor Perrin explained Lt. Todd Nelson will be working on a recommendation concerning the condemnation process.

Councilman Moore recommended putting all the areas in grids and reviewing each area by grid. Mayor Perrin stated he will have someone look into this and will give a report at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Fear explained he visited with a couple who lives in his neighborhood and they wanted to know how the City can enforce the mowing laws if the City's own ditch in that area is overgrown and contains trash. Councilman Moore asked where the ditch is located. Councilman Fears answered it is Murray Creek and it is located at the corner of Mockernut Lane and Murray Creek Road. Mayor Perrin stated he will have someone look at the ditch tomorrow. He added he has dealt with situations like that and it is something the City will have to look into. He noted they are designing some software that will help keep a score on all the yards. He added it is difficult to enforce something if you don't take care of your own property and the City needs to do a better job maintaining their own property.

Discussion was held concerning what will be installed on the Code Enforcement vehicles and how it will help manage this system. Also, discussion was held concerning what could be done to combat the dilapidated housing problem.

Councilman Fears explained if the councilmen had iPads then they could take down the information concerning a property and send it straight to Code Enforcement.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 2 - Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Gene Vance and Chris Gibson