



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:20 P.M.

Regarding the abandonment of an undeveloped right-of-way in South Oaks Addition Phase II as requested by Dr. Jack Jones

No one spoke in opposition to the abandonment.

APPEAL HEARING AT 5:25 P.M.

Mr. Randy Ishmael and Mr. Garry Tate stated they were opposed to the rezoning.

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

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-13:062](#)

Proclamation by Mayor Perrin for Cal Ripken Series

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin asked for this presentation to be made at the next City Council meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

MIN-13:067

Minutes for the City Council meeting on August 6, 2013

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-13:106

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR FAIRWAY #14 DRAINAGE EASEMENT, A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)
[Minor Plat.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-109-2013

RES-13:108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO GRANT AN EASEMENT FOR FACILITIES (UTILITY EASEMENT) TO CITY WATER AND LIGHT PLANT OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Map of CWL Easement - Moore Rd.pdf](#)
[Easement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-110-2013

RES-13:111

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH COMMUNICATIONS MADE EASY INC FOR SPONSORSHIP OF A OUTFIELD SIGN AT SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Communications Made Easy Inc](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-111-2013

RES-13:113

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH BRACKETT KRENNERICH & ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR A POLICE FACILITY LOCATED IN THE ARMORY BUILDING ON CARAWAY ROAD

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Armory Bldg Renovations Contract Brackett Krennerich](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-112-2013

RES-13:114

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES WITH BRACKETT KRENNERICH & ASSOCIATES, P.A. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR FIRE STATION #5 LOCATED ON NEELY ROAD

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Fire Station 5 Brackett Krennerich Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-113-2013

RES-13:121

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR BECKY ISLAS AND RIAN SNELL REPLAT, A RESIDENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)
[Replat of Lots 267A and 268A of Sage Meadows Phase II-B.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-114-2013

RES-13:122

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES FOR THE ARMY RESERVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1001 S. CARAWAY ROAD

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-115-2013

RES-13:126

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR WILLOW CREEK APARTMENTS PHASE II MINOR PLAT, A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)
[Plat.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-116-2013

6. NEW BUSINESS

COM-13:063

Request by The Reserve at Sage Meadows, LLC to set an appeal hearing regarding the denial by the MAPC of the site plan approval request for 41 one-bedroom and two-bedroom units located on approximately 2.5 acres at the end of Prairie Dunes Lane

Attachments: [Appeal Letter](#)
[Memo](#)
[Vicinity Map](#)
[Site Plan](#)

Councilman Gibson encouraged all the neighbors to attend.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to set the appeal hearing for September 3, 2013, at 5:25 p.m. All voted aye. (The hearing was later changed to September 17, 2013, at 5:25 p.m. at the request of the petitioner)

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING**ORD-13:035**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, WITHIN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, ADDING SECTION 117-228, HELIPAD/HELIPORT USES; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY WITH RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND CREATING MINIMUM STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES IN THE CODE FOR SUCH USES

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [FAA Advisory Circular 150 5390 2c](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilman Frierson, to amend the ordinance to include verbage in Section 4 to allow for special event landings. All voted aye.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

Ms. Sue Winstead, 4949 Winged Foot Lane, explained twice a year they have someone who flies in on a helicopter. She questioned whether they will have to get a permit to allow for those fly-ins. Mayor Perrin answered yes, a permit will need to be obtained from the Planning Department within a week from the event. He added there will be no fee. Councilman Moore noted the permit can be issued faster if needed. Mayor Perrin agreed.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-032-2013

ORD-13:040

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, WITHIN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, MODIFYING SECTION 117-138, 14 (D) (2), RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, AND SECTION 117-139, (E) (1) COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, LOT, YARD, AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN OUR HISTORICAL NEIGHBORHOODS AREAS

Sponsors: Planning

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Vance motioned, seconded by Councilman Coleman, to amend the ordinance to take "may" out of Section 138 and 139 when referencing the Planning Director. All voted aye.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Vance, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-033-2013

ORD-13:042

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2013 ANNUAL BUDGET KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NUMBER O-EN-049-2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THREE (3) POLICE OFFICERS AND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE CONTINUITY OF SERVICES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Finance

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Fears, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-034-2013

ORD-13:043

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2013 ANNUAL BUDGET KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NUMBER O-EN-049-2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING TWO (2) FIREFIGHTERS AND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE CONTINUITY OF SERVICES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Finance

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Coleman, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-035-2013

ORD-13:044

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2013 ANNUAL BUDGET KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NUMBER O-EN-049-2012 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING FOUR (4) STREET MAINTENANCE WORKERS AND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE STREET FUND TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE CONTINUITY OF SERVICES IN THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Finance

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-036-2013

ORD-13:045

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF EAST JOHNSON AVENUE AND GREENWAY LANE AS REQUESTED BY WILLIAM RUPARD, JAMES R. RUPARD AND JAMES M. RUPARD

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

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street questioned whether there was any opposition to the rezoning. City Planner Otis Spriggs answered no.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

ORD-13:046

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5508 AND 5512 EAST JOHNSON AS REQUESTED BY GLENN BRIDGER AND PHIL BRIDGER

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

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Street asked if there was any opposition to the rezoning. Mr. Spriggs answered no.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

ORD-13:047

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING AN UNDEVELOPED STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED IN SOUTH OAKS ADDITION PHASE II, BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JONESBORO, AR, AS RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET "B", AT PAGE 92, RECORDED JUNE 26, 1989.

Attachments: [Petitions](#)
 [Planning Letter](#)
 [Engineering letter](#)
 [Plat](#)
 [Utility Letters](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

City Engineer Craig Light discussed the abandonment. He explained this is a subdivision off Craighead Road that was platted several years ago, but was never constructed. They would like to replat the property to make it one large tract. Mayor Perrin noted there are only two property owners and they have both signed off.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman

John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-037-2013

ORD-13:048

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 R-1 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THOMAS GREEN ROAD BETWEEN CHURCH AND DANLEE DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY CHRIS BURNETT

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

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Mr. Chris Burnett, 2810 N. Church, discussed the rezoning. He explained the neighbors are worried he is going to build something that will devalue their homes. He noted he has extra water running off his neighbors property onto his property, causing the grass to be taller and need to be mowed more often. He stated his neighbors have indicated there were several hundred complaints about his property, but he questioned whether they were all about him since he purchased the adjacent lots in 2011. He further explained prior to owning those lots he mowed the grass, but did not actually own the property. And some of the complaints about that property were from him and his wife at a time before they owned the property. Mr. Burnett stated the ditch by his house has not been kept clean by the city since this issue started. He added he would like to sell the property because he is tired of mowing it. He explained he used to have a pile of debris in his backyard, but he got rid of it after he found out the neighbors were complaining about it. He noted the same neighbor that complained now has a pile of debris in their backyard.

Mr. Randy Ishmael, 226 W. Philadelphia Road, spoke in opposition to the rezoning. He explained the area is residential and should be maintained as residential. He noted the MAPC unanimously voted against rezoning the property. He stated Mr. Garry Tate was present at the MAPC meeting and spoke in opposition to the rezoning as well. Mr. Tate had indicated Mr. Burnett did not keep up the property and had several citations against him because of that. He has personally seen that the grass was not mowed. He stated they are worried about keeping up the integrity of the neighborhood and aesthetics of Jonesboro and sees no benefit to the community as proposed by Mr. Burnett. He further explained that due to Mr. Burnett's lack of stewardship he is not sure they can rely on what Mr. Burnett says. Mr. Ishmael noted while the Council should be aware of the restrictions Mr. Burnett has approved, they should also be aware of the possibilities of what could be put on the property. He complimented the Council and MAPC for their work with zoning and the integrity of the City and stated he hopes they keep in mind this is a residential area.

Councilman Fears asked how many citations have been issued for the property. Mr. Spriggs stated he does not know how many, but they have heard about the claim there has been 500 pages of documents concerning the property. He wanted the Council to know they discussed the issue at the MAPC meeting, but this is not about code enforcement so they kept the conversation directed towards land use. He explained the application came forward without a list of limited uses, which made the MAPC uncomfortable. He further explained they could not find good reason to rezone

the property due to the many unknowns.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-13:041

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, WITHIN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, MODIFYING SECTION 117-256 - MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNITS, AGE LIMITATION REQUIREMENTS AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND TO PROVIDE CLARITY IN THE CODE REGULATIONS

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Existing Mobile Homes Code of Ordinances Chpt 117](#)
[Evaluation of Affordable Housing Accessibility Act 2](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Held at second reading . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-13:032

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-3 TO PD-R FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTH CULBERHOUSE AS REQUESTED BY ROBERT ABRAHAM

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

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-038-2013

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He thanked the Council and citizens for allowing the City to have such a nice facility. They will be filming the Council, committee and MAPC meetings for everyone to view. He also thanked the IT Department for getting everything ready for today. He thanked City Clerk Donna Jackson for her work for tonight as well.

He attended a Municipal League meeting in Stuttgart last week. They announced the winter conference will be in Rogers, Arkansas and that any city who would like to host a conference can contact the Municipal League. They anticipate rotating the conference around different cities in the State.

City Attorney Phillip Crego has drafted a letter to Wolverine and they are waiting on a response.

They have started working on recommendations from the HyettPalma study. They have taken down some of the 2-hour parking signs in the downtown area. They are pricing the cleaning of alleyways and putting sealant on parking areas. They will start on landscaping next week. They are looking at putting signs on all of the free downtown parking. The signs will also help to direct citizens to where they are going.

Tomorrow he is flying to Austin, Texas, to meet with Pedro Garza, Director of Economic Development. They are asking for a grant to run sewer around Commerce to create a light industrial area to encourage development.

Work is continuing on the third floor of the Municipal Center. They hope to have the work done by October 1st.

One of the Moratorium Committee recommendations was for he, Mr. Spriggs and Chairman Gary Harpole to visit with mayors in various cities to meet with their Planning Divisions as well as Code Enforcement. They will be making a presentation to the committee concerning their trip.

COM-13:066

Financial statements for July, 2013

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [2013 Hotel tax \(cash \) Comparison Report](#)
[2013 Sales Tax Revenue - Cash Basis](#)
[July 2013 Collateralization](#)
[July 2013 Expense Report](#)
[July 2013 Revenue Report](#)
[July 2013 State Turnback Report](#)
[July Rev Exp and Changes in FB](#)
[Required Reserves July 2013](#)
[Statement of Revenues and Expenditures 2012 \(Jonesboro Sun\)](#)

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and place RES-13:132, RES-13:133, RES-13:135 and RES-13:137 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-13:132

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2920 EAST HIGHLAND DRIVE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STREET WIDENING AT STADIUM AND HIGHLAND

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Dedication Deed - Stadium and Highland.pdf](#)
[Right-of-Way Survey 07-26-2013.pdf](#)
[Stadium Highland - Aerial.pdf](#)
[Appraisal 07-26-2013.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-117-2013

RES-13:133

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO ABANDON A PART OF CRAIGHEAD ROAD AT 2515 S. CULBERHOUSE ST., 700 SOUTHWEST DR., AND 710 SOUTHWEST DR., AS REQUESTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

Attachments: [Plats](#)
[Letter from Engineering/Planning Departments](#)
[Utility Letters](#)
[Petitions](#)
[Ordinance to Vacate Tract A](#)
[Ordinance to Vacate Tract B](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-118-2013

RES-13:135

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND A CONTRACT WITH J-QUAD PLANNING GROUP, FOR A HOUSING STUDY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Councilman Moore noted this was unanimously recommended by the Moratorium Committee and the Mayor's Office.

Councilman Fears asked what this work will include. Councilman Moore explained they will take an inventory of all the multi-family housing in Jonesboro and will outline the condition and occupancy rate. Mayor Perrin added it will show the highs

and lows of occupancy, as well as maintenance that has been done on the buildings.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-119-2013

RES-13:137

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO RELEASE LIEN ON PROPERTY

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Release of Lien](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-120-2013

Councilman Street complimented the new Council Chambers. He also thanked the administration and JETS Director Steve Ewart for recognizing veterans and giving them JETS discounts.

Councilman Woods referred to ORD-13:040. He asked for details concerning the historical neighborhoods in Jonesboro. Mayor Perrin explained there are numerous historical neighborhoods in Jonesboro. The East Lab is working to identify those neighborhoods so people can access those areas via the website and mobile phones so people can visit those neighborhoods.

Councilman McCall also noted how nice the new Chambers are. He announced the Downtown Barbecue Fest on September 28th. Vendors can still sign up. There is more information on the City's website. He added Lee Brice will be performing at the barbecue fest.

Councilman Moore referenced the hot dog cart that was discussed at the last Council meeting. He noted there is a barbecue wagon at the corner of Nettleton and Caraway and asked what the difference was between the two. Mr. Spriggs stated the barbecue wagon is illegal activity and Code Enforcement will take care of that.

Councilman Moore then questioned whether metal detectors will be installed at the doors. Mayor Perrin stated that was not in the bid, but they can look into it. Councilman Moore recommended installing metal detectors to ensure the safety of the City Council members.

Councilwoman Williams stated trains continue to block the Fisher Street railroad crossing. She asked what can be done about that. Mayor Perrin explained they had an MPO meeting today with AHTD and showed them a video of the crossing at

Highland. They are taking video of the crossing at Fisher. He has written a letter to the Railroad Administration. They can fine the railroad companies, but the problem is with the switching station in Bay. If the station in Bay would be corrected, then some of the trains wouldn't back up in Jonesboro. He is going to meet with Traffic Engineer Mark Nichols on Thursday. City Attorney Crego noted the camera system is good because that takes care of the question of proof. Councilman Moore asked if the Railroad Administration is created by Congress and exempt from local fines. City Attorney Crego agreed, stating the Railroad Administration falls under the Highway Department. The City is limited as to what can be done, but it's beneficial when there is video to show what is happening. Discussion was held concerning the railroad.

Councilman Gibson stated at the last Public Services Committee meeting the members discussed taking some of the items to the Finance Committee and only meeting as needed. Mayor Perrin noted some of the contracts can be taken to Finance since they have to do with money. The committee can then only meet when other business needs to be conducted. City Attorney Crego agreed, saying Finance or one of the other committees can take on the workload of the Public Services Committee.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Debbie Presgrove, 3501 Bolt Blvd, stated it is hard to see some of the lines in the road when it's dark or rainy. Mayor Perrin explained they budgeted to do 90 miles of striping this year, but they will continue until all of the roads are done.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk