



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

SPECIAL CALLED PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:20 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-10:038

Proclamation / Presentation to Jason Wilkie, former Parks Dept. Director

Mayor Perrin presented Mr. Wilkie with a proclamation and Key to the City for his service to the City as director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Wilkie thanked the Mayor, the City Council and the City staff for everything they've done for the Parks Department.

This item was Read.

Life Saving Award presentation by Police Chief Michael Yates to Detective Vic Brooks

Chief Yates explained Detective Brooks performed the Heimlich Maneuver on a secretary in the Police Department who was choking. The maneuver was successful in opening her airways so she could breathe. He presented Detective Brooks with the Life Saving Award and commended him for taking action to help the secretary.

COM-10:037

Presentation from Sharon Poe on the Jonesboro Urban Renewal and Housing Authority

Ms. Poe discussed the Jonesboro Urban Renewal Housing Authority, their programs and events they sponsor and support. Councilman Hargis questioned what their annual budget is. Ms. Poe stated their budget depends, but it's approximately \$9 million. He then questioned when they are audited. Ms. Poe answered they have three private annual audits. Councilman Woods thanked Ms. Poe for her work for the citizens. Councilman Moore questioned what went on before 1970, when JURHA was

created. Ms. Poe explained she is not sure that there was any assistance available before JURHA. He then asked whether the JURHA administers grants on behalf of the City. Ms. Poe stated they are federally funded and are associated with the State of Arkansas, but they work closely with the City. Discussion was then held regarding appointment of JURHA members. Ms. Poe explained initially the Mayor appointed the members, but their bylaws state after that the members appoint other members and the appointments are sent to the Mayor for confirmation.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Mikel Fears, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

MIN-10:034

Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 6, 2010.

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-10:026

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITIES AT 3009 DAN AVENUE (PARKS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-032-2010

RES-10:032

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL - HIGHWAY 91 AT UNIVERSITY LOOP

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-033-2010

RES-10:035

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT 0.65 ACRES DONATED BY IBERIABANK fsb AND A 30 FOOT PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM JIM AND LOUISE MEAD AND A 10 FOOT TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM CRAIG MCDANIEL AND CINDY MCDANIEL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-034-2010

RES-10:036 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY DONATED BY THE JONESBORO PARKING AUTHORITY (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL PARKING AUTHORITY OR DOWNTOWN PARKING AUTHORITY)

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-035-2010

RES-10:038 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS FUNDING FOR CROWLEYS RIDGE PARKWAY: JONESBORO MULTI-USE TRAIL

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-036-2010

RES-10:039 A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTRACT WITH LITTLE & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY, PROGRAMMING AND SPACE PLANNING FOR THE CITY FACILITIES AT 314 & 316 WEST WASHINGTON

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-037-2010

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-10:021 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXECUTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A LETTER OF CREDIT TO BE ISSUED TO THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Sponsors: Engineering and Finance

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

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

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-013-2010

ORD-10:022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2010 BUDGET TO REVISE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS FOR CITY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: Community Development and 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 second and third readings. All voted aye.

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

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-014-2010

ORD-10:024

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE MONIES AND ESTABLISH A RESERVE FUND FOR ABATEMENTS

Sponsors: City Attorney's Office and Finance

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

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

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, 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 by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: O-EN-015-2010

ORD-10:025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY LOCATED AT THE LINKS AT JONESBORO, 3700 S. CARAWAY RD./ LINKS DRIVE AT HARRISBURG RD. REQUESTED BY KIM FUGITT

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

Mayor Perrin explained the MAPC and staff are recommending the rezoning in order to put meters at each of the individual units.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman

Darrel Dover, to suspend the rules and Waive Second Reading . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

RES-10:030

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN PROPERTY AT 404 N. DRAKE OWNED BY JUAN LUIS GARCIA

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-038-2010

RES-10:031

A RESOLUTION TO CONDEMN PROPERTY AT 314 N. FOURTH OWNED BY MARGARET KINDALL

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

Enactment No: R-EN-039-2010

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin had the following report:

He stated he appreciates the Council's support with the Community Conversations meetings the Mayor's Office held recently in each ward of the City. He explained they will be going over their notes and sending them out to the press.

The Mayor and City Attorney Crego met with Code Enforcement to look at the codes and dollar fines in order to come up with recommendations. The recommendations will be taken to the Revenue Enhancement Committee, then to the Finance Committee and City Council.

He is still interviewing for the Parks Director position that is open due to Mr. Wilkie's departure. He has asked Councilman Woods, who is the chairs of the Parks

subcommittee, and the chair of the Parks Advisory Board to also attend the interviews.

The forms for the incinerator are up and they are hoping to have all of the parts by Wednesday. The projected date for the incinerator to be done is May 17.

On April 22, FEMA and the Corps of Engineers will hold a meeting at the Huntington Building concerning the flood maps. The meeting is open to the public.

They are hoping to have the flashing lights around the schools up before the start of the school year in the fall.

The double left-hand turn lane from Aggie onto Stadium is operational.

The slab has been poured for the JETS building on Dan Avenue. They will begin the framing soon.

70% of Jonesboro's census returns have been counted. He feels they will pass the 2000 census.

When the incinerator was purchased, there was a wire money transfer to the company that came out of account 071000753. By state law there needs to be a check written as opposed to a wire transfer. He visited with the auditors today and the City will be sending a check for the next payment.

They are still monitoring the sales tax collections. They are also continuing to manage the City's expenses. He hopes to have some recommendations for the Finance Committee meeting next week. Revenues for the first quarter were down by \$900,000, but expenses were down by about the same amount.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street commended the Mayor for holding the Community Conversations meetings. He added he heard numerous positive comments about the meetings. Mayor Perrin stated they will be holding the meetings annually.

Councilman Johnson noted the intersection at Nettleton Avenue and Main Street has improved since the street work was done.

Councilman Woods commended the Street Department for repaving the streets and restriping streets. He also thanked the Mayor for holding the Community Conversations meetings and allowing them to meet with the public.

Councilwoman Williams reminded the Council there will be a Finance Committee meeting next week.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Juanita Simms, 202 Cedar Street, presented the Council with pictures of the property in north Jonesboro. She noted some of the properties are city-owned. She expressed concern over trash being left on the properties and in the ditches. She stated she doesn't think the person who is over the department that would take care of those issues is doing their job. Councilman Moore questioned which city-owned properties Ms. Simms stated there is a piece of property near the Family Health Clinic on North Church Street that is currently up for sale that has trash littering the property. She called the number on the for sale sign and it was private citizens.

Mayor Perrin stated the only picture that has an address on it is a picture of the 1300 Block of Warner street sign, which is near Parker Park. He noted that at the Community Conversations meeting at Parker Park it was brought to his attention that nearby properties needed to be looked at and cleaned up. Councilman Moore questioned whether she had a list of addresses that are of concern to her. Ms. Simms answered she can get the Council those addresses, if needed. Councilman Woods recommended Ms. Simms speak with Grant Coordinator Gayle Vickers to get involved in ways in which she'll be able to further help others.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Tim McCall and Gene Vance

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk