



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Public Works Council Committee

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Tuesday, July 6, 2021

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### 1. Call To Order

### 2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

**Present** 6 - Mitch Johnson; John Street; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

### 3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:047](#)

Minutes for the Public Works Committee meeting on June 1, 2021

**Attachments:** [PW Minutes 06012021](#)

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

**Aye:** 5 - Mitch Johnson; Chris Moore; Charles Coleman; LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

### 4. New Business

#### ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-21:032](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX 7 OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE DESIGN MANUAL

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**Attachments:** [07.06.2021 ARR 15000 Permit Nov 2021](#)

*Chairman John Street said, "And that is for construction purposes. Craig, do you mind stepping up and putting that in English? It's a 35 page attachment if you looked at it. A lot of that is definitions and things but it mainly applies to ADEQ's requirements for construction." Director of the Engineering Department Craig Light approached the podium, "About every 5 years ADEQ updates their Stormwater regulations for construction sites. This particular update was put out for public comment late last year, it was open for quite some time, 90 days I believe, for public comment. That comment period is closed now. ADEQ has issued the final permit that will go into effect later this year. All we do, as part of our Stormwater ordinance, the appendix 7, is a copy of that permit. So about every 5 years we bring forth a new ordinance or new section to put in there." Chairman John Street asked, "And these are statewide guidance by ADEQ?" Director Craig Light said, "And that is what the city has*

historically done. We've adopted the state requirements and not added any additional requirements to builders on the water quality portion of it. Whatever the state has mandated we just adopt it and enforce those."

**A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

### RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

#### [RES-21:126](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3804 GAMBLIN DRIVE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD MITIGATION

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**Attachments:** [07.06.2021 Purchase Property Signed Offer\\_3804 GAMBLIN](#)

*Councilmember Chris Moore asked, "Was this is just going to be another house that we are going to buy and tear down?" Chairman John Street said, "Yes sir. That's the FEMA just like we did on some of those in the Fairview addition. They can't build back. Craig do you want to step up?" Councilmember Chris Moore asked, "It's not going to be a retention pond Craig?" Director of the Engineering Department Craig Light approached the podium, "Generally these lots are less than a quarter acre in size. The benefit that we'd get by digging out a retention pond is very minimal compared to the actual cost of doing so. We're taking down these structures because they're repetitive loss, flood structures, the houses do flood." Councilmember Chris Moore asked, "Would that be similar to Candlewood where we bought those 2 or 3 houses?" Director Craig Light said, "Yeah, we bought 4 houses a couple of years ago through this same grant program. This time, if you remember, the Council agreed to enter into agreement for this particular round of grants. We're looking at 4 structures, 2 of the property owners have agreed to sale, the other 2 have not yet agreed to sale. I don't know that they are going to so this may be it for this particular round but we do have 2 others that we are funded for if the property owners are willing to sale. This will be just grass lots in perpetuity." Councilmember L.J. Bryant asked, "I have a question for Craig or Danny or whoever. Is a quarter acre big enough for us to do a teeny tiny pocket park or not? I'm not saying at this specific property. I'm just saying in long term as we start to gobble up some of these things over a period of time." Director of the Parks Department Danny Kapales approached the podium, "To answer your question, yes, but it does depend on location. When you start looking at pocket parks, quarter acre or half acre, and you're wanting to do a pocket park, you want to look at the locations that are going to be close to the trail system and make sure they tie in and that way they have easy and safe access."*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

#### [RES-21:127](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3901 WILLOW ROAD, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FLOOD

## MITIGATION

**Sponsors:** Engineering

**Attachments:** [07.06.2021 Purchase Property Signed Offer\\_3901 WILLOW](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

**5. Pending Items****6. Other Business****7. Public Comments****8. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilperson LJ Bryant, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 5 - Mitch Johnson;Chris Moore;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams