



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

Public Works Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Nominating & Rules Committee Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

Present 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent 1 - Mitch Johnson

4. Special Presentations

Presentation of the Jonesboro Police Department's Life Saving Medal of Honor

Mayor Perrin discussed a recent event where Ms. Stacey Stockdale found her 2-year-old son, Grant, unresponsive in the family pool. Grant's 8-year-old brother, Donovan, quickly called 911 for help. He further explained 911 Operator Charles Jones instructed Ms. Stockdale how to give CPR to Grant, while Police Officers Keri Varner and Jo Carter and responders from Fire Engine #5 arrived on the scene. Fire Battalion Chief Brett Winstead and Ms. Stockdale continued to administer CPR and were able to revive Grant. Mayor Perrin stated Grant was flown to Memphis for medical attention. He then asked Police Chief Michael Yates to present Police Officer Keri Varner, Fire Battalion Chief Brett Winstead, 911 Operator Charles Jones, Stacey Stockdale, and Donovan Stockdale with the Life Saving Medal of Honor. Mayor Perrin noted Donovan Stockdale is a baseball and Parks Department Director Jason Wilkie presented Donovan with an autographed baseball bat signed by Major League Baseball player and member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, George Kell. Mayor Perrin also presented Donovan with a special proclamation from the Jonesboro Baseball Booster Club.

5. Consent Agenda

Councilman John Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, to approve the consent agenda. All voted aye.

[MIN-09:074](#)

Minutes for the City Council meeting on July 21, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was approved on the consent agenda.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

6. New Business

Ordinances on First Reading

[ORD-09:046](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORD-09:044

Sponsors: Finance and JETS

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

Finance Director Jim Barksdale explained the ordinance is a correction due to a mathematical error on the original ordinance.

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

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: O-EN-040-2009

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances on Second Reading

[ORD-09:049](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

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

Councilman Moore asked for the ordinance to be held at second reading.

This Ordinance was Held at second reading.

8. Mayor's Reports

COM-09:093

Financial report as provided to the City Council at the meeting on August 4, 2009, by Finance Director Jim Barksdale.

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes through 7-31-09](#)

Mr. Barksdale stated the month end process went smoothly and discussed the revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances through July. Councilman Dover questioned how much of the deficit spending was due to the lease payment. Mr. Barksdale answered \$2.8 million. He also noted there were some other fixed assets purchases in January. Mayor Perrin also stated they are still waiting to receive reimbursement money from FEMA, which could total \$1.5 million to \$2 million.

This item was Read.

Mayor Perrin stated he attended the CALEA exit interview for the Police Department. He explained the committee will be recommending CALEA certification for the Jonesboro Police Department, but it may be October or November before the Department knows anything. He added he also attended an Executive Committee meeting from the Arkansas Municipal League. He stated he sent out letters to the mayors of the ten largest cities in the State inviting them to a round table meeting in Jonesboro on September 25 and September 26.

Mayor Perrin explained the Corps of Engineers has asked him to make a presentation concerning the City's 300 miles of ditches. He stated he has received a cancellation from the Highway Department concerning a stoplight at Highway 63 and Southwest Drive. He also noted they are putting a hold on the Highway 63 and 351 signalization due to working with the railroad in order to acquire some property.

Mayor Perrin then discussed the fire station grant and stated our national delegations are supporting the City. He also discussed the old tornado sirens. He stated he has already received letters from surrounding cities who are interested in utilizing the old sirens.

Mayor Perrin explained they will be holding public hearings regarding the Master Land Use Plan. He further explained a control light will be going up on Stadium and a double left hand turn lane will be made on Windover and Highway 1B. He added they have met with a private company concerning a compost facility and are also still working with Legacy Landfill.

He then noted the Revenue Enhancement Committee should have a proposal in September for the City Council to review. He stated some fees haven't been increased since the 1970s and there are also some things the City is not charging for that the committee is looking at.

He also stated the City Engineer and Contract Manager will review all City contracts

and sign off on them before being presented to the Mayor and City Clerk for signing. He informed the Council they have sent out RFPs for actuarial services and asset management of the non-uniform pension plan. He added they have a draft of the real estate book showing City-owned property and anticipate presenting that to Council soon.

Mayor Perrin commended Grants Administrator Tony Thomas for his work in collecting grant money for the City amounting to \$14.9 million. He also stated the Mayor of Marmaduke has indicated he will be reimbursing the City for money spent during the aftermath of the tornado in which the City went through a lot of vehicle tires.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Street congratulated Police Chief Michael Yates for their CALEA recommendation and for receiving a \$1 million grant that will fund the hiring of new officers.

Councilman Dover commended the Mayor and Finance Department for having month end reports so quickly after the end of July.

Councilman McCall gave an update concerning the sesquicentennial, noting there will be some announcements in the next ten days.

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and add a resolution to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:119

RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: R-EN-080-2009

Councilman Gibson referred to the committee that was formed to consider privatizing the residential sanitation services. He recommended also including someone from the Code Enforcement Department because they work closely with the Sanitation Department. Mayor Perrin agreed.

Councilwoman Williams reminded everyone the Finance Committee meeting will be on August 11, 2009.

Councilman Moore congratulated the Police Department on the CALEA accreditation. He noted fewer than 5% of the Police Departments in the country meet that accreditation.

Mayor Perrin announced an open house at the Animal Control Facility on August 15.

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment.

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

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

ATTEST:

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