



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

PUBLIC WORKS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER AT 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent 1 - David McClain

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There are no Special Presentations this evening.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Brian Emison, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - David McClain

[MIN-23:039](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 18, 2023

Attachments: [CC Minutes 04182023](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

[RES-23:076](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 219 MILLER, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144181-59600, OWNED BY RONNIE & JACQUELINE STANBACK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5107.25

Attachments: [219 Miller Affidavit](#)
 [219 Miller Attachments](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-094-2023

[RES-23:077](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 607 S. CULBERHOUSE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-16500, OWNED BY SEAN K. DAVIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,298.46

Attachments: [607 Culberhouse Affidavit](#)
 [607 Culberhouse Attachments](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-095-2023

[RES-23:078](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1301 W. HUNTINGTON, PARCEL 01-143133-17100, OWNED BY JAMES W. & JESSY T. HARRELL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,807.24

Attachments: [1301 W Huntington Affidavit](#)
 [1301 W Huntington Attachments](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-096-2023

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-23:024](#)

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 200 ROYALE DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY HORIZON LAND SURVEYING ON BEHALF OF CURTNER ASSET MANAGEMENT

Attachments: [Application](#)
 [Certified Receipts](#)
 [Plat](#)
 [Staff Summary - C.C.](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-23:024 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-23:016](#) AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Attachments: [CO-2023-1 \(ORDER\)](#)
[CO-2023-1 hearing minutes](#)
[overhead view close up](#)
[overhead view](#)
[Petition](#)
[Checklist](#)
[Chief Hamrick email](#)
[CityAttorneyResponse 04062023](#)
[ORDINANCE of ANNEXATION](#)
[ORDINANCE of ANNEXATION](#)
[Handouts Annexation 05162023](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-23:018](#) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO ACT 1112 OF 2017, AND APPLICABLE ABC REGULATIONS APPROVING THE RESTAURANT PRIVATE CLUB APPLICATION OF KPOT JONESBORO, INC. AT 2312 E. PARKER ROAD, JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Attachments: [KPOT Jonesboro Inc. Application Redacted](#)
[Publication Receipt](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-23:019](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY LOW DENSITY TO RS-8, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON WIMPY LANE

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Certified Mail Receipts](#)
[Rezoning Plat](#)
[Staff Summary - C.C.](#)
[Publication Receipt](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-23:020](#) 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 INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CARAWAY ROAD AND STADIUM BOULEVARD AS REQUESTED BY WESCOTT ENTERPRISES, LLC

Attachments: [Application](#)
 [Certified Letters](#)
 [Rezoning Plat](#)
 [Staff Summary - C.C.](#)

Held at second reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-23:010](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - David McClain

Enactment No: O-EN-019-2023

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:

Grants and CDBG Director Regina Burkett, Communications Director Bill Campbell, and I went to Washington, D.C. last week. For what we felt were very productive meetings, not only with our Congressional Delegates, but with other leaders who can help all of us find resources to better serve Jonesboro for decades to come. We were joined later by about 20 members of the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce. And, judging by the response of our elected officials, that was an important move by our community leaders to show unity and in expressing our needs. I will say and I will add to this, the community of Paragould was also represented by their Mayor, County Judge and our County Judge was present as well. The theme that Congressman Rick Crawford and both Senators liked is regionalism. And, I expect strong support from them, being that we are supporting each other. And, as Jonesboro grows, other cities in our region, we all grow together. So, as we always say rising tides lift all boats. Representative Crawford even said that by working with him, with each city in Northeast Arkansas, we can create the type of resources and opportunities that Northwest Arkansas has and possibly on a faster timeline. Also, I had a former friendship and I also found Rodney Slater, a fellow Arkansans who made deeper inroads in D.C. Mr. Slater was Secretary of Transportation and he is a friend of Jonesboro as well.

Our Sanitation and Code Enforcement Departments helped the West End Neighborhood Association this weekend with its annual spring cleanup. It was raining most of the morning. So, I commend Code Enforcement and our Sanitation Department. They were there at 8:00 a.m. It stopped raining about 11:30 a.m. They stayed the entire time. Over six and one half tons were collected and 24 tires were hauled off. So, we just continue to clean up our city and I am really proud of the efforts our employees and the way they do it. They communicate well with our citizens and they are proud of the job that they do. So, the next cleanup will be in

Scenic Hills. It will be 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 6, 2023. It will be behind Annie Camp Junior High School at 1814 W. Nettleton. You can find more information at www.jonesboro.org or the city's social media pages. These cleanups are proving to be a remarkable success and I thank the neighborhood alliances, the Keep Jonesboro Beautiful membership, and our dedicated staffs for cleaning up our hometown. We still have more to do, but I see this taking place and changing our community and I bet you all do too.

It's only May, but we should start now to fight the onset of mosquitoes, getting rid of any water traps in your yards such as old tires. The West End, like I said, hauled off 24 tires this weekend. That's a big step. Anything outdoor that holds water is a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes and our first line of defense is prevention. We will all start the flights a little bit later this summer, but I will keep you updated. Let's all help our community and ourselves.

I am proud to say that Monica Percy has been named Employee of the Month. She is an excellent employee. I am really proud of Monica. She does a great job. She's moved up the ladder quickly from Administrative Assistant to Senior Planner in two years. The Employee of the Month is sponsored by First Security Bank of Jonesboro and we appreciate their community involvement.

The next ten days are Empty the Shelters event. These are adoptions from Animal Control. They are only \$40, but still include all of the vaccinations, spay and neutering, and microchipping. We have a lot of cute, adorable puppies and some good pets that aren't so young. So, please go by Animal Control when you are ready to adopt.

Thank you Council for allowing me the time to make some comments.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Chris Moore said, City Water & Light fixed all of the street lights downtown. Do we have any update on the string lights? I noticed about half of them are still out. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, basically, what we are doing, we are going to be closing down Main Street. Brian can give you the date. He has been in coordination with Downtown Jonesboro Association and we are going to be making some of our updates while the street is closed at the same time. Chief Administration Officer Brian Richardson said, yeah, there's obviously some string light issues down there that they are going to replace. I think they are looking at next Monday. It is probably going to be shut down two or three days while they do some of that work. Also, Council approved an agreement probably a month ago to a month and half ago to allow them, to indemnify them so they could hang their lights across the road. Obviously, the road has to be closed to do that. So, we are going to take advantage during that time and do some restriping down there, do some curb work, and clean up some potential kind of dangerous stepping areas and also to put a speed table on that block as well because we continue to have some speeding issues downstream from the other one. Councilmember Moore said, the lights are great. I think everybody likes them especially at night when you are walking on the sidewalk. I noticed a lot of houses in the downtown area that have string lights all on their house now. Mr. Richardson said, well, there's going to be more of them.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, what about the lights on Johnson? When is that going to start or is that going to start at all? Mr. Richardson said, I guess we are waiting on permit authorization. I can let Craig speak on that. I know that we have sent in everything on our end that we have been asked to do. Engineering Director Craig Light said, I believe you were asking about the street lights, just the lighting project that we had submitted a grant application for that we did not receive

any funding for that project. We have been in communications with City Water & Light about trying to put in lights in areas around that corridor that are darker. But, we did not receive that \$3 million grant to light up that whole corridor. We are continuing to look for ways to improve sections of it. We did get a permit for the radar feedback signs, the speed signs. We did get a permit for that last week. We have got materials ordered for that. So, we will put in two radar signs to let people know what their speeds are along that corridor in the area of the Valero station where we have had those pedestrian accidents. We have submitted an application to ARDOT for the HAWK pedestrian signal at that same crossing. We have not received that permit yet on that, but I hope to get that soon. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, along with the light, are we going to be able to put any cameras on that corridor? Mr. Light said, I do believe we have some cameras on the traffic signals along that corridor. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, Councilman, I believe there are thirty something lights along that corridor. We visited with City Water & Light about having brighter illumination on those lights. But, yes, that is part of our overall progress report when it comes to Johnson for cameras as well. Councilmember Chris Moore said, just as a side note Mayor, I asked about that a couple of months ago and CWL went and fixed the existing lights that were not burning. So, that was an improvement just in its own right. So, thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you Mr. Light.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, the free fish plate will be on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. until all of the fish is gone.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;Joe Hafner;Mitch Johnson;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Absent: 1 - David McClain

_____ Date: _____
 Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____
 April Leggett, City Clerk