



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 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 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-12:026](#)

Proclamation by the Mayor for Motorcycle Awareness Month - May, 2012

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation naming May, 2012, as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Mr. Eric Turman thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support with motorcyclists and the events they hold through the year.

This item was Read.

[COM-12:027](#)

Proclamation by the Mayor proclaiming Jonesboro a "Purple Heart City"

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin proclaimed Jonesboro a "Purple Heart City" due to the number of citizens who have received the award.

This item was Read.

[COM-12:029](#)

Proclamation to the Residential Housing and Health Care Facilities Board

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented Mr. Jim Goad with the proclamation naming Tuesday, May 1, 2012, as Arkansas Residential Housing & Health Care Facilities Board Day in honor of their work with the City in putting together the recent housing study.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA*Approval of the Consent Agenda*

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of RES-12:043.

A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice 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

MIN-12:035

Minutes for the City Council meeting on April 17, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-12:052

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JERRY REECE TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION (MAPC) WITH A TERM EXPIRATION DATE OF APRIL 30, 2015

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-065-2012

RES-12:055

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE YEAR 15 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2012 ACTION PLAN

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [2012 Action Plan](#)
[Related information](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-066-2012

RES-12:060

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2012 JAG GRANT

Sponsors: Grants

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-067-2012

6. NEW BUSINESS**RES-12:043**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT WITH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGACBUY) AND THE CITY OF

JONESBORO

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [HGACBUY Interlocal Contract](#)

Councilman Moore asked for details regarding the resolution. Mayor Perrin explained the last set of police vehicles the City purchased came from Texas. This resolution allows the City to continue doing business with that entity by getting state bids. There is no fee to join. Councilman Moore clarified it will allow the City to purchase items under Arkansas state contract or Texas state contract. Mayor Perrin answered yes. Councilman Moore then questioned whether the City can get bids with other surrounding states, such as Tennessee. Mayor Perrin stated if this deal goes well, then they will look into receiving bids from other states particularly Missouri and Tennessee. Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske noted the contract is not with the State of Texas; rather, it is with a co-op in the Houston Galveston area that is made up of municipal officials from those areas. He added they do meet the State's procurement services guidelines. They will still bid locally first, but if bids from this co-op come in lower, then they will go with them.

Councilman Frierson stated the resolution references the purchase of vehicles, but not other equipment. He asked if they anticipate expanding the bidding to other areas in the future. Mr. Barylske answered at this time they do not anticipate getting bids on anything other than vehicles.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous 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-068-2012

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-12:019

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF JONESBORO 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET BY INCREASING THE SALARY FOR THE CRIME ANALYST

Sponsors: Finance and Grants

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

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

Councilman Frierson questioned how much the raise will be. Mayor Perrin explained the crime analyst is paid through a grant and the pay will still be in mid-range of the pay grade. The range will be between \$38,000 to \$43,000. Grants Administrator Heather Clements added the crime analyst just received her certification in crime analysis, which is an 18-month course and is a national certification. The pay will be comparable to other southern states.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, 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: 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-016-2012

ORD-12:021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Finance

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous 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-017-2012

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-12:023

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 4500 EAST JOHNSON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY DAVID ONSTEAD

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

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous 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-018-2012

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Councilman Coleman recently held a gardening event for the community gardens in conjunction with Mr. John Henson, manager of Home Depot. Home Depot employees

were in attendance at the event. Home Depot also donated equipment. Mayor Perrin thanked Mr. Henson for his assistance. Councilman Coleman also thanked Mr. Henson, Southwest Church of Christ and Councilman Moore for their assistance with the event. Mr. Henson stated he is grateful for the opportunity to give back to the community and he and the associates had a good time. This Sunday they are going to try and plant more vegetable seeds and they hope to give back more in the future.

The ARMOM Day of Mercy Dental Event at the Convocation Center was held on Friday and Saturday. They saw 2,408 patients and did over \$2.5 million worth of dental work, which is a state record. The event will be back. There were 900 volunteers participating with the event.

1,600 soccer players and 69 baseball teams had games at Joe Mack Campbell over the weekend. 5 states were represented in the baseball games. The City received a lot of compliments on the fields at Joe Mack.

They are widening the entrance to Craighead Forest. Five new campsites are also being added.

Fire Station #4 has been dedicated. They received an appraisal for the station on Stadium. Someone has expressed interest in purchasing the property. It is a non-profit agency, so their board will have to approve it.

The Matthews Bridge will have to be redone. AT&T has fiber optic lines in the area that would cost about \$1.5 million to move as estimated by the Highway Department. Due to working with the county, a new bridge will be put in that is wider and will allow for larger sidewalks for \$147,000.

Bridge Street will be closed around June 1st through November 2nd in order to make repairs to the bridge.

Financial reports have been emailed to the Council members. Revenues still exceed expenses and reserves are still adequate at this time.

The new public works facility will open June 1st. They will have a tour for the Council members prior to the opening.

Work on the YMCA pool is going well. They are on schedule.

He will be appointing a committee in order to look at the recent J-QUAD housing study. There is a lot of information, which may mean ordinances need to be changed. He will come back with a recommendation in the future.

The Stadium Boulevard project is going well. They are extending it down to Parker Road. They hope to have it done soon.

The house in the Jefferson property recently purchased by the City has been torn down. One other building has to come down, then they will level it and use the area for parking.

Walmart, Lowe's and Sam's Club gave the City small grants in order to furnish the YMCA area. Centerpoint Energy gave the Fire Department \$2,500. A grant has also been received from Ritter.

The West End cleanup went well with the Southwest Church of Christ.

The Hispanic community will have a celebration at Craighead Forest this weekend for Cinco de Mayo.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Williams questioned whether any presentations concerning the housing study will be made to local civic groups. Citizens have shown interest in the results of the housing study. City Planner Otis Spriggs stated the housing study has been rolled over into Vision 2030 and public meetings will be held with the real estate association and the housing board. Mayor Perrin added they will also touch on the housing study at the upcoming ward meetings.

Councilman Coleman thanked the Grants Department employees who attended the gardening event over the weekend.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Employee Representative Chairman Larry Jackson thanked the Mayor for explaining the details behind the raise for the crime analyst position. He has received a lot of calls from employees who are concerned that the City is going back to the old system in which only select individuals receive raises. He noted Mayor Perrin, who was previously on the City Council, was one of the people who wanted the City to go with the Condrey salary plan. He then discussed the soccer program. He noted several of the participants in the recent soccer tournament camped at Craighead Forest and were complimentary regarding the facilities.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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