



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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

PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:25 P.M.

Public Hearing – Mayor Harold Copenhaver asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the public hearing regarding the abandonment of a portion of right-of-way along Jaybee Drive located in the Clearview Estates in Jonesboro, Arkansas as requested by Pruett Properties, LLC. No one spoke for or in opposition to the issue.

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 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-22:024](#)

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 4A STATE CHAMPION VALLEY VIEW SOFTBALL TEAM

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, good evening council. I have before you this evening, students and coaches and family members of students of Valley View Schools and the state girl's champions in softball. Congratulations. So, today, I am going to read a proclamation and I have a copy for each one of you. I know that you will hang it high and proud. We are proud of you in our community, not only what you do as students but academically as well because truly you are leaders in our community and people look up to you younger individuals and you will continue to grow and hopefully in our community. We want you to stay here. This is a proclamation for the Valley View Schools Girls Softball State Champions. Whereas, the Valley View High School Girls Softball team won the Class 4A State Championship in Benton last month; Whereas, the Lady Blazers won their first championship with a 2-1 victory over Nashville; and Whereas, the state tournament MVP Riley Smith allowed two hits in the championship game and joined Anna Winkfield, Lexi Davis on the all-state tournament team. And, Whereas, Coach Zipfel's team only had four seniors, Izzy Reba, Caroline Prestige, Lexis Davis, and Grace Butler and Whereas, these girls in this team exemplified by the

spirit and team determination of Valley View High School and the City of Jonesboro as a whole and represent us in a proud fashion on and off the field. There, now for, Harold Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas do hereby proclaim this Valley View Lady Blazer's Day in the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Congratulations to you all. Congratulations Coach.

Read

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Calendar. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

[MIN-22:042](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MAY 17, 2022

Attachments: [CC Minutes 05172022](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-22:083](#)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TITLE VI PROGRAM SUBMITTED FOR THE JET SYSTEM

Attachments: [JETS 2022 Title VI Program\(002\)](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-081-2022

[RES-22:084](#)

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GEOSURFACES FOR THE BASEBALL MOUND REPLACEMENT AT JOE MACK CAMPBELL SPORTS COMPLEX FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [City of Jonesboro Proposal for Mounds](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-082-2022

[RES-22:086](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER

This matter was Passed by consent rollcall

Enactment No: R-EN-083-2022

[RES-22:090](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO APPLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR 2022 BODY-WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION (BWC PIP) GRANT

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-084-2022

[RES-22:091](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO APPLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) FOR FY 2022 BULLET PROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-085-2022

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

[RES-22:064](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS REQUESTING CITY WATER AND LIGHT (CWL) TO PROVIDE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK FOR THE JONESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilmember John Street asked to be recused from consideration on this matter due to the fact that he currently serves on the City Water and Light Board.

Councilmember Charles Frierson asked to be recused from consideration on this matter due to the fact that he currently serves as legal counsel for City Water and Light.

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

Aye: 8 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Joe Hafner;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

Recused: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

Enactment No: R-EN-086-2022

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-22:019](#)

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

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:019 by title only. All voted aye.

Placed on second reading[ORD-22:022](#)

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

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:022 by title only. All voted aye.

Placed on second reading[ORD-22:024](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG JAYBEE DRIVE LOCATED IN CLEARVIEW ESTATES IN JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AS REQUESTED BY PRUETT PROPERTIES, LLC.

Attachments: [Letters](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:024 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember John Street said, because Pruett Properties are requesting a right-of-way and they own every single piece of property around it, at the request of Pruett Properties because of the rain that delays their progress and cost to them, I move we suspend the rules and waive the second reading.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman, to suspend the rules and waive the second reading. All voted aye.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, we do have the engineer here. Mr. Easley is that correct that they own all the surrounding property? Okay, so for the record, Mr. Easley said affirmative since he was not at the podium. That is the only question I had.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Waived Second Reading. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

[ORD-22:025](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SECTION 2-95 TO ADD THE A&P COMMISSION AND THE PACE COMMISSION TO THE LIST OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS THAT MAY SUBMIT MATTERS DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL WITHOUT REQUIRING ANOTHER COMMITTEE REVIEW

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:025 by title only. All voted aye.

Placed on second reading[ORD-22:026](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.55 OF THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW WARD BOUNDARIES BASED ON 2020 CENSUS INFORMATION AND UTILIZATION OF EFS GEOTECHNOLOGIES GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS SOFTWARE.

Attachments: [Wards 2011 11x17](#)
 [Wards 2022 11x17](#)
 [Ward Legal Description](#)
 [2022 Ward Map_Circled Changes](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:026 by title only. All voted aye.

Placed on second reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-22:023](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 MULTI-FAMILY LOW DENSITY DISTRICT TO PR-RM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 625 GANT STREET, 641 GANT STREET, AND 907 KITCHEN STREET, ALL IN JONESBORO, AR AS REQUESTED BY TIM COOPER.

Attachments: [H21-150 GESTRING REZONING PLAT](#)
 [Staff Summary - City Council](#)
 [Site Plan](#)
 [Survey](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Property Information](#)
 [East Perspective](#)
 [Elevation Perspective](#)
 [Sidewalk Perspective](#)
 [Gant Deed](#)
 [Kitchen Deed](#)
 [Certified Mail Receipt](#)

Placed on third reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-22:020](#) AN ORDINANCE FOR THE TRANSFER OF LOCATION OF A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES #3354

Attachments: [Eagles Transfer](#)
 [Eagles Ordinance](#)

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

Enactment No: O-EN-025-2022

[ORD-22:021](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FROM R-1, RESIDENTIAL TO I-2 INDUSTRIAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED EAST OF NESTLE ROAD AND NORTH OF DEER LAKE AS REQUESTED BY THE JONESBORO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Attachments: [Staff Summary-City Council](#)
 [Plat and Legal Description](#)
 [Location](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Certified Mail Receipts](#)
 [List of Adjoining Property Owners](#)
 [Property Owner Notification](#)
 [Charge Sheet-Paid](#)
 [Receipt](#)

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

Enactment No: O-EN-026-2022

ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN COUNCIL

[RES-22:045](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 308B Vine, Parcel: 01-143134-25400. OWNER: David and Gail Oesterblad

Attachments: [308 Vine Inspection](#)
 [DAVID & GAIL OESTERBLAD TRUST-01-143134-25400 - ARCountyData.c](#)
 [Limited Title Search](#)
 [Supporting Documents](#)
 [308 vine 1](#)
 [308 vine 2](#)
 [308 vine 3](#)

Councilmember Chris Moore said, there was some discussion before the council meeting and it kind of generally concerns all three of these condemnations. And, just for clarification that upon condemnation of this property does not mean that the city is going to go and tear that house down tomorrow. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said,

correct. Councilmember Moore said, it simply puts you on a time schedule where you have to come in and purchase a permit and then you have a certain amount of time for construction and then if you are making substantial improvements, it can be extended. So, that is common for this one and the other two. Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, the only thing I want to add is I want to thank Scott Roper, the new Code Enforcement person and I also want to thank Mayor Pro-Tempore Chris Moore for explaining a lot of things and also thanking the couples that are going to be a part of this. They came down and they have done a lot of work on that and I just want to thank them. If we had everybody that had these kind of condemnations would do that type of work that they are doing, man, this would be a real beautiful city. I just want to thank them for coming in today too. Mayor Copenhaver said, I concur councilmembers and I do appreciate your comments and I want to also say thank you to Scott Roper and his new leadership in that department and I think we are seeing positive advancement in our community and I appreciate that Mr. Roper. Thank you very much.

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

Enactment No: R-EN-087-2022

[RES-22:046](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1208 E. Washington, Parcel: 01-144173-14500. OWNER: Cynthia Diane Scott Fletcher, Korreen Prunty, Koreon Prunty

Attachments: [1208 Washington Inspection Report](#)
[FLETCHER CYNTHIA ETAL-01-144173-14500 - ARCountyData.com](#)
[Invoice & Search - 1208 E Washington](#)
[Supporting Docs - 1208 E Washington](#)
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[WIN_20201208_14_36_51_Pro](#)
[614A5AB9-8778-42CE-B926-E18F21EC092D](#)

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: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

Enactment No: R-EN-088-2022

[RES-22:048](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 5523 E. Nettleton, Parcel: 01-144351-00800. OWNER: Paul Wise

Attachments: [5523 E. Nettleton Inspection Report](#)
[Supporting Docs - 5523 E Nettleton](#)
[Invoice & Search - 5523 E Nettleton](#)
[WISE PAUL AND DEBBIE-01-144351-00800 - ARCountyData.com](#)
[5523 nettleton6](#)
[5523 nettleton7](#)
[5523 nettleton8](#)

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

Enactment No: R-EN-089-2022

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:

Despite concerns about the national and global economics, Jonesboro just keeps trucking along. Sales Tax was up over 5% through May of this year and our budget is up 12.6%. Year-to-date receipts are also up 14% and 8.5% over budget.

Our Street Department has been making most of this springtime, even though it tends to get on the hot side quickly in repairing streets and sidewalks. They have fixed drainage under Huntington Avenue and are finishing widening sidewalks that will narrow the street thereby calming traffic and existing a nice wide walkable path to Flint Street. They also resurfaced and striped Kathleen Street last week. We have an aggressive plan that quadrupled spending on sidewalk additions and repairs this year. So, it is nice to see its start and see it come to fruition.

I would like to say that I would like to continue my visits with Senator Boozman and Representative Crawford and will meet with them and representatives of the Federal Transportation Department in coming weeks in D.C. These two gentlemen have shown a commitment to Jonesboro for years and our relationship is critical to important infrastructure and quality of place projects in Jonesboro.

I met yesterday with two entomologists from Arkansas State University. Dr. Tanya McKay who has expertise with ideas and helping us look into the future. And, this was a request by the Public Safety Committee addressing mosquito control. And, combining with the knowledge of Arkansas State University and working with Vector, we will be addressing future disease control in our community as other serious problems as we continue to look at the annoyance of mosquitos. And, I appreciate that committee asking that and we want to follow up with that request.

To better protect our city and residents, we continue to grow our camera presence around town and in parks, street intersections, and public facilities. I want to thank our Director Jason Ratliff and the whole IT team for their work to put cameras in all of our facilities including five new ones around the exterior of this municipal center. All of our parks have cameras in addition to the 38 on city streets. Many things analytics can do.

Our Police Department have eyes on cameras in their real-time crime center and we are training more staff in the process because it is critical for Jonesboro's future.

Our A&P Commission is doing stellar work under the direction of Jerry Morgan and the hotel owners that I have spoken with said they are seeing record number of visitors are coming to the City of Jonesboro to stay and spend money in our hotels, restaurants, and shops. I appreciate them for investing in Jonesboro and I appreciate the professionalism and long range plan of Mr. Morgan and all of the A&P Commissioners.

Last weekend, we experienced, unfortunately, a shooting in our community that escalated to much more. And, as you know, our police force, state troopers and our county. Their response was excellent. I could not be more proud of them and I have seen the work of our officers. This is simply more proof of their professionalism and I appreciate your leadership as well Chief Elliott.

Eleven students graduated from Project Search last week and I appreciate what St. Bernards does not only in taking care of people, but creating the opportunity for everyone.

I also attended the NYIT graduation and it is beautiful to watch a new class of doctors going out into this world from right here on Jonesboro's campus.

I appreciate councilmembers as well willing to help out when I need them. And, I want to say thank you to John Street in representing myself and the city at a Memorial Day event at our VFW. He was the perfect person to do it anyway, he is a veteran himself. Thank you so very much John. Councilmember John Street said, thank you Mayor.

Some of you and my administration and directors will attend AML next week. This will be in Little Rock. I've been fortunate to serve on several committees next week. We are going to be on the cutting edge of concepts and practices for city government. We will play an important role for them and I am looking forward to that partnership in the future of this great city.

[COM-22:022](#)

CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OVERVIEW, APRIL 2022

Attachments: [April 2022 Financials](#)

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, Mayor, you covered it, but I wanted to tell you that it was an honor to serve in that capacity. We have a great bunch of veterans here in the community and it's always nice to be in front of them. And, I want to thank JPD's Honor Guard for their presence at the Memorial Day celebration. They did an outstanding job. It was an outstanding job Chief. That was very professional. I have seen a bunch of them and that was very good. And, Danny Kapales, I am over at the Forest walking almost every day and I have got to tell you they've got the Forest looking great. And, it never ceases to amaze me at the amount of residents that use that on a daily basis. It's just mind blowing. But, Danny and his team, I mean it takes a lot to keep that thing in shape. The mowers are running and people are working. It's just wonderful to see the Parks Department doing so well. Mayor Copenhaver said, well said, thank you.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I appreciate your work on the mosquito issue. I think it's one of those things that I mean I grew up in Weiner so I know more about mosquitos than anyone here. But, I mean, it is one of those things that I think it's fundamental whether someone plays softball or rides a bike or runs or baseball or whatever, it is one of those things that negatively impacts everyone. So, hopefully, it is something that you know we will find that we can make progress on. If Disney can do it in a lagoon in Orlando, maybe we can make some progress here. I would also like to say thanks. I visited with Brian earlier and I thought it would be a 30 minute meeting and it was a 2 minute meeting and he immediately understood the issue and knew what we needed to do so I appreciate everyone in your administration Mayor. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, I wanted to give a brief report. Craig Light took the time to meet with me yesterday at the Shooting Range and if you hadn't been out there lately and looked at it, it's really pretty amazing. I hadn't been since early in the winter so the progress was remarked. They are working on the new range building out there and just from my observation on it, it will probably be done before the end of the year. Most of the fields are operational out there and it's really going to be a nice park. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you councilman.

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, I want to thank Chris for helping me with explaining the issues a few minutes ago. I had some thoughts about it, but I also at the same time, it is good to have other council that you can talk to about things you are not really sure, so I really want to thank him. On June 11th, the leadership group at the Chamber of Commerce and Fisher Street Community in Action is having a block party from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. And, on June 25th, we have another cleanup in the city. So, thank you. The block party is at 301 N. Fisher Street at the church.

Mayor Copenhaver said that the Race Street area will have a cleanup this weekend. Code Enforcement Director Scott Roper said that is correct, the Fairview Addition.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Absent: 2 - Bobby Long and David McClain

_____ Date: _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

April Leggett, City Clerk