



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

5:30 PM

Municipal Center

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

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PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:20 P.M.

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Regarding the abandonment of a twenty foot wide drainage easement in Block D of Bridger Place Phase II Subdivision as requested by Phillips Investments

No one spoke in opposition to the abandonment.

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

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

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3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent 1 - Chris Moore

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

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A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, to Adopt the Consent Agenda . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Approval of the Consent Agenda

[MIN-13:117](#) Minutes for the City Council meeting on December 17, 2013

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Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

[RES-13:215](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR FUNDING OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

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Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [NEAIDC- 2014 Request](#)

Mayor Perrin explained this contract is the same as last year, with the exception of \$175 increase from last year due to the Chamber of Commerce working on economic development with an industry.

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-001-2014

[RES-13:216](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH JAIL FEES BETWEEN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AND CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

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Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTAL FOR JAIL FEES](#)

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-002-2014

[RES-13:218](#) A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR

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Sponsors: Mayor's Office

This item was **PASSED** on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-003-2014

6. NEW BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

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ORD-13:073

ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON AN UNIMPROVED TWENTY FEET (20') WIDE DRAINAGE EASEMENT

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- Attachments:** [Plats](#)
 [Petition](#)
 [Utility Letters](#)
 [Letter from Engineering & Planning Departments](#)

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

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

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-005-2014

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-13:070

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-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE INTERSECTION OF

STADIUM BLVD AND JOHNSON AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY GREENSBORO INVESTMENTS, LLC

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

Councilman Street asked if there have been any objections to this rezoning. City Planner Otis Spriggs answered no.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-006-2014

ORD-13:071

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 3600 RIOS LANE AS REQUESTED BY AMY POTTINGER

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

Councilman Street questioned whether there have been any objections to this rezoning. Mr. Spriggs answered no.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-007-2014

ORD-13:072

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 NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF EAST JOHNSON AND OLD GREENSBORO ROAD AS REQUESTED BY DAVID ONSTEAD

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

Councilman Street asked if there have been any objections. Mr. Spriggs answered no.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman

Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-008-2014

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

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Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He's asked all department heads to give him a list of anticipated projects for 2014. At the February 4th meeting, they will present a PowerPoint presentation detailing all of the capital improvement projects that are budgeted for this year. It will name the projects, detail what will be involved and the timeline for the project.

The Municipal League's Winter Conference will be held in Rogers this year from January 29-31.

He sent a letter to the county judge to propose the MAPC meet twice a month. This will reduce time for developers to wait for necessary documentation. It will also give the committee more time to look at each project. Most of the cities they have recently visited with have MAPC's that meet twice a month. He is going to ask them to amend their bylaws so they can start meeting twice a month in February.

Sanitation Director Royce Leonard has retired. They have received over 75 applications for the position. They are interviewing applicants and will keep the Council up to date on the progress. He hopes to have a decision made by February 1.

The Nominating & Rules Committee will be made up of the Council members from Wards 4, 5 and 6 this year. After they schedule their first meeting, he would like to visit with the committee concerning the stipulation in the Code of Ordinances that says a chairman can only vote if there is a tie. He would like to revise that in order to allow a chairman to vote in other instances.

He was informed earlier this week that he has been appointed to the National League of Cities Steering Committee. They will discuss general finance programs and other financing issues. He will be attending a meeting on March 9th.

COM-14:002

Map of 2013 ditch maintenance

Attachments: [Map](#)

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilman Street announced the Public Works Committee will hold a special meeting on Monday, January 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed access management ordinance. He stated it is available online and encouraged everyone to look at it and give them feedback.

Councilman Vance asked for the capital improvements project PowerPoint presentation that the Mayor referred to during his Mayor's Report be posted to Legistar as soon as possible in order for people to be able to view it. This will allow them to ask any questions they may have.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Mr. Pat Alston approached the podium to discuss an issue with the City Council, but declined to speak.

Mr. David McAlvoy, 731 W. Matthews, thanked Councilman Coleman for his work to get a street in Jonesboro named after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He stated he knew there was opposition to the renaming of North Church, so if the renaming doesn't occur on that street that it should happen with another street or a new street. He explained this is the City's chance to do something very important.

Mr. Chris Gambill, 1713 N. Church, spoke in opposition to the renaming of North Church to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. He noted that he may be charged for changing the address of his property and questioned who would pay for those charges.

Mr. George Baxley, a resident on North Church, also spoke in opposition to the renaming of North Church to Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. He encouraged the Council to look at naming a new street or the bypass after Dr. Martin Luther King as opposed to an existing street due to the work it would put on the property owners to change addresses. He expressed concern over the inconvenience and cost of changing the street name.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Councilman Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

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

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

_____ Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk