



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

5:00 PM

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Special Called Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 5:00 P.M.

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2. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

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Present 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent 1 - Tim McCall

3. NEW BUSINESS

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RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

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RES-15:142

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE OF AN AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) PROJECT NO. 3-05-0033-020-2015 FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

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Sponsors: Grants and Municipal Airport Commission

Attachments: [FAA Project No. 3-05-0033-020-2015](#)

Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson Drive, stated he thought this special called meeting was for the sales tax ordinances only. He questioned why this resolution was brought up. Mayor Perrin explained this resolution was added so the city wouldn't lose the funding. It has to be back in Houston by September 16th, which would not have been able to be done if the Council waited to pass this resolution until the regular meeting on September 15th. Mr. Cook then questioned if that means the Council can break the rules to do whatever they want to do. City Attorney Carol Duncan stated notice was given that this item would be on the agenda for the special called meeting and as long as notice is given then that is sufficient to not break any rules. City Clerk Donna Jackson added state law requires two hours notice be given to all media concerning

special called meetings and the items on the agenda for those meetings. Mr. Cook then stated he wanted to go on record as saying that's wrong.

Mayor Perrin explained they are also looking at lengthening the runway at the airport to accommodate larger planes, such as those used when players come to play game at Arkansas State. As it is currently, players have to land in Memphis and be bused to Jonesboro. If they could extend the runway, it would be much easier allowing players to land in Jonesboro. He noted this is a 100% grant funded by the FAA and the Aeronautical Board.

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

Enactment No: R-EN-129-2015

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

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ORD-15:041

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.875%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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Attachments: [Sales Tax Opposition Comments](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-035-2015

ORD-15:042

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A CITY-WIDE SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.875%) SALES AND USE TAX; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Sales Tax Opposition Comments](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-036-2015

ORD-15:043

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.125%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Sales Tax Opposition Comments](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-037-2015

ORD-15:044

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A CITY-WIDE ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT (0.125%) SALES AND USE TAX; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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Attachments: [Sales Tax Opposition Comments](#)

Phillip Cook, 5216 Richardson Drive, asked what happens with this tax if the federal government also appropriates more money for highways. Mayor Perrin explained the city's tax will be used to fund the twenty projects that it has identified as being needed. The 1/8 of a tax will go towards the Chamber of Commerce to help create jobs in the city. Mr. Cook stated he thinks eventually the federal government will wake up and stop kicking the can down the road when it comes to infrastructure improvements. Mayor Perrin noted the 0.875% tax is going to be designated totally for road improvements. The current budget money will continue to be used for things such as overlays and other small projects. He added the public will have a chance to look at the twenty identified projects. Those projects were chosen to help with safety

and capacity on the city roadways. Mr. Cook explained he's heard people say the city doesn't need a new tax and that it should just be frugal with the money it's got. He thinks the city will have a hard time selling the new tax to citizen.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-038-2015

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Absent: 1 - Tim McCall

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk