



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 6:30 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

Present 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent 2 - Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

4. Special Presentations

Presentation by Ginger Fears

Ms. Ginger Fears, chair of the Heritage Day Committee, discussed a children's book Sister Henrietta Hockle wrote to celebrate Heritage Day. The book is entitled "How Jonesboro Got Its Name." Ms. Fears stated the book will be read at Stories in the Forest on October 3rd with copies of the book being given to the children who attend. She presented several pages of the book to the Council. Mayor Perrin thanked Sister Henrietta for her work making the book.

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, to Approve the Consent Agenda. A motion was made that these files be approved by consent voice vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

[MIN-09:072](#)

Minutes for the City Council meeting on July 7, 2009.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

RES-09:092

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE FINANCING OF INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES WITHIN OR NEAR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO BE LEASED TO NORDEX USA, INC., PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY AMENDMENT 65 TO THE ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION AND THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND LAW.

Attachments: [PILOT Agreement - Nordex](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-067-2009

RES-09:096

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS RENAMING COOK ROAD TO NORDEX DRIVE REQUESTED BY CARTER JUSTICE ON BEHALF OF NORDEX USA, INC.

Sponsors: Planning

Attachments: [Resolution 05-402](#)
[Cook Road Vicinity Map](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-068-2009

RES-09:097

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MASTER BICYCLE ROUTE PLAN IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [greenways 42x38 june 23](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-069-2009

RES-09:099

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A REVISED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING PROGRAM POLICY FOR JETS

Sponsors: JETS

Attachments: [Substance Abuse Testing Program Policy 2009](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-070-2009

RES-09:101

A RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH THE RED CROSS TO USE COMMUNITY CENTERS AS SHELTERS

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Red Cross Shelter Agreement 2009-2010](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-071-2009

RES-09:102

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT OPTIMIST PARK

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Bid 2009-29 Optimist Park Playground](#)
[Final 3-D PDF Format](#)
[Contract to Install Playground Equipment](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-072-2009

RES-09:108

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO SUPPORT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CITY STREET, SANITATION, JETS, AND FLEET MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Preliminary Budget](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-073-2009

RES-09:109

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO EXECUTE THE RELEASE FOR JAMESTOWN MANOR SUBDIVISION PHASE II

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [19-01EmployersMutualCasualtySCSDevelopment_sht](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-074-2009

6. New Business

Ordinances on First Reading

ORD-09:048

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE PAY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ADD THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Community Development

Attachments: [Admin Asst GR07 CDBG](#)

Councilwoman Williams offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilwoman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and waive second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilman Frierson motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Williams, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-039-2009

ORD-09:049

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RM-8 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2202 SPENCE CIRCLE AS REQUESTED BY BILL BRAND

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

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading.

This Ordinance was Held at one reading.

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-09:032

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1014 S. Madison

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1014 S. Madison Building Inspection Report](#)
[1014 S. Madison Building Inspection Report - PDF](#)
[CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST - PDF](#)
[100_3135](#)
[100_3136](#)
[100_3138](#)
[100_3137](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

Enactment No: R-EN-075-2009

7. Unfinished Business

8. Mayor's Reports**COM-09:090**

Financial reports as presented by Finance Director Jim Barksdale at the City Council meeting on July 21, 2009.

Attachments: [Bank Reconciliations Completed](#)
[Financial Summary Memo](#)

Mr. Barksdale discussed the financial reports to the City Council. He noted they have fixed some problems concerning the bank reconciliations, but are still working on others.

This item was Read.

COM-09:091

Presentation concerning the Parks Department as given by Parks Director Jason Wilkie to the City Council on July 21, 2009.

Attachments: [City Council Presentation](#)

Parks Director Jason Wilkie discussed the Parks Department. Councilman Hargis questioned whether they were looking at a bike lane down Culberhouse to Craighead Forest. Mr. Wilkie explained due to recent neighborhood improvements by Jim Abel, bikers can ride through the neighborhoods and connect to Craighead Forest. He added South Culberhouse is now on the bicycle route plan, so when the Highway Department upgrades South Culberhouse they will have to add a bike lane.

This item was Read.

Mayor Perrin explained they are looking at a composte facility at Legacy Landfill. He further explained they have also spoken with a private firm that submitted a proposal. He stated they are going to come back with a recommendation at the next meeting. He noted ADEQ has given the City a timeline to work on a composte facility.

He added he met with the Corps of Engineers concerning the ditches. He stated Senators Lincoln and Pryor, as well as Congressman Berry, have sent letters to the Corps asking them to help Jonesboro.

Mayor Perrin stated the Highway Department will be working on making a double turn lane on Windover at a cost of \$600 to the City. He further stated work on Raines and Highland will cost \$100 and work on Stadium and Highway 1 will be \$200. He noted they still have seven pending letters to the Highway Department asking for help at several other locations in the City.

He announced a ribbon cutting ceremony at Fire Station 6 on Thursday, July 23, at 1:30 p.m. He added they have sent off paperwork to apply for a \$5.3 million grant for another station. He noted the grant will be at no cost to the City.

Mayor Perrin explained all of the tornado sirens will be ready on Friday. He further explained next week's regular Thursday test will be with the new sirens.

He stated City Planner Otis Spriggs is finishing up work on the Master Land Use Plan. He announced public hearings regarding the Land Use Plan: August 24 at the Huntington Building, August 25 at Fire Station #3 and August 27 at Parker Park. He

added they hope to finalize the Master Street Plan next week in order to integrate it with the Land Use Plan.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and add RES-09:113 and RES-09:115 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:113

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO GRANT A PERMANENT EASEMENT TO ROBERT A. SHUMPERT AND SHELIA G. SHUMPERT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Shumpert Easement](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

Enactment No: R-EN-076-2009

RES-09:115

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAMERON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE NETTLETON AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Nettleton Ave Drainage Specifications](#)
[Bid Tab](#)

City Engineer Craig Light explained the Nettleton Avenue project is one of the hot spot projects that was identified. He further explained they will be building three stormwater detention ponds to alleviate flooding issues in that area. Councilman Vance questioned how long the project will take. Mr. Light stated after the contracts are signed they will be able to give the notice to proceed in ten days and it is a 90-day project. He stated this is not the ultimate fix, but will give relief to the property owners in the area and alleviate the problems they have seen in that area this year.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

Enactment No: R-EN-079-2009

Councilman Fears motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and add RES-09:116 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:116

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH CITY, WATER AND LIGHT OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ("CWL") AND THE CITY OF JONESBORO ARKANSAS ("CITY")

Sponsors: Fire Department

Attachments: [Fire Hydrant Maint. FINAL \(2\)](#)

Councilman Frierson abstained from discussion and voting due to being the attorney for City Water and Light. Councilman Street also abstained from discussion and voting because he serves on the City Water and Light Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 8 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

Abstain: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

Enactment No: R-EN-077-2009

Councilman Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilman Moore, to suspend the rules and place RES-09:114 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-09:114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO EXPRESS A DESIRE TO KEEP UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICES IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this Resolution be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

Enactment No: R-EN-078-2009

Councilwoman Williams noted the Finance Committee will be holding a special meeting on Thursday, July 23, at 4:00 p.m. in order to discuss the due diligence concerning the proposals for the non-uniform pension management.

Councilman Moore stated he, Mayor Perrin and Police Chief Michael Yates are working on the jail bill and anticipate having some more information within 30 to 60 days.

10. Public Comment

Mr. Roger Banter, 4315 South Caraway Road, expressed concern about the City not having more right-hand turn lanes on major streets, such as Stadium Boulevard. He noted the City recently made improvements at the intersection of Fair Park and Race Street, but did not add a right-hand turn lane. He recommended the City look at opportunities in the future to add right-hand lanes. Mayor Perrin explained they are working to add right-hand turn lanes at some intersections, but have to work with the Highway Department to do so since some of the roads are state highways.

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Rennell Woods, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 10 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Jim Hargis; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods and Mikel Fears

Absent: 2 - Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

_____ **Date:** _____
Harold Perrin, Mayor

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Donna Jackson, City Clerk