



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 6 - David McClain; Brian Emison; Janice Porter; Chris Gibson; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent 1 - Chris Moore

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-25:101](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Janice Porter; Chris Gibson; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-25:167](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 233 S. Fisher Street, Jonesboro, AR, 72401; Parcel # 01-144181-44700

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [233 S Fisher Inspection Report.pdf](#)
 [233 S Fisher Pre-Condemnation Notice Affidavit.pdf](#)
 [233 S Fisher Pre-Condemnation Notice Returned Cert Letter.pdf](#)
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 [28111657-IMG_4308.jpeg](#)
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Chairman Brian Emison said, it has been requested that we walk that on to the full Council agenda this evening. I read this by title only then I'll hand it over to Ms. Carol for some further clarification on this. As we've seen this on our agenda before.

City Attorney Carol Duncan said, what this is is a resolution that was approved at the last Council meeting to condemn the property, and we realized after the Council meeting that there was a typo on the parcel number that nobody caught. Including me who read it twice. It was the same parcel number I read on the next one that we had on the agenda, but I didn't catch it. Nobody else did either except someone listening, and so what happened is we checked the notices and we checked everything that was sent out on the actual notifications, and it was correct on all of that. The only typo was in our resolution. So, it is a property that's been deemed dangerous. They're ready to move forward with taking the building down. People are entering it knowing that he's deceased and nobody's there. And it's a safety hazard we've got a report attached from the fire marshall and from building inspections saying it needs to come down. So, they would like to get that down this week because of the safety concerns, and that's why we're asking to walk it on to tonight's meeting.

Councilmember LJ Bryant motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to Recommend to Council and walk onto tonight's City Council agenda, RES-25:167. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by Janice Porter, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

RES-25:168

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 3806 School Street, Jonesboro, AR 72401; Parcel # 01-144272-16500

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [3806 School Boarding and Securing Affidavit.pdf](#)
[3806 School Boarding and Securing Returned Cert Letter.pdf](#)
[3806 School Inspection Report.pdf](#)
[3806 School Map.png](#)
[3806 School Precondemnation Notice Affidavit.pdf](#)
[3806 School Precondemnation Notice Returned Cert Letter.pdf](#)
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[28432766-IMG_4450.jpeg](#)
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A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

RES-25:169

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 2410 W. Matthews Ave. Jonesboro, AR 72401; Parcel # 01-143143-01900

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [2410 W Matthews B&S Returned Certified Letter.pdf](#)
[2410 W Matthews B&s Returned Standard Letter.pdf](#)
[2410 W Matthews Board and Secure Affidavit.pdf](#)
[2410 W Matthews Inspection Report.pdf](#)
[2410 W Matthews Map.png](#)
[2410 W Matthews Pre-Condernation Affidavit.pdf](#)
[2410 W Matthews Pre-Condernation Returned Certified Letter.pdf](#)
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A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by Janice Porter, that this

matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

[RES-25:199](#)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE FY2026 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sponsors: Grants and Police Department

A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

[RES-25:200](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO REALIGN JONESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFFING TO INCLUDE 2 ASSISTANT CHIEF POSITIONS

Sponsors: Fire Department, Human Resources and Finance

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, chairman just one question. I was trying to process it in my brain just a little bit here. It said no head count increase for the department, and I'm just confused how we're adding somebody but not increasing head count. Am I missing something? Fire Department Chief Marty Hamrick approached the podium and said, yeah, I'll be happy to answer that. So, throughout the last few years we have been able to add on to the bottom end of our staffing levels. With that, we've got it built in to where we can add this position and not have, we've already got the people on the bottom end to fill it. So, with that, we're not having to, traditionally if we created a new high-level position, you would promote all the way down and you would have an opening in the firefighter rank. We won't with this. We're just reorganizing that just a little to make it work, so there's not a need to hire that person. Councilmember LJ Bryant said, got it, thanks chief.

Councilmember Chris Gibson said, so, I'm going to ask the same question in a little bit different way. So, from a financial perspective and a public safety perspective, there's really not going to be that much impact to the city and this administration other than filling the position. Chief Marty Hamrick said, right. So, with those promotions we were looking at rough estimate \$30,000 to \$40,000 to make all the necessary promotions. That's the second assistant chief, the battalion chief that would be open, the captain, and the driver would take care of all that.

Chairman Brian Emison said, just to make sure for further clarification on all that. That \$251,000 line item that we see in salaries underneath the fire budget for 2026, that \$35,000 to \$40,000 is built into that number. Is that correct. Chief Marty Hamrick said, yes, that's already built into that number.

A motion was made by Kevin Miller, seconded by David McClain, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Janice Porter;Chris Gibson;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by LJ Bryant, seconded by Chris Gibson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Janice Porter; Chris Gibson; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore