



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

5:30 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

Present 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Mikel Fears

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-12:024 Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting March 20, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mikel Fears, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

3. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-12:053 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to Condemn property at 3301 Fairview

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspections001](#)
[100_3686](#)
[100_3685](#)
[100_3687](#)
[100_3689](#)
[100_3684](#)
[100_3692](#)

Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver stated the City has been dealing with this property for a year and have had to mow the yard. He added the property has been in probate court because the owner is deceased and he has been dealing with the attorney for the son of the deceased owner. He further explained he will have to do this property through an attorney ad litem because one of the daughters will not receive the letters, but the attorney has provided a correct address for the daughter. He stated the

kids will not come together to sell the property and it needs to be brought up to code. He noted the City is spending money just to maintain the yard.

Councilman Mikel Fears inquired if the City would own the property if they go through with the condemnation since the kids can't come together to sell the property. Mr. Shaver answered it would have to go through the City Attorney's office. He added if the family does not contact him or receive a permit then after the 31st day he will proceed with having the property razed.

Councilman Gene Vance stated the property will not automatically become the City's property unless the City takes further action through the City Attorney.

Mayor Perrin explained no liens have been filed for 2011 because the City is deciding how to file the liens. He added the City has not been filing the liens through the real estate section because when the property is sold the City will get their money for sure. Councilman Vance asked if the property is sold for taxes will the City get their money. Mayor Perrin answered yes. He added he was told that the County will not let the City file the type of liens they have been filing but once a year.

Discussion was held concerning filing liens against the properties that are in violation of City codes.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

RES-12:065

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 202 Mulberry
Owners James and Jacqueline Butler

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report001](#)
[101E0637](#)
[101E0636](#)
[101E0632](#)
[101E0629](#)
[101E0628](#)

Mr. Shaver has dealt with the owner in the past and gave the owner a week to get back with him and has not heard anything from him in a month.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Chris Gibson, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

RES-12:066

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 204 Mulberry
Owner Vanessa Gomez

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report001](#)
[101E0613](#)
[101E0614](#)
[101E0624](#)
[101E0626](#)
[101E0620](#)

Mr. Shaver explained this property burnt and was then purchased by Vanessa Gomez who stated she was going to fix the property up. He added she got a demolition permit for the property approximately 1 to 2 months ago, but nothing has been done to the property. He noted he spoke with Ms. Gomez and told her if nothing is done with the property he would continue with the condemnation.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

RES-12:067

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS to condemn property at 507 Krewson
Owner: Brenda L Richards

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST](#)
[Inspection Report001](#)
[101E0234](#)
[101E0230](#)
[101E0222](#)
[101E0227](#)
[101E0224](#)

Mr. Shaver stated he tried to work with the owner because it would have saved the City money, but the owner never finished what she started.

Mayor Perrin inquired how many condemnations are in the works. Mr. Shaver answered he is currently working on 6 or 7 that need the letters sent to the owners and 3 more that need to be put in Legistar for the Public Safety meeting in June. He added a lot of the owners will tear down their property once they have been notified of a violation from the City. Mayor Perrin stated he would like a list of the properties that are in the progress of condemnation, what condemnations are going to be coming before the Council and what owners corrected their properties after being notified of violations, which will allow the City to help the Code Enforcement Department.

Councilman Moore explained there are in excess of 100 houses in his ward that could meet that criteria. Mayor Perrin stated the City could help add to the list. Mr. Shaver noted he would welcome any suggestions of properties that need possible condemnation.

Councilman Moore asked if the Mayor or Mr. Shaver need to be notified of the properties. Mayor Perrin answered they need to be forwarded to Mr. Shaver and he would like the list of the properties on a monthly basis so he can share the list with the

Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Gene Vance, seconded by Councilman Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended Under New Business . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

COM-12:033 Mosquito control report for April 2012 by Vector Disease Control

Attachments: [Mosquito report for April-May 2012](#)

Mr. Jim Stark with Vector Disease Control explained they started back in March after an outbreak, but since then the mosquitoes seem to have gone away. He added they got 4 mosquitoes per trap for April and now they are down to hardly anything per trap . He added since the rice fields were planted earlier this year then they will not get through the 4th of July without a major hatch.

Councilman Vance asked if the ownership of Vector Disease Control has changed . Mr. Stark answered Mr. Allen Lowe sold the company last January to someone out of Nashville. He added their home office is still in Arkansas and there shouldn't be anything different.

Mr. Stark stated they will start spraying at Craighead Forest Park and the ball fields. He noted he thinks it will be a bad year for mosquitoes.

Mayor Perrin asked if the farmers are required to add any chemicals to the water for their fields to help with the mosquitoes. Mr. Stark answered no, that is what they use the airplane.

This item was Read.

Speed limit on Highway 49 north

Chairman Mitch Johnson asked when the mayor thinks the City will need to ask for a speed limit reduction on Highway 49 north since the area is growing. Mayor Perrin answered the City can request it at anytime. He noted he will contact Mr. Walter McMillan with AHTD about this issue.

New stop light by new NEA Hospital

Chairman Johnson explained the new stop light by the new NEA Hospital will not be operational until the hospital is open, but he was asked by the construction company if the City will send a letter to the AHTD requesting the light be turned on early.

Sky cop

Councilman Fears inquired if the City received the sky cops and if they are operational. Mayor Perrin answered they should have started collecting data today. He then asked if

someone could be at the next meeting to give a report on the sky cop. Mayor Perrin answered yes and he added he has been accepted to be part of the AHTD meeting in September.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore and Mikel Fears