



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Formon and Ms. Misty Micenhamer from the Mayor's Office were also in attendance.

Present 5 - Chris Moore; Judy Furr; Tim McCall; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent 1 - Mitch Johnson

2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-07:1889](#) Minutes from the Public Safety meeting on October 16, 2007.

Attachments: [101607](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that these Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Judy Furr; Tim McCall; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

[ORD-07:3131](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Attachments: [Exhibit A Step increase](#)
[Promotion Pay Plan 9-2007](#)

Fire Chief Aaron Keller asked for the item to be tabled. He explained they would like to pull the item and look at it in 2008.

A motion was made by Councilperson Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilperson Judy Furr, that this matter be Tabled . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 4 - Judy Furr; Tim McCall; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

Resolutions To Be Introduced

[RES-07:2532](#) A RESOLUTION TO the condemnation of the property located at 3704 Griffin in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Judy Furr, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Judy Furr;Tim McCall;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-07:2533 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 508 Belt Street

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Aye: 4 - Judy Furr;Tim McCall;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-07:2534 A RESOLUTION TO condemn property at 514 Belt Street

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Aye: 4 - Judy Furr;Tim McCall;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-07:2535 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 516 Belt Street

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Aye: 4 - Judy Furr;Tim McCall;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-07:2536 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 517 Houghton Street.

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A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Judy Furr, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Judy Furr;Tim McCall;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

RES-07:2537 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 521 Houghton Street

Attachments: [521 Houghton St.doc](#)
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Councilman Perrin asked Code Enforcement Officer Ronnie Shaver to e-mail him the sheets he submits with the condmenations that list the steps he takes. He indicated he had some questions concerning the length of time some of the steps take. Mr. Shaver stated some of the steps do take some time because they didn't want to get too many done at one time and some of them are so old they're having to re-inspect properties. He added they have torn down 65 homes, 10 homes have permits and 4 have been brought up to code. Mayor Formon questioned how many homes the City had to tear down. Mr. Shaver stated the City has had to pay for 9 homes to be torn down. He explained most homeowners elect to tear the homes down themselves because the cost is higher if the City does it. Councilwoman Furr suggested looking at a procedure for setting fines for homeowners who have properties torn down, noting there are even repeat offenders. Chairman Moore noted they previously discussed an administration fee for the condemnations. Police Chief Michael Yates stated they determined the City can't give fines the way they had previously discussed, but there may be something else that can be done.

Chairman Moore questioned the status of the condemned home on the corner of Main and Nettleton. Mr. Shaver explained Chief Inspector Joe Little set a twelve month timeline for the homeowner to follow.

Chairman Moore asked for Mr. Shaver to look at the home on Madison across from the public library. He explained some people from the library have asked him about it. Mr. Shaver stated they are still working off homes on an old list, but are working to look at homes on their new list.

Councilman McCall questioned the status of the Williwows Apartments. Mr. Shaver one buildign has been torn down and possibly half of a second building. He added the

apartments were sold, but he is unsure of the new owners.

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Aye: 4 - Judy Furr;Tim McCall;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

4. Pending Items

5. Other Business

Mayor Formon discussed the traffic signals that Councilman McCall had asked about previously. Ms. Misty Micenhamer explained are going to speak with someone to work with the signals especially on Stadium. She added they have talked about getting a traffic consultant or traffic engineer next year. Councilman McCall stated he thought they approved money for a study to be done. Mayor Formon explained he thought so as well, but Mr. Tony Thomas indicated the money was for a study for a centralized control system through 911. Mayor Formon stated they will research it some more and get back with the committee.

Mayor Formon then discussed the possible purchase of the DSA building from City Water and Light. He explained it's been determined the building can be used for storage only, unless the City is willing to spend \$2.5 million to get the building to standard seismic code. Discussion was then held regarding the need for a new location for the firing range. Councilman McCall questioned when a plan would be put together about the future building needs of the City. Mayor Formon stated they were hoping to present a plan concerning CWL but now they're going to have to re-think it. Chairman Moore questioned whether the Police Department could use the firing range in Brookland. Chief Yates stated it would be a good band aid, but it would not handle anything beyond the basic requirements. He noted they need a longer range and something to handle the more potent weapons.

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilperson Judy Furr, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Judy Furr;Tim McCall;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson