



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, January 18, 2022

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER AT 5:30 P.M.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

#### 3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

**Present** 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison  
**Absent** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

##### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

*Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember John Street, to adopt the Consent Agenda with removing three resolutions from the Consent Agenda, RES-22:011, RES-22:013, and RES-22:017. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson John Street, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

[MIN-22:001](#)

Minutes for the City Council Committee meeting on January 4, 2022.

**Attachments:** [cc minutes 01042022\\_pb](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

[RES-21:287](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AN INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH PHYSICS CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC.

**Attachments:**     [Physics Capital Partners LLC 20211228\\_065331](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-004-2022

[RES-21:294](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONTINUE A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TWO STREAMGAGES IN JONESBORO

**Attachments:**     [2022 Agreement](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-005-2022

[RES-21:298](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 403 S GEE STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

**Attachments:**     [Offer and Acceptance - 403 S Gee Street](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-006-2022

[RES-21:299](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 220 S PATRICK STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

**Attachments:**     [Offer and Acceptance - 220 S Patrick Street](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-007-2022

[RES-21:300](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 804 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-008-2022

[RES-22:001](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A TWO YEAR LEASE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE AUTOMATED SANITATION TRUCKS, ONE FRONTLOAD SANITATION TRUCK AND ONE REARLOAD SANITATION TRUCK

**Attachments:**     [City of Jonesboro 12.29.21 Lease Contract for 2022 5 trucks](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-009-2022

[RES-22:002](#)

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID FY21 EDA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TRAVEL, TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDS, COMMIT REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT

**Attachments:**     [EDA Grant Full Budget University Heights](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-010-2022

[RES-22:003](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4304 RACE ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-19900, OWNED BY CHARLES CRAIG CONYERS

**Attachments:**     [4304 Race01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-011-2022

[RES-22:004](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1314 TURNER ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144191-32500, OWNED BY TIMOTHY A HUSKEY

**Attachments:**     [1314 Turner01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-012-2022

[RES-22:005](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1305 OAKHURST, JONESBORO AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18700, OWNED BY DYLAN FRANKLIN LLC

**Attachments:**     [1305 Oakhurst01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-013-2022

[RES-22:006](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2501 MARY JANE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-24200, OWNED BY KENNETH L & DENA BROADWAY

**Attachments:**     [2501 MaryJane01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-014-2022

[RES-22:007](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2215 WOOD ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143251-07200, OWNED BY INGRAM WILLA TRUST

**Attachments:** [2215 Wood01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-015-2022

[RES-22:008](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2037 JAMESTOWN DR., JONESBORO, AR 72404, PARCEL 01-133023-13800, OWNED BY BILL & DORALEA SMITH

**Attachments:** [2037 Jamestown01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-016-2022

[RES-22:009](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1328 W. HUNTINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18100, OWNED BY DKI LLC

**Attachments:** [1328 Huntington01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-017-2022

[RES-22:010](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4818 E. HIGHLAND, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144233-18700, OWNED BY KG STORE1391 LLC

**Attachments:** [4818 E. Highland01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-018-2022

[RES-22:012](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3706 GRIFFIN, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-08600, OWNED BY BURNSIDE RENTALS LLC

**Attachments:** [3706 Griffin01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-019-2022

[RES-22:014](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4407 JANICE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-15500, OWNED BY CHARLES NOELL JR.

**Attachments:** [4407 Janice01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-020-2022

[RES-22:015](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 WOODROW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-18400, OWNED BY ANTHONY MGBODILE

**Attachments:** [500 Woodrow01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-021-2022

[RES-22:016](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 234 S MCCLURE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144183-12700, OWNED BY KATHLEEN EDWARDS COOPER

**Attachments:** [234 S. McClure01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-022-2022

[RES-22:018](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1020 HOPE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144173-04400, OWNED BY GARY TOOMBS

**Attachments:** [1020 Hope01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-023-2022

[RES-22:019](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1014 S. CULBERHOUSE, JONESBORO AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144192-21300, OWNED BY CHARLES E NOELL JR.

**Attachments:** [1014 S. Culberhouse01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-024-2022

[RES-22:020](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 915 W. OAK,

JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143241-13800, OWNED BY DEGRICK EVANS

**Attachments:** [915 W. Oak01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-025-2022

[RES-22:021](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3406 MEADOR, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144281-35600, OWNED BY HAZEL WATSON

**Attachments:** [3406 Meador01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-026-2022

[RES-22:022](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3309 MEADOR, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144281-36900, OWNED BY DARNELL STAFFORD

**Attachments:** [3309 Meador01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-027-2022

[RES-22:023](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 616 E OAK AVE., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144191-17500, OWNED BY JOYCE SCARBOROUGH

**Attachments:** [616 E.Oak01052022](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-028-2022

#### **RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

*Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember John Street, to adopt the Consent Agenda with removing three resolutions from the Consent Agenda, RES-22:011, RES0-22:013, and RES-22:017. All voted aye.*

*Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to postpone indefinitely RES:22-011, RES-22:013, and RES-22:017 due to all three items being paid. All voted aye.*

[RES-22:011](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT MITCHELL DRIVE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144233-01800, OWNED BY THE RAZA GROUP OF ARK LLC

**Attachments:** [mitchell01052022](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

[RES-22:013](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4104 MANILA, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-06600, OWNED BY ISLAS INVESTMENTS LLC

**Attachments:** [4104 Manila01052022](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

[RES-22:017](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1202 CARTWRIGHT, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-05400, OWNED BY TDT LEGACY

**Attachments:** [1202 Cartwright01052022](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote:**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### *ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING*

[ORD-21:058](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE VEHICLES WITH CITY COUNCIL APPROVED FUNDS

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Charles Frierson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-21:058 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

[ORD-22:001](#)

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR FIRE TRUCK BODY WORK ON A DAMAGED FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK.

**Attachments:**     [AML Fire Truck Insurance estimate](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember LJ Bryant, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:001 by title only. All voted aye.*

*Councilmember John Street asked, Mayor, do you know if there is any urgency to the body work on that truck to get that back in service? I didn't see the Fire Chief. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, we discussed it the other day. Brian, do you remember that? Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson said, it is my understanding that this is just a formality and that the work has already started and we have to pass this through council for our records. I haven't heard of any urgency or any express to move this forward any faster than the current course, but if so, we can always do it at the next meeting. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, it is an insurance pass through. The insurance company got the bids, paid us the money, and it would be passing through. So, it is really just a pass through.*

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-002-2022

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### *ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING*

[ORD-21:054](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

**Held at second reading**

[ORD-21:057](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5005 EAST NETTLETON AVENUE



- Attachments:** [5005 E Nettleton - Staff Summary - City Council](#)  
[5005 E Nettleton - Rezoning Plat](#)  
[Corrected Application](#)  
[Site Location](#)  
[Photos of Signs](#)  
[1639672537685 H21-100 5005 E NETTLETON REZONE](#)  
[Certified Mail Receipts](#)

**Held at second reading**

*ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING*

[ORD-21:053](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CORRECT AND CLARIFY THE DUTIES OF THE CITY CLERK

- Attachments:** [city clerk ord changes 2021](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-003-2022

[ORD-21:055](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM I-2 TO I-1 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON NEIL CIRCLE

- Attachments:** [Neil Circle - Staff Summary - City Council](#)  
[Application](#)  
[Neil Circle Rezoning](#)  
[Rezoning Plat 20211112](#)  
[Rezoning Plat](#)  
[Certified Mail Receipt](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Joe Hafner, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-004-2022

[ORD-21:056](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 209 BETTIE DRIVE

**Attachments:** [Staff Summary - Bettie Drive - City Council](#)  
[Sample Floor Plans, Elevations](#)  
[Boundary Sketch](#)  
[Boundary Survey](#)  
[Site Plan](#)  
[Traffic Study Report](#)  
[Utility Information](#)  
[Application](#)  
[Material Book](#)  
[Neighborhood Meeting Flyer 12.3.2021](#)  
[Neighborhood Meeting Minutes](#)  
[ReZone Application 11.30.2021](#)  
[Agenda 12.10.2021](#)

*Billy Brown, 814 Mays Road, said, I live on the north side of Jonesboro. I am here to speak on behalf of those of us that are homeowners on the north side of Jonesboro. We come before the council with all due respect to ask your consideration as developments are in process throughout the city of Jonesboro. Our desire is to have a strong and vital city. I think that comes with good residents, good homes, people have good jobs and a good place to live and then Jonesboro becomes more desirable. I am speaking against changing the zone because changing a zone in a neighborhood changes the entire complexity of that neighborhood. Now, my neighborhood is currently an R-1. I am not unfamiliar to many of you as I come forward to speak on behalf of homeowners that have vested their time and their money and homes in Jonesboro. I am here tonight to speak on behalf of the homeowners over on Bettie Drive, on each side of that. That entire neighborhood is an R-1 neighborhood. I have been over there and driven around. Changing the zone from R-1 to PD-R, Planned Development-Residential would allow such flexibility as to put units that would house either duplex or even a tri-plex or even more that I might not be familiar with. As long as it is a single unit, then there can be multiple living quarters within that unit. And, that falls under that planned development. Currently, it is an R-1. I know that there is a development across the street in that neighborhood, somewhere across the street in that neighborhood that has got 19 acres, 66 lots and it remained R-1. That means that folks are going to move in there. They are going to develop that neighborhood as an R-1 neighborhood, a single-family and not have high density housing. I also am fairly familiar with the fact that this area, the proposed area for this rezoning doesn't actually have a traffic plan in place. Now, there are some proposals and there are some thoughts, but I haven't seen any actual traffic plan for where that traffic is going to go in and go out. It could happen this way. It might happen that way. I think changing a zone in an area that size without having an established traffic plan is actually going to happen. It is not only not fair to the neighbors in the homes that are already in place there, but not considerate of those potential residents that are going to move in there. So, my request tonight is to ask that the council not pass this on the third reading, that more consideration be given and to respect the neighborhoods that are in place in this town already and leave that as an R-1. Thank you. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, thank you Mr. Brown, I appreciate you coming forward.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-005-2022

## **8. MAYOR'S REPORTS**

*Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:*

*Council, I would just like to say that I am going to make several comments tonight. Due to the result of last year's decisions, I am very proud of how this year has started out. One area in particular is our Jonesboro Police Department. As you know, we started a new shift for many of our officers on January 1st. That shift has allowed a shift in our community. I want to say most importantly to you Chief for working with us on this. We really studied this in detail and how it could affect our officers and our community. The first 18 days of this year, our police department has been able to make 1,580 traffic stops. Let me tell you how important that is. Each month, we were averaging about 350 accidents in our community. That is very costly to not only our inhabitants, but to our insurance and everything else that affects our community. So, at this point, that is about 300 additional traffic stops in just 18 days this year that we have been able to do since last year. The additional officers per shift, we are seeing an increase of where we had ten, sometimes even as low as eight per shift, up to around 19 officers now a shift. And, that is giving us an additional almost 30 cars on our peak time between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This has created an opportunity to be more proactive on our policing and policy. It flat out makes Jonesboro a safer place. I thank you not only to our administration, city council, and JPD for creating this adjustment because it puts more officers on the streets and gives them longer stretches of down time to recharge. I am excited that this change has produced such results and I am eager to see resulting reduction in speed violations, auto accidents, and crime in our city. For example, a suspect in a shooting was arrested within 24 hours using our real time crime center. E-911 received a phone call that advised the direction in which a suspect was headed. Officer Rachel Anderson spotted the vehicle on her computer using a camera that our Information Systems department built. Officer Anderson saw the vehicle from this camera, traced it back to another camera that contained a license plate reader. From there, the Jonesboro Police Department could track down the suspect and then made the arrest. That was just one success story. But, we invested in our technology, not to mention having officers trained well enough to know how to use it. Another incident, Officer Anderson observed a suspect attempting to break in once again into our Veteran's Village. He was caught in the act. Again, we are making Jonesboro safer.*

*We held a groundbreaking last week on Union Street. The city spent \$100,000 with an additional 50/50 outdoor grant from the state and another \$100,000 from CDBG funding for the park. This will create a play area for kids and a sheltered space for people to gather and enjoy the outdoors. We are turning hard surface into green space. So, again, this is good for Jonesboro.*

*Our Parks Department, this past weekend, hosted 88 volleyball teams this weekend. That is the biggest annual tournament we have in our community which was comprised of many teams. I believe we had somewhere in the range of 70 from outside of our city and 40 from outside of our state participating. This is a great event for our kids and their families, but it is also great for retail, our restaurants, and our hotels, which, in turn, means taxing came from outside of our community coming here. We appreciate you Danny Kapales and the Parks Department as well as all of our school districts who helped host this event. We had to use all of the resources available in our community,*

*did we not? I appreciate your efforts.*

*This past weekend, I don't know if any of you saw it or not, we did have a trucker who made a poor decision to turn off of Main Street onto Cate Street last Friday. He knocked over one of our vintage street pole signs on Main Street. But, I want to say thank you to Ronnie Shaver and our Building Maintenance Department. The pole was back up right and working well today. They do so much and I want to say this to you council, so many of our employees do so much that goes unnoticed, but I do want to commend our Building Maintenance team.*

*I joined yesterday in a celebration at Arkansas State University to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King on the anniversary of his birth yesterday. It is important for us to remember his message and dedication to civil rights in this country and I was proud to be a part of the event.*

## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Chris Moore said, on the note of the volleyball tournament over the weekend, a couple of the participants called me letting me know that they enjoyed coming to Jonesboro. They had heard that we were going to build a new sports complex and they said if I would let everyone know, they like the one at Cape Girardeau. I have never been up there. I don't know anything about it. They just said, whoever is looking into that, be sure and have them go visit the one at Cape Girardeau. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, you bet. Thank you.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilperson Joe Hafner, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

**Absent:** 2 - Chris Gibson and Charles Coleman

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Harold Copenhaver, Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**April Leggett, City Clerk**