



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:30 P.M.

NOMINATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:15 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PERRIN AT 6:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent 1 - Chris Moore

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-11:021 Proclamation by the Mayor kicking off "Paint the Town Green"

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

COM-11:022 Proclamation to the Valley View High School "We the People" competition team for winning the state championship

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Ms. Tracy Smith and the Valley View students for their efforts and accomplishments. He wished them success at the national conference in Washington D.C.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Mayor Perrin stated he had received requests to address two issues that were further along in the agenda.

ORD-11:028 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 TO PD-RM FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1711 ARCH STREET AS REQUESTED BY WESLEY ABERNATHY

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Layout](#)
[Opposition material](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Postponed Temporarily until April 19. The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

ORD-11:031

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-4 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5431 SOUTHWEST DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY FIRESIDE INVESTMENTS AND MARK & LISA BOWERS

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

Mayor Perrin explained there was a request to address this issue earlier than its place on the agenda due to time constraints.

Councilman Street questioned whether there has been opposition. City Planner Otis Spriggs answered no.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-020-2011

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

MIN-11:023

Minutes for the City Council meeting on March 15, 2011.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

RES-11:013

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MAYOR

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

Enactment No: R-EN-027-2011

RES-11:032

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RES-10:122 TO CORRECT THE TERM OF EXPIRATION FOR RANDALL ISHMAEL ON THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS RESIDENTIAL HOUSING & HEALTH CARE FACILITIES BOARD

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

Enactment No: R-EN-028-2011

RES-11:035

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ELITE ENTERPRISES FOR PROVIDING ATM SERVICES TO THE JUSTICE COMPLEX

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Elite Enterprise](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-029-2011

RES-11:040

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENT 2 OF THE REAL ESTATE LEASE FOR 135 ACRES MORE OR LESS TO ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING A NATURE CENTER

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Game and Fish Original Lease](#)
[Real Estate Lease Amendment 1](#)
[Game and Fish Lease Amendment 2](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-030-2011

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-11:022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ORD-10:031 NAMING THE CHAIR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS STREETS & SIDEWALKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT BOARD

Sponsors: Engineering

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

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

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

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-021-2011

ORD-11:032

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RM-12 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF COMMERCE BETWEEN MOORE CREEK AND PACIFIC ROAD AS REQUESTED BY ROBERT REES

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Citizen email message - Jennifer Easley](#)

Councilman Street offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Mayor Perrin questioned whether there had been opposition to the rezoning. Mr. Spriggs explained the rezoning request was originally for RM-16, but the Planning staff recommended it be rezoned to RM-12 with a limited use overlay as outlined in the staff report. He further explained there were a number of nearby residents who had expressed concerns about the rezoning.

Ms. Jennifer Easley, a resident on Pacific Road, stated they would like to discuss their concerns at a forthcoming meeting because a number of residents were not able to attend tonight. Councilman Dover noted they are going to hold the ordinance to one reading, so it will be brought up again at the next meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-11:026

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND MAKING SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND ASSIGNING SAME TO WARDS

Attachments:[Plat](#)[Layout](#)[MAPC Report](#)[Annexation Application](#)[Petition to Accept Annexation](#)[Opposition - attorneys material for March 15 meeting](#)[Opposition - citizen material for March 15 meeting](#)[Opposition - attorneys material for April 5 meeting](#)[Opposition - citizen emails for April 5 meeting](#)[Opposition - James Malone information for April 5 meeting](#)[Opposition - other supporting information for April 5 meeting](#)[Citizen email message - Carolyn Deal](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #2](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #2 supporting info](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #3](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #3 supporting info](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #4](#)[Citizen email message - Michelle Malone](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #5](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #5 supporting info](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #6](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #6 supporting info](#)[Citizen email message - Shelly Jones #7](#)[Citizen email message - Catherine Willis](#)[Citizen email message - Myca Barker](#)

Councilman Vance, Councilman Johnson and Councilman McCall abstained from discussion and voting for this item.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to limit the discussion to 15 minutes for each side. All voted aye, with the exception of Councilmen Vance, Johnson and McCall who all abstained from voting.

Mr. Rick Thomas, 243 CR 705 in the Oakwood Subdivision, spoke in favor of the annexation. He explained he was initially against the fair being in his neighborhood and even now would prefer it to be somewhere else. He further explained he represents 43 signed property owners who own 24 individual properties in the Oakwood Subdivision that have no problem with the annexation. He noted they have a signed agreement with the Fair Board stating what they will do to help their subdivision get into the City of Jonesboro and to obtain the privileges of being in the city limits, such as the sewer system. He stated they have agreed to pay for all costs except \$100,000 and they have made arrangements with City Water and Light for the residents to make monthly payments for the sewer system. They are anticipating a monthly payment of \$22 for each of the 36 residents for the \$100,000. Mr. Thomas stated he would've saved \$500 last year if he was with CWL as opposed to his current service with Craighead Electric.

Ms. Linda Harvey, a resident on CR 702, spoke in favor of the annexation. She stated she works a lot with non-profit organizations, so she would like to see a building to hold events in such as the one that is planned at the fairgrounds. She

noted she will be affected by some of the traffic, but thinks this is a good site to have the fairgrounds on.

Attorney Bobby Gibson, representing the Fair Board, noted that due to the absence of a council member and the three council members who abstained, it will not be possible to hold a third reading at the meeting tonight. He asked that he be able to speak at the next meeting when they hold the third reading in order to lessen the time spent on the annexation tonight.

Attorney Jim Lyons, representing the opposition, provided a packet of information to the Council members. He discussed the information in the packet and noted he has not seen the agreement that states the Fair Board will pay for all costs except \$100,000. He discussed the sewer system and referred to State Code which states homes have to be hooked up to city sewer when they fall within 300 feet from availability. He noted there is also City Code that requires homes to be hooked up to city sewer. Mr. Lyons then referred to the Highway Department's 2009 traffic study which showed approximately 20,000 people going through that area daily. He stated there was a traffic meeting earlier today and the Highway Department officials expressed concern over the amount of traffic. Mr. Lyons also stated the fairgrounds will make it hard for people to get to the new hospital facility being built in that area, which was also a concern for Highway Department officials and residents of Brookland.

Mr. Lyons referred to the court case City of Little Rock vs. Pfeifer, decided by the Supreme Court of Arkansas, which states that zoning ordinances, land use plans, planned use districts or planned commercial districts must be followed until repealed or altered. He asked the Council to review ordinances enacted by the Council before the next meeting because the plan by the Fair Board does not follow the City's ordinances.

Councilman Fears questioned what parts of the Fair Board's plan doesn't follow City ordinances. Mr. Lyons stated it is marked in the information and there are a number of instances, with the main one being parking due to City ordinance requiring off-street parking and loading spaces being paved with asphalt, concrete or brick. According to the Fair Board's plan, substantially less than half of the required spaces will be paved.

Ms. Danna Johnson, 231 CR 7450, spoke in opposition to the annexation. She stated the fair does need to move and the proposed facilities are greatly needed by the community, but it's not really a benefit to the community if it devalues surrounding property. She explained she has 14 years of experience in Jonesboro real estate. She further explained she doesn't think anyone will want to purchase a home in that area for \$200,000 and be 1,000 feet from a fairground site. She noted several agents who have homes listed within a quarter mile of the proposed fairground site have already had buyers refuse to look at the homes. She questioned why a non-profit organization proposed a fairground for that area knowing it will devalue the neighborhood. She stated she thinks the reason is due to the need for city utilities, services and police. She then questioned why the property has not already been purchased by the Fair Board if they plan on putting the fair on that site no matter whether it's annexed or not. She asked the Council to consider requiring the Fair Board to close on the property and re-submit their application for annexation with them being the property owners. She also asked the Fair Board to look at non-residential properties that won't hurt residential homeowners and their property values.

Mr. Tom Beasley, agency manager for Farm Bureau Insurance, has been next to the

fairgrounds for 18 years. He stated the fairgrounds is the best kept property in the City with no debris blowing on to other properties. He explained he knows the board well and they have backed up everything they said in the past. He noted the benefit to the people near the proposed area is the city utilities. Mr. Beasley stated he lives next to a golf course and the golf course didn't devalue his property. He added there is similar construction in Conway and the surrounding property values have gone up.

Mr. Gibson stated the Fair Board has the ability to build on this location regardless of annexation. He also stated there will be a fair opening September 12, 2012, and the wheels have already started turning on the sale of the existing fairgrounds. He explained the Fair Board has tried to reduce the concerns of the neighbors. He asked for five minutes at the next meeting to speak regarding the annexation.

Councilman Dover questioned if it would be possible for the full Council to meet at the proposed fairground site in order to discuss the issue. Mayor Perrin stated he would speak with Mr. Gibson. Councilman Dover noted the meeting could be open to everyone, so it would give everyone a chance to see the property and hear what is planned. Mr. Gibson stated his only concern would be that it would comply with FOI requirements. Mr. Lyons stated on behalf of the opposition they would be willing to also show the Council members around their neighborhood as well. Mayor Perrin stated he would coordinate the details of the meeting and notify each of the interested parties.

ORD-11:029

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO PD-M FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF AGGIE ROAD AND WEST OF PARAGOULD DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY GERRY MCGOUGH

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Layout](#)
[Citizen email message](#)
[Supporting information](#)

Ms. Gerry McGough discussed the rezoning and explained she will not be building a trailer park, nursing home or 55 apartments as it has been told to her. She further explained she will be building her own residence on the property. She discussed her current residence and stated they would like to build a one-story residence on the property. She offered to provide the Council with the plans for the property, which is being designed by Nelson Design. Ms. McGough also stated the Planning Department suggested a planned development zoning for the property, so she designed the plans based on those requirements. She further discussed the plans for the property. She stated she envisions the property as something similar to St. Bernard's Village in that there will be 26 to 28 lots planned for the area and in the future other people would consider living in the area. She added at this time she is only building her personal residence.

Councilman Fears questioned if only a personal residence is planned, then why would a rezoning be needed. It was noted the property is currently zoned R-1. Ms. McGough answered she would like to option to put houses and duplexes on the property.

Mr. Spriggs explained the purpose of the planned development was based on Ms. McGough's desire to have a mixture of single-family homes as well as duplexes on the property. Councilman Dover clarified that if the zoning was left at R-1, then only single-family homes could be built on the property. Mr. Spriggs agreed. He added the MAPC approved the PD zoning due to the density being lower than what would

normally be seen in an R-1 district.

Mr. Jim Lyons, attorney for the opposition, stated they have no objection to single-family units on the property. He explained there would be a traffic issue, property value degrade, as well as other negative effects. He noted if the intent is for a nice area, then the zoning should be left at R-1.

Mr. Perry Smith, 333 Sagewood, spoke in opposition to the rezoning noting his property value has already been negatively impacted due to the nearby trailer park and the apartments. He noted his in-laws are having troubles selling their property in order to move to something more handicap accessible due to the devalue of their property. He expressed concern that the area would be destroyed if it is rezoned as a PDM.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Held at second reading . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-11:024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RM-6 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2225 & 2227 BELT STREET AS REQUESTED BY YUNGHO OUYANG

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

Mayor Perrin questioned whether all the details had been worked out concerning the rezoning. Mr. Spriggs answered yes.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-022-2011

ORD-11:025

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO PD-RM FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH CARAWAY ROAD AS REQUESTED BY CAROLYN CARLISLE

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

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by

Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-023-2011

ORD-11:027

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO RS-6 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1306 DAYBREAK DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY GARRY TATE

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

A motion was made by Councilman Darrel Dover, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-024-2011

ORD-11:030

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 TO CR-1 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 118 MELROSE STREET AS REQUESTED BY NAOMI GREEN

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

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilwoman Ann Williams, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: O-EN-025-2011

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

Community ward meetings are currently being held. The Ward 3 meeting will be held this Thursday at 7 p.m. at the central fire station.

AHTD approved a double left hand turn lane on old Highway 1 connecting to Highland Drive where Harps will be located. Engineering is currently reviewing it. Harps has agreed to contribute \$30,000 towards the construction.

A response has been received from Principal concerning the non-uniform pension plan. Mr. Wyck Nisbett has drafted an amendment to the response, which was signed and sent back to Principal. They will work with Mr. Nisbett and the Finance Committee to draft a new retirement plan for the non-uniform employees.

Papers have been signed concerning the \$10.5 million loan with Integrity 1st Bank. Funds will be pulled as needed.

Warehouse bids have been received and came in under what was expected.

The Municipal League asked him to submit his name to FEMA to serve on a regional advisory board. They meet in a quarterly basis. The first meeting will be in Denton, Texas in May.

COM-11:023

Legal report as provided to the Council at the meeting on April 5, 2011.

Attachments: [Legal Report](#)

Councilman McCall questioned #5 of APERMA's report, which refers to the King's Ranch lawsuits. City Attorney Phillip Crego explained King's Ranch has offered to drop both lawsuits in return for approval of their conditional use and a \$75,000 award for fees incurred due to the lawsuits. He stated APERMA is currently waiting on a decision from the City Council as to how to proceed.

Councilman Fears questioned whether the new court ruling regarding the lawsuit changes Mr. Crego's opinion on the City's position. Mr. Crego answered no in that the ruling just starts the proceedings over again. He stated the concerns of the City are valid until ruled otherwise by the court.

Councilman Frierson then questioned what the economic risk is to the City. He asked if King's Ranch wins the lawsuits if the \$75,000 would also be levied against the City. Mr. Crego answered that is possible. He noted the price will potentially increase if the case continues. Councilman Dover asked if the City's insurance will pay the \$75,000 or if the City would have to come up with the money. Mr. Crego stated the City would have to pay the money.

Councilman Vance asked if a decision has to be made tonight or if it can be made in two weeks at the next meeting. Mr. Crego answered it can be made in two weeks. He further noted that no action by the Council leaves the decision up to the courts concerning the federal lawsuit if a judgment is made within the next two weeks.

Councilman Johnson asked if more residents could be added to the property in the future if the conditional use is granted. Mr. Crego stated there is the potential for another conditional use request if another building is constructed on the property.

Mayor Perrin noted there was no deadline to the offer by King's Ranch. Mr. Crego agreed.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and place RES-11:037 on the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-11:037

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BAILEY CONTRACTORS, INC.

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO - WAREHOUSE FACILITY - JOB NO. 2011:07

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Agreement.pdf](#)
[Proposal.pdf](#)
[BID TAB.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

Enactment No: R-EN-031-2011

Councilman Woods stated he has received several phone calls regarding a cat problem at Caraway Commons. Mayor Perrin stated he'll look into what can be done.

Councilman Gibson commended the public safety departments for the child fingerprint event that was recently held. He noted about 500 children were fingerprinted.

Councilman Coleman stated the Ward 2 meeting went well. He explained there were several citizen requests and he would like to be sent an email each time one of the requests is taken care of.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City employee Larry Jackson questioned the non-uniform pension plan. Mayor Perrin stated some of the funds will be transferred if Principal agrees, but some retirement funds would stay with Principal due to current retirees. Mr. Jackson noted if there are changes to the plan, then the City would likely change to a contributory plan. He stated he has no problems with that. He added the balanced budget is complimentary of the leadership of the City. He then questioned the bid openings that occurred earlier today regarding the construction of pavilions at Craighead Forest. Mayor Perrin explained bids were opened for Pavilion 5 with \$36,000 being the low bid, which will be covered by the \$41,000 in insurance money the City received last year. Bids for Pavilion 1 will be going out soon. He added they are hoping to get the pavilions up before the busy season starts.

Ms. Karen Bean, 2304 Evelyn, discussed drainage on Evelyn Lane, which is off Magnolia Road. She noted she's complained several times over the past few years regarding the drainage situation. She explained they have standing water in yards due to water having nowhere to go because of roadwork that was done when the City paved the road. She further explained they filled in the ditch so the water could flow across the road, but last fall the City came in and took the filling out which caused the water to stand on the property again. She expressed concern about the safety of small children in the area, stating they could drown in the water. She asked for the problem to be taken care of. She noted the problem is worse now than it was before.

She also asked for an engineer to look at the problem. Mayor Perrin stated they will look at the problem tomorrow and an engineer will be present.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Gene Vance, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 11 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Absent: 1 - Chris Moore

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

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____
Donna Jackson, City Clerk