



City of Jonesboro

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Council Committee

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

1. Call To Order

Mayor Formon and Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office were also in attendance.

Present 5 - Chris Moore; Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent 1 - Judy Furr

2. Approval of minutes

MIN-08:017 Minutes for the January 15, 2008, Public Safety Committee meeting.

Attachments: [011508](#)

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

3. New Business

Ordinances To Be Introduced

ORD-08:007 AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH THE "JONESBORO PARKING AUTHORITY" AS ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE 59:1736 AND AMEND THE USE OF THE "PARKING METER BOND FUND" ESTABLISHED IN THIS SAME ORDINANCE.

Sponsors: Police Department

Lt. Roger Morphis explained the new ordinance is basically the same as the old ordinance, but it takes out the Parking Authority. He further explained the money will be allocated for downtown improvements and parking enforcement. Chairman Moore questioned whether he felt comfortable with what the new ordinance allows them to spend the money on. Lt. Morphis answered yes, that it spells out the money can be used for downtown improvements. Mr. Kent Arnold suggested two amendments to the ordinance. He explained there is a Jonesboro Parking Authority but it's not active at this time. He added they made studies and a master plan for the parking. He asked that the Parking Authority not be abolished. He then suggested any money that is collected to be used for improvement of parking lots only. Chairman Moore questioned why he didn't want the money to be used for personnel. Mr. Arnold explained the Police Department is paid for primarily out of sales tax revenue, of which there are several businesses downtown that are already paying sales tax. He stated when people park downtown and get tickets, then it's like a user tax or a toll in which the money should be used solely for improvements to the parking areas. Chairman Moore disagreed, explaining a ticket for illegal parking is not a fee for using a parking spot. He further explained it's like going down the road and

getting a ticket for speeding. He noted money collected from traffic tickets isn't earmarked strictly for speed limits signs. He stated there has to be some discretions, including being able to use the money to fund personnel to enforce parking. Police Chief Michael Yates noted the money made from parking enforcement will be enough to offset the cost of parking enforcement, but probably won't be enough to fund anything else. He added the abolishment of the Parking Authority was what they were asked to do when they drafted the ordinance. Councilman McCall questioned who was on the Parking Authority. Mr. Arnold stated there's no one on it now, but there were some people on the authority that were a part of the downtown associations. He added he would like to see the money go towards parking infrastructure and reiterated his concerns with abolishing the Parking Authority. Chief Yates explained one of the reasons they are looking to abolish the board is because it hasn't been used and there's no one on it. Discussion was held concerning the parking authority. Chief Yates stated he doesn't see any reason why the downtown businesses couldn't have a say input in the direction on how they spend the parking funds, but he doesn't see any reason to keep a particular authority. Mayor Formon stated they have a plan for the Union/Monroe parking lot, as well as the parking lot on the north end of Church Street. Councilman Johnson questioned whether they would be better off utilizing the Parking Authority as opposed to abolishing it. Chief Yates stated they are neutral concerning the Parking Authority.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Tabled . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-08:005 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CONTENTS OF "THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT" IN THEIR ENTIRETY

Sponsors: Police Department

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

RES-08:020 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 6605 Cottage Home

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Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

RES-08:021 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 4402 Ingles Rd

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Aye: 4 - Tim McCall;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

RES-08:022 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1121 Creath

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RES-08:023 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 502 N Miller

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RES-08:024 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 520 N Main St

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RES-08:025 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 3509 Longcrest Dr

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RES-08:026 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1011 Lawrence Dr

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Absent: 1 - Judy Furr

RES-08:027 A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 735 W Matthews

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4. Pending Items

5. Other Business**Update on the house on Main and Nettleton**

Mr. Larry Hampton stated a lot of work has been done, although it's behind what he would like it to be at. He discussed the renovations. Chairman Moore questioned what the cut-off is for the twelve months. Code Enforcement Office Ronnie Shaver explained he remembers giving the approval for the 12-month extension in September of last year. Chairman Moore stated he expects the project to be done by the date in September. Mr. Hampton stated the home will be up to code by the date in September. Chairman Moore explained they would like him to have a certificate of occupancy signifying the homes is finished. Mr. Hampton stated the home will have a certificate of occupancy by the September date.

Sale of the Valley View Fire Department

Chairman Moore explained the warranty deed for the property states the City sold the property for \$10 and other goods and considerations. He further explained in the future if someone looked up the deed it would not reflect that the City sold the property for \$50,000. He stated in the future deeds need to reflect the true price of what property is sold for. He also noted the date on the deed does not reflect the date in which the Council approved the sale earlier this month; rather, it reflects October, 2007. Councilman Perrin suggested changing the deed to reflect the real sale amount. City Clerk Donna Jackson expressed concern over executing documents that do not reflect what was passed by Council.

Update on Kitchen and Cate condemnations

Mr. Shaver informed the committee the home that was to be condemned on 504 Kitchen Street has been removed. He added the home that was to be condemned on 916 Cate Avenue was sold and the new owner has purchased permits to make improvements on the home.

6. Public Comments**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

Absent: 1 - Judy Furr