



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Nominating and Rules Committee

Monday, February 24, 2025

4:45 PM

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 4 - Ann Williams; Brian Emison; Chris Gibson and Janice Porter

Absent 2 - Charles Coleman and Chris Moore

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-25:002](#)

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING & RULES COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 7, 2025

Attachments: [SC NR Minutes 01072025.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by Janice Porter, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Brian Emison and Janice Porter

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Chris Moore

4. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-25:008](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED CITY COUNCIL, ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2025

Attachments: [Exhibit A - City Council Rules REDLINED.docx](#)
[Exhibit A - City Council Rules CLEAN 2025.docx](#)

Chairman Chris Gibson said, you've had a chance to review these, but just for transparency I'm going to run through and just highlight the changes that are made. The majority of these are just housekeeping items.

Chairman Chris Gibson said, I would like to walk this on tonight, so I'd like to entertain a motion to walk this on. Councilmember Brian Emison motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to Recommend to Council and walk onto tonight's City

Council agenda, ORD-25:008. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Brian Emison and Janice Porter

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Chris Moore

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-25:014](#)

AN RESOLUTION CREATING THE JONESBORO MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Mayor's Office, Engineering and Parks & Recreation

Chairman Chris Gibson said, mayor does that need to be walked on tonight or can that sit until the next meeting? Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, it can wait.

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Brian Emison and Janice Porter

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Chris Moore

[RES-25:015](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Chairman Chris Gibson said, on this resolution, I'd like to, for transparency and procedural purposes, I'd like to amend this resolution to remove the appointment of Brian Emison to A&P until after the A&P meets next Monday at 4:45 p.m. And I would also like to remove the appointment of Jason Chandler to the Airport Commission as Brandon Winters replacement since Brandon wishes to fulfill his full term.

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, councilmen, if I may and I think we over skipped... I do want to... the A&P, also remove John Williams to complete the unexpired term until A&P has that discussion as well. Chairman Chris Gibson said, I apologize. That was not on the copy that I had mayor. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, they go through their process... great conversations with Dan. Chairman Chris Gibson said, and I believe that we've got the two appointees that we're going to move forward with, but we just wanted to handle the procedures correctly.

Councilmember Brian Emison motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to amend RES-25:015. All voted aye.

Councilmember Brian Emison motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to amend his motion to Recommend to Council and walk onto tonight's City Council agenda, RES-25:015. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by Ann Williams, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Brian Emison and Janice Porter

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Chris Moore

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

[COM-25:005](#)

Discussion of Committees and Subcommittees for City Council

Sponsors: City Council

Chairman Chris Gibson said, I would like to propose to make the following changes. I would like to dissolve the Public Services Committee. The reason for this suggestion is I think we carried one or two items of business forward to full council the entire calendar year last year and about the same the year prior. I think that we can reassign the subcommittees as follows. The Airport Committee over to Finance. We have an appointed board that oversees the operations of the airport anyway, so the majority of the council that approves is generally grants and construction projects would go through Finance anyway. Parks and Cemeteries over to Public Works and Transportation over to Public Works. That will also give us the opportunity to provide adequate time for public hearings if needed.

Councilmember Ann Williams said, at one time, there was some discussion about the fact that... at one point, I think the Public Services has had reports of projects that were in process, construction process. How will that be handled? Will that be divided between Finance and Public Works? Chairman Chris Gibson said, to an extent, yes. But the reports of the directors that were coming to Public Services, I think, the mayor and I have spoken and he prefers that the entire council hear those anyway, so I think that's the direction we'll go. Councilmember Ann Williams said, I think some cities do that. It's a committee of the whole instead of an individual committee. They utilize the committee of the whole concept for that reason. For everyone to be informed and on the same page, on what is going on. Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, and this would basically do the same thing. Councilmember Ann Williams said, that's a good idea. Chairman Chris Gibson said, and this communication will not need to go to council. This is the governing body over this committee and subcommittees so our vote will be final.

Councilmember Brian Emison motioned, seconded by Councilmember Ann Williams, to approve and pass COM-25:005. All voted aye.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Clerk April Leggett said, we need to do the public comments. Chairman Chris Gibson said, it's a special called meeting so we don't open to public comment, correct? City Clerk April Leggett said, well, this is a different special called meeting. It is always a special called meeting since it doesn't have a set schedule. Chairman Chris Gibson said, well I'll open it to public comment. I've got no objection with that.

James Elwyn Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, approached the podium and said, I'm not really opposing anybody or whatever. I just want to remind the mayor of something, and I

think I needed to. Mayor, you may remember that the night before the runoff in December, you appeared at the Tea Party meeting. I was there. I went there mainly to hear you. And you made a commitment that before you filled the Library Board position that you would have that person at a Tea Party meeting. When will that Tea Party meeting be being held and are you going to? Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, I don't remember. I'll have to look. James Elwyn Hinds said, ok. Just wanted to remind you that you made that commitment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by Ann Williams, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - Ann Williams; Brian Emison and Janice Porter

Absent: 2 - Charles Coleman and Chris Moore