



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

6:30 PM

Huntington Building

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

NOMATING & RULES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:20 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 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

COM-12:031

Relay for Life proclamation presented by the Mayor

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Mayor Perrin presented the proclamation to Mr. Doug Crews. He proclaimed June 1, 2012, as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day and encouraged citizens to support the event. Mr. Crews thanked the Mayor and invited the Mayor to attend and lead the first lap.

Read

Recognition of Boy Scout Troop 134

Mayor Perrin recognized the troop for their work.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

MIN-12:039

Minutes for the City Council meeting on May 1, 2012

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-12:041

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A QUASI-REGIONAL DETENTION POND IN WYNDCHASE SUBDIVISION

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-069-2012

RES-12:057

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC HIGHWAY GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [RR Agreement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-070-2012

RES-12:058

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM STEPHEN MOORE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Permanant Drainage Easement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-071-2012

RES-12:059

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM JANE RANKIN COOK AND MARTIN L. COOK FOR ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Dedication Deed.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-072-2012

[RES-12:061](#) A RESOLUTION TO TO ACCEPT A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES FOR GREGORY SUBDIVISION, PHASE IIA, A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Maintenance Agreement.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-073-2012

[RES-12:062](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROBERTSON INC., BRIDGE AND GRADING DIVISION FOR THE BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION - JOB NO. 2012:23

Sponsors: Engineering

Attachments: [Specifications.pdf](#)
[Bid Tab.pdf](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-074-2012

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-12:027](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, OF THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 TO C-3 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1925 SOUTH MAIN STREET AS REQUESTED BY SOUTHERN BANK

Attachments: [Rezoning Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Application](#)
[Concept Plan Layout](#)
[Supporting documentation from Jonesboro School District](#)

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

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to Waive the Second Reading . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

[ORD-12:028](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2217 WEST PARKER ROAD AS REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO

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

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

Councilman Moore asked that for transparency purposes this ordinance be read at three separate meetings due it being the City's property.

Mayor Perrin noted the City has sold all of the related encroachments and has collected money on all of them, except for two. After they receive the money for the remaining two encroachments they will put the land out for bid.

This ordinance was Held at one reading.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

It will be late June when Bridge Street will be closed due to the improvements being done on the bridge. They had thought it would be early June, but have had to order parts for the project which will delay the closing until late June. Citizens will be notified via Channel 24 and through other media.

He invited the aldermen and department heads to view the new public works facility on Lacy Drive on June 4th at 5:30 p.m. The public open house will be after the viewing by aldermen.

They are still working with Mr. Jerry Brackett on the floor plan for the expansion of City Hall. They have a few changes that need to be made to the current plans.

The Ward 1 meeting was held last week. There was a light turnout, but they got quite a few good comments to work on. The Ward 2 meeting will be May 17th at Parker Park.

He attended an ADEQ meeting today in Little Rock. They are trying to put things together for legislation for next year. They are collecting data from municipalities regarding landfills.

The YMCA pool project is on schedule. They hope to beat the July 2nd deadline.

The new knuckleboom truck has arrived and is working.

The Skycop traffic study will start today. The Public Safety Committee asked for an update on the traffic study at their next regular meeting in June.

Governor Beebe signed a document stating Jonesboro's Kansas City Barbecue is the only sanctioned KC Barbecue in the State. They hope it will increase the number of participants in the barbecue fest.

They have made recommendations to CWL for additional lighting downtown.

This weekend there will be a state tournament at Joe Mack Campbell Park due to closing of fields in Conway.

The Phillips Drive enhancement construction should start in June. There will be sidewalks on both sides of the street between Caraway and Stadium. There will also be lighting and landscaping.

COM-12:034

Financial reports as presented to the City Council on May 15, 2012

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [2012 Franchise Fees Period Comparison](#)
[2012 Hotel tax Comparison Report](#)
[2012 Hotel tax \(cash \) Report](#)
[April Expense Report](#)
[April Statement of Rev, Exp and Changes in FB](#)
[Combined Sales Tax Revenue](#)
[Deposit Collateralization Report](#)
[Public Safety Tax vs. Expenditures](#)
[Required Reserves 4-30-2012](#)
[State Turnback Report](#)

Through April, the City is still looking good on revenue and expenses. The City is up \$400,000 between revenue and expenses. Normally, that would be a negative number due to large payments the City makes at the beginning of the year. Sales tax is increasing. The state turnback and franchise fees are still up, but the franchise fee from Centerpoint Energy is down due to lack of gas utility use by citizens because of the warm winter. All accounts are collateralized. The City is earning 1.2% on checking accounts, which is better than what most cities are receiving now.

This item was Read.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and add RES-12:071 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-12:071

RESOLUTION TO CREATE AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE MAYOR'S HOUSING STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

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

Enactment No: R-EN-075-2012

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and add RES-12:075 to the agenda. All voted aye.

RES-12:075

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH STONEBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL YOUTH QUAD CONCESSION AND RESTROOM FACILITY

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [A201-2007 - Final Revised GC - Southside Concession](#)

Councilman Frierson asked for the clarification regarding the details of the construction due to the amount of the contract. Mayor Perrin explained this is for construction of the concession stand at Southside Ballpark. It will be a two-story facility, with bathrooms and the concession stand on the bottom floor. There will be a canopy that people can sit under with televisions to watch games. The second floor will have Ms. Sharon Turman's office, as well as a lounge and other shared facilities for the umpires. It will be a big facility. CWL will put in the lines to hook up utilities to the facility.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-076-2012

Councilman Moore proposed a new procedure for rezoning requests. He noted if they have the first and second readings during the first meeting, then everyone will know they will make a decision at the next meeting. But, if there is only one reading during the first night, then it's up in the air as to when the decision will be made. He recommended that regarding rezoning requests if they are not going to have two readings on the first night, then the rezoning go through the entire three readings so the public will know when a decision is going to be made to eliminate confusion.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Frank Trent, 1013 Sandino, discussed the speed limit on Sandino. He would like it to be lowered and enforced. He noted 30 mph on that street is too fast and added the street next to him is 20 mph. A traffic monitor was put up, but the residents would like something more done. There are a lot of children in the area and cars are typically parked on the street. He recommended lowering the speed limit. Chief Operating Officer LM Duncan explained the Traffic Committee discussed the situation and decided to put up signs stating "Children at Play" to see if that will slow down the traffic. If that doesn't work, they will look at something else.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman

Chris Moore, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED by a unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Mikel Fears and Charles Coleman

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

Attest:

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