



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, April 2, 2019

5:30 PM

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

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

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

*Pledge of Allegiance to be given by Cub Scout Pack 134 - Webelos*

#### 3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

**Present** 10 - Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

**Absent** 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Frierson

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-19:024](#) PRESENTATION BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN OF A KEY TO THE CITY TO MATT DANIEL, THE NEW HEAD COACH FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY LADY RED WOLVES BASKETBALL TEAM

**Read**

[COM-19:014](#) PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION TO THE JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM FOR WINNING THE 5A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

**Read**

[COM-19:020](#) PROCLAMATION FROM MAYOR PERRIN TO CLARA PARKER, GATORADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND CHECK PRESENTATION FOR DONATION TO CITY STARS VOLLEYBALL

**Read**

[COM-19:012](#) LAND BANK PRESENTATION BY JONATHAN SMITH

**Attachments:** [PowerPoint for City Council.pptx](#)

**Read**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA***Approval of the Consent Agenda*

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

**Aye:** 10 - Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Frierson

[MIN-19:029](#) Minutes for the City Council meeting on March 19, 2019

**Attachments:** [Council Minutes 031919](#)

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

[RES-19:024](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND RESOLUTION-19:020 TO REFLECT A CHANGE IN THE TERM OF A BOARD MEMBER OF CITY WATER AND LIGHT

**Attachments:** [Amend term\\_email from Chris Gibson.pdf](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-032-2019

[RES-19:025](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CREATE A MASTER STREET PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

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

Enactment No: R-EN-033-2019

[RES-19:029](#) Letter of Credit with Centennial Bank to be issued to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)

**Attachments:** [Incorporation of Jonesboro Arkansas - Renewal Documents - To be signed](#)  
[Renewal Documents - Copies](#)

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

Enactment No: R-EN-034-2019

**6. NEW BUSINESS***ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING*

[ORD-19:015](#) AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE

CLUB PERMIT FOR 1108 INVESTMENTS, DBA EMBASSY SUITES OF JONESBORO

**Attachments:**    [Application.pdf](#)  
                              [Members.pdf](#)

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:015 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-19:016](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR JLH HOLDINGS, DBA HOULIHAN'S OF JONESBORO

**Attachments:**    [Application.pdf](#)  
                              [Members.pdf](#)

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:016 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-19:017](#)

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 I-1, LIMITED INDUSTRIAL USE TO C-1, DOWNTOWN CORE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 304,310,312,316,318 CATE AVENUE AS REQUESTED BY INDIA OLSON OF EDG ON BEHALF OF TED HERGET OF MATH INVESTMENTS

**Attachments:**    [Staff Summary - Council -.pdf](#)  
                              [18263 REZONING PLAT - ALL LAYERS.pdf](#)  
                              [Application.pdf](#)  
                              [Boundary Survey Plat.pdf](#)  
                              [Boundary Survey.pdf](#)  
                              [Rezoning Replat.pdf](#)  
                              [Site Plan.pdf](#)  
                              [Cate Street - Opposition 04022019.pdf](#)

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:017 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-19:004](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 3, ENTITLED CITY COUNCIL; ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR 2019

**Attachments:**    [2019 Council Procedures4](#)

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, I saw this on tv on the news last night and I*

got a lot of calls this morning talking about the procedures and everything. I know we talked last week about the ten-minute rule, but I would like to address the idea of bringing if I had a document or a thumb drive or a presentation to present to all of you. On one side of it, I understand that you don't want to have a virus on the computer, that is very important. I also know that there is an IT guy here that can look that up if I gave that to him at 5:00 p.m. when I brought it to him. I know that there is other material that he could look at if it wasn't presentable, he could look at it then. So, from that standpoint, is that I would like it to be that one person looks at my material that I am going to present to all of you instead of giving it at 10:00 a.m. I think the downfall in giving it at 10:00 a.m. is that if I was working, it is going to be hard to get that up here at 10:00 a.m. But, if I knew I was going to come here at 5:00 p.m. to present it to you is that the IT guy can look at my thumb drive, look at my presentation. It has to be around 10 minutes long so it is not going to take very long for him to do it. And, then, also too, if I had handouts, that I could just hand those out to you. So, I am looking at it, kind of, from my standpoint. If I was fighting against something, that if it was looked at, that it was only looked at by one person and then it was open to all of you. So, I hope that you all take that into consideration with that.

Councilmember Joe Hafner said, I have a question regarding her comment. If she is referring to the person in the back room, that is not an IT employee, is it? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, no. Councilmember Hafner said, it is a Communications Department employee. Ms. Lack said, I thought it was an IT guy. Ms. Duncan said, no. Councilmember Hafner said, it is the Communications Department. Ms. Lack said, well, even if it was at 5:00 p.m., you know I am just looking at time wise. You know a lot of people have difficulty in just coming to the City Council meeting just because they work. So, you know if it was possible, it would be great. But, if wasn't at 5:00 p.m., if what you are looking for is making sure that there is nothing bad on that presentation, that is what you are looking for. So, if there was someone that could look at it, you know, it is only going to take ten minutes then on there. Councilmember Hafner said, I was just making sure that you knew that wasn't an IT employee. I just wanted to clear that up. Ms. Lack said, when I hear that there is problems with the computer, I thought that was an IT guy.

City Clerk Donna Jackson said, the reason that it is submitted to the Clerk is because this position is responsible for that data. It is not IT. It is not Communications. It is the City Clerk. That is how it is submitted into the record. Ms. Lack asked, what if they got it to you at like 4:30 p.m.? Ms. Jackson said, a lot of times we have public hearings that start as early as 4:00 p.m. or 3:45 p.m. Ms. Lack said, well, I understand on both sides and I understand from that standpoint too, but I think it really is going to be from the standpoint of someone that I want to present something to you. And, then also too, is that time wise for someone presenting, it might be difficult if they haven't done it before. Ms. Jackson said, this office, again, is responsible for the data and making the record when it comes to the city council meetings. Ms. Lack said, you do a good job.

Councilmember David McClain said, the one thing that I was wanting to ask and discuss and I chatted a little bit with our City Attorney about it was looking at, does this, would this, with the feeling that if we adopt these rules and the public have to submit their information by 10:00 a.m. and also looking at them having to submit any kind of attachment, even if it is a handout, would that cause for us to have a suit filed against us saying you are suppressing my rights as a citizen to come here and speak. In the conversation we had, she felt we already have rules in place. But, one thing that I thought maybe we should look at changing in this and Mr. Gibson, I know you are chair of Nominating and Rules now. Would you guys be opposed to maybe that we

*don't require the attachments to be done in word and submitted that way? And, the reason I am asking for that is, the City Attorney and I talked about it, but if someone has signatures, they are against something and they have signatures, do we want them to scan and email that every time or are we ok with them submitting that here before the meeting or during the meeting even? If it is on the second or third reading, are we ok with that? That was one of the questions that I thought of and maybe we should look at instead of doing that where we require attachments to be submitted, maybe we look at and stick to the electronic devices, thumb drives, and etc. Mayor Perrin said, I think you are talking about the format. Time is not an issue and getting it to the clerk, but you are saying the format in which you give it, right? Councilmember McClain said, right. Mayor Perrin said, ok. Councilmember McClain said, maybe we can make that change tonight if you guys are willing to or are open to it. Maybe that is something that we should consider. I think it would be beneficial to us.*

*Councilmember Chris Gibson said, on behalf of the committee and in all due respect, this is why we had three working sessions on this document so we could get all of these washed out on the front end before we brought it to the committee and before we brought it to the floor. I will certainly adhere to whatever the council decides, but I feel I gave everyone ample opportunity to voice their opinions. Councilmember McClain said, that is something I totally didn't like from the beginning was that one piece. Everything else I have been ok with, but I think that one where we do require the public to submit what they have has been something that has bothered me from the beginning since we started, since Donna and I started looking at it.*

*City Clerk Donna Jackson said, one of the things, this is where I am coming from as the clerk, a lot of times you will have more than one individual that is here for a meeting on a different subject. And, we have had issues with different citizens who will just go to anybody and they will place items on your desk. Councilmember McClain said, right. Ms. Jackson said, you don't know where it came from or what it applies to. And, what we are trying to do is keep a record of that when something is submitted. I'm not really understanding. What you are saying is not require it to be put in word? Councilmember McClain said, not require the attachments if it is something like you just said. Somebody wants to give us a document with signatures, again, something along those lines. Maybe something that they don't have to submit beforehand, but they can give it to us when they get here. Ms. Jackson said, if it is presented and they come up and we know exactly what it is. What we are trying to prevent is having a bunch of paperwork put up here and we don't know what it applies to or who submitted it. That was the point of that. What I wanted to say as far as submitting something in word for the clerk's office, just like you will notice on your agenda, you have up here like the council procedures that he submitted. A lot of times, those are in word so that they can be opened and viewed. This is a great way to keep up with it. If we got a hard copy of something and we didn't have it in word, we can scan it and make a pdf. But, if it is too large, then the only alternative we have is to put it with the hard copy of the minutes that is kept in the vault. It is difficult for the citizens. That is the whole point of this so they can go to Legistar and open it up and view it. I just want you to know where the clerk is coming from. Councilmember McClain said, right. Mayor Perrin said, good comment.*

*Councilmember Bobby Long said, this is on a separate subject other than this. I just want to bring this up for consideration as well. Since this is not the approved document, it is the draft document. I would like to consider that the draft document be something that is a comparison between the original and what is up for viewing on Legistar until it becomes the approved document. That would allow people the opportunity to see what has been changed, what has been deleted, what has been*

*modified from the original to whatever is on there right now. I think that would be beneficial to people to know because if something has been added, then it is normally in red. But, if it has been deleted and nothing has been put in its place, it's just been deleted, there is nothing out there to say that this was actually marked out. This is what it was originally. This is what the proposal is on the table at this point right now. Mayor Perrin said, what you are saying is or my understanding of what you are saying is if we could put something on the website or something now because it hasn't been adopted yet it to have the old and to have the new comparing those two. Is that what you are saying?*

*Councilmember Long said, you can have a document that compares both, that shows the changes from the original to what is being presented right now. That, I think, would be beneficial. That way people could get on there and say well, this whole sentence right here was taken out, but nothing was replaced. Ms. Jackson said, I thought that is what this did. We have the original online. I will be glad to put the original here, but this document shows the changes. Councilmember Long asked, the marked out sections and things that were changed? Ms. Jackson said, yes. There were very few things that were changed. It was more verbiage added, things for explanation purposes. Mayor Perrin said, review it if you will Bobby on that and see on your website there. You have it in front of you there on your laptop.*

*Councilmember LJ Bryant said, it is hard to frame it, but I just remember the Fred Street rezoning at the last council meeting, kind of to Patti's point, you have a hard working fella and he came up and gave us a handout. I know trying to balance that against the recordkeeping portion of it, but then the value of the handout he had done a nice job of outlining what other zonings were in the area and stuff. So, I don't know, I guess as we go into our final consideration of this, making sure that, I know we are trying to find the balance of where the information comes from, but finding the balance of making sure that somebody at 5:00 p.m. that gets off a factory shift can't come down here and give us maybe an important piece of information or frame it into a way that we didn't think of. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, to that end, that was kind of the conversation that Councilmember McClain and I had. My largest concern is not really about what rules you pass, it is that you follow what rules you pass. So, if you pass a rule that says that nothing comes onto the council floor as an addendum to anything unless it has been provided to the clerk by 10:00 a.m. that day that means that that gentleman that you are referencing that shows up at 5:00 p.m. can't present that. Now, if it is on second reading, he can then present that to be added to the record for the third reading obviously. But, I am just saying the thing that opens you up for lawsuits in my mind is not following the rules you adopt consistently, no matter who it is, no matter where they come from, that you consistently follow the rules you adopt as opposed to whether you adopt them or not. I mean I think you can make rules about how information is presented to the council. I'm just concerned that you do it the same way every single time.*

*Councilmember Bobby Long said, just as a point of clarification, I was looking at the document online and in multiple places there is red that says the city clerk's office and then it changes back to black. What I am proposing is that what it was changed from is there with a black line through it and the city clerk's office is after it. Because in this document, every place where there is the city clerk's office, it had to have been something else prior to that is what I am saying. Councilmember Joe Hafner said, if the document is kept in word, there is a simple redline. You can show a redline version and it will show everything. It will show a mark-through of what was deleted. It will show what has been added. Councilmember Gibson said, that was presented to us at the first working session. Mayor Perrin said, the deal that I saw when the working*

document finally got to here to the legislation, it showed red lines if it was deleted and even used the word delete if I am not mistaken. And, then also, if there is anything added to it, I think the word was add in there too so it was added to that. But, now, you have got to read it. You have got to read it and you have got to make it very clear. I want to go back to what the City Attorney said. Once this is adopted in whatever form it is, then the next major big issue is that this council and Mayor will have to follow that. So, it is going to be some time of reading it and some times of maybe of Ms. Duncan telling us to stop or let's go back and do this over. Ok. But, we will get there. Again, this is on second reading. Any comments that you have got, write those down, jot those down. You have two weeks to make any changes.

#### **Held at second reading**

#### [ORD-19:008](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 117-139(E) (6), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MAXIMUM HEIGHT WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS WITH THE INTENT TO CLARIFY MAXIMUM HEIGHT FOR THE GENERAL HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY.

**Attachments:**     [building height.pdf](#)

*Mayor Perrin said, this is regarding the maximum height of buildings in our old ordinances. Planning Director Derrel Smith is currently going through our ordinances all the way back from the beginning to the end. This one now, in the City of Jonesboro, says 35 ft. height. How many buildings in Jonesboro far exceed 35 ft? So, this is a cleanup.*

#### **Held at second reading**

#### [ORD-19:009](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50 PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADD 50-26 ENTITLED "SMOKING AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS" WHICH SHALL PROHIBIT SMOKING AND TOBACCO USE IN ALL CITY PARKS, FACILITIES, AND TRAILS

*Councilmember Joe Hafner said, I wasn't at the last meeting and I don't remember hearing this when I watched the meeting that I missed, but who will be able to enforce this? Is it just police only? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, yes. Mayor Perrin said, the police. Ms. Duncan said, unless you all change the rules and give Parks some different authority, but mainly, police. As it is written now, it would be the police. Mayor Perrin said, in almost every event that we have, we have police officers there. They come out to the parks and do that. In fact, when you get the numbers off what we had in town here last weekend, it is almost unbelievable how many teams we had here on all of these places. So, the answer to your question would be the police.*

*Councilmember Bobby Long asked, does this include vaping as well? Ms. Duncan said, yes. Mayor Perrin said, yes, that is correct. And, just let me make a comment on that too. Not only for the health and the welfare of our citizens, but I can tell you that some of the grants that we have looked at, is that if you do not have an ordinance like this, then you are not even entitled to apply for the grant. So, you can see on some of these grants in our parks and recreation trails and stuff like that, that they want all of that totally away from tobacco. Councilmember Hafner asked, does the Fire Marshall have the authority to write tickets for stuff like this? Ms. Duncan said, no. I don't think so. Not unless it causes a fire. I don't think. I mean unlawful burning, but I don't think this will apply. I never really thought about it, but I'm going to say no. Mayor Perrin said, I know the Chief is here, but I think all he can do is enforce the fire codes of the State of Arkansas and that is inspections and things of that nature, plans and all of*

*that. Ms. Duncan added, and arson. Mayor Perrin said, and arson, that is true. Councilmember Hafner said, I am all for this. I just hope we can enforce it once it becomes law. Mayor Perrin said, right.*

**Held at second reading**

[ORD-19:011](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE VI OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES AND CHAPTER 117-138 OF THE ZONING USE TABLES REGULATING SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

*Mayor Perrin said, all this ordinance is doing is adding per rental at the end and deleting that one section. We left that out.*

**Held at second reading**

[ORD-19:013](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR PROJECT AWARENESS, INC.

**Attachments:**     [ProjectAwarenessInc.Bamboo.CityOrdinance.pdf](#)  
[Private Club Redacted.pdf](#)  
[Baker email 03182019.pdf](#)

**Held at second reading**

[ORD-19:014](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3841 GRIGGS AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL, R-1 TO COMMERCIAL, C-3 LUO AS REQUESTED BY GEORGE HAMMAN ON BEHALF OF J.K. KAZI

**Attachments:**     [Staff Summary - City Council.pdf](#)  
[Application.pdf](#)  
[Rezoning Plat Planning.pdf](#)  
[rezoning plat.pdf](#)

**Held at second reading**

*ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING*

[ORD-19:012](#)

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, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO I-1, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 901 WILLETT ROAD AS REQUESTED BY JOHN EASLEY OF ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING ON BEHALF OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY JUDGE MARVIN DAY



**Attachments:** [Ordinance.pdf](#)  
[Plat.pdf](#)  
[Application.pdf](#)  
[Staff Summary.pdf](#)  
[MAPC Tuesday February 26 2019.pdf](#)  
[901 Willet Rd Notification.pdf](#)  
[901 Willet Rd Rezoning Map.pdf](#)  
[901 Willet.pdf](#)  
[19021.pdf](#)  
[CSU - Property Owner Notification.pdf](#)  
[CSU Certified Mail Receipts.pdf](#)  
[Receipt 3.pdf](#)  
[Request for Review MAPC.pdf](#)  
[Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)

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

**Aye:** 10 - Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Frierson

Enactment No: O-EN-021-2019

#### ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD IN COUNCIL

[RES-18:201](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1809 Magnolia, OWNER: Greg and Danni Upperman

**Attachments:** [1809 Magnolia inspection report.doc](#)  
[1809 Magnolia title search.pdf](#)  
[county data.pdf](#)  
[pic1.JPG](#)  
[pic2.JPG](#)  
[pic3.JPG](#)  
[pic4.JPG](#)  
[pic5.JPG](#)

*Code Enforcement Director Michael Tyner said, I had asked for a little bit of extension on this on behalf of the owner. It was supposed to have a sell go through and in the meantime have the property cleaned up. Since then, apparently his investor has backed out on him or had trouble and the large dumpster full of trash in the driveway is now overflowing. We are getting multiple complaints daily on this property. I would like the council to go ahead and move forward on this condemnation so I can get it taken care of.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant  
**Absent:** 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Frierson

Enactment No: R-EN-035-2019

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

*Mayor Harold Perrin reported on the following items:*

*Mayor Perrin said, I have a few things to cover with you. It won't take long.*

*I was very pleased Friday, if you all remember, the Engineering Department of the City of Jonesboro did a master plan, hired a master plan. I think it was Mr. Graham, but hired a master plan to do a complete railroad study for the industrial park which showed that we needed a lot more rail spurs within our industrial park particularly for C.W. Post because that is going to be the commerce, the eastern arterial, from I-555 to Hwy. 49 which we need to get that signal out of there. I received a letter Friday and I had met with Senator Boozman when I was in Washington, D.C. I did get a letter that was signed by all three of our legislative body in D.C. ,Senator Tom Cotton, Senator Boozman, as well as our Congressman Rick Crawford. That letter was addressed directly to the Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao. I am going to follow up on that this next week. I want to give them a week. This is a very strong letter in support of that grant that we have. We have applied for a \$2.6 million grant to add more industrial rail spur within the industrial park. The total master is about \$14 million. When I visited with Senator Boozman, the way this letter reads is that they are not only asking for the \$2.6 million, but they are asking for the whole \$14 million. There is a lot of money that just came out of Congress on this type of program. It is called Consolidated Rail Infrastructure Safety and Improvement or CRISI. We hope that we will be able to get those funds, at least the \$2.6 million.*

*We have the final figures in on our budget for 2018. If you all remember and it has been published I think, it was published in the Jonesboro Sun already, but I will be glad for Finance Manager Deanna Hornback to give you another copy of that and show you the difference. The City of Jonesboro in 2017 adopted a budget for 2018 which would show that we would draw down about \$14 million dollars total out of \$4.5-\$5 million out of O&M which is your operating and maintenance account. The balance of that came out of your capital improvement. I am pleased to say that we tightened up that budget that last quarter and we only pulled down \$9 million so we were \$5 million better off than what we were when we budgeted in 2018. I think the council ought to get a copy of that Deanna so that they can see exactly where that savings came from on that 2018 budget.*

*In the first quarter of this year, sales tax was up 7.07%. It was \$584,000 for January, February, and March. I certainly hope that holds true for the rest of the year. Again, you have to remember that these figures, each month are 60 days back so basically you are looking at the Christmas season and December and January on those. It is still a good figure.*

*Last weekend, this city through the Parks division, they had 93 teams play in soccer at our fields. We had 50 teams playing at Joe Mack. We had 946 children playing basketball this past weekend. It was a very busy weekend for the Parks and Recreation department. I just want to say thanks to Parks Director Danny Kapales and his crew to get all of that completed.*

*Mike Downing and I went this week and met with ADEQ in Little Rock in regards to the TRG relocation of the property. I am meeting this Thursday with Jack Grundfest who is Senior Vice President of the company along with Mike Downing and we will keep you updated on that. I just wanted to give you the progress.*

*We also met with a firm in Little Rock that is very interested in the Citizens Bank building if everything can be worked out. They have agreed to hire and did hire while we were there, Price Gardner. If you will remember, Price Gardner was the attorney we hired here to look at basically who owns what within that facility. I called Price and told him he could release anything he had done for us to this firm. We are trying to get this ball really rolling hard on that facility.*

*Also, last week, Chief Elliott and I attended a dinner meeting with Director Pitts and the two Deputy Directors, all of the Commissioners, the five Commissioners on Game and Fish that evening and we discussed, we had time to discuss, quite frankly, a lot of the presentation that we were going to make the next day. We did make the presentation on our shooting range. They were 100% unanimous buy in on that project. We were able to get there early and put up the presentation boards to show the commissioners and the public. Also, while we were there, it was mentioned that they would like to enlarge the pond if you will there and make that much bigger and then put the riprap and make that have a deck or something all the way around that for the children to be able to fish in that area. So, I know that Chief Elliott is contacting a local man here with Game and Fish that is over the fishery. So, we will be working on that in the next few weeks.*

*Also, before the next council meeting, we have a kickball tournament that the radio station 107.9 is sponsoring out at the Southside Complex. It is a kickball tournament that is at 10:00 a.m. I tell you this because a lot of those proceeds are going to go to the Miracle League field. They are trying to raise money for our Miracle League and I am real appreciative of that.*

*Someone had mentioned and I think I got a call on the impact fee study. I am still holding that impact study and looking at it pretty heavily. I am also visiting with other cities. Some of the reports, I think that we got earlier of how much money is generated by those impact fees is not what I am hearing when I am calling some of these Mayors around the state of Arkansas. So, I am trying to go into the study that Planning Director Derrel Smith and his crew had already gone through and said this is a company if in fact we want to spend the money to do an impact study. Be patient, but I am looking at that impact study and also calling some other cities. I will make notations on that and I will give that to the council.*

*Building permits again last month was outstanding. We had \$3.7 million on commercial and residential had \$7,835,000 for a total of \$11.5 million. We had \$11.5 million in one month on just building permits in this town. So, I thought that was excellent as well.*

*Also, just so you know, we do have some Directors or Department Heads that are vacant at this time. I just wanted to give you an update. We have already received 32 applications for the Director of Grants. Roy Ockert and I are going through those as well as the Human Resources department. We should be starting interviews on some of those this week. So, I just wanted to give you an update on that.*

## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson said, Mayor, at Public Works earlier this evening, we identified three resolutions that due to time constraints we felt needed to move forward tonight.*

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Gene Vance, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:026, RES-19:028, and RES-19:031. All voted aye.*

[RES-19:026](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MEADOWS CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR THE PATRICK STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1

**Attachments:**     [Contract Documents 2019 05](#)  
                                 [Bid Tab](#)

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Gene Vance, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:026, RES-19:028, and RES-19:031. All voted aye.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Frierson

Enactment No: R-EN-036-2019

[RES-19:028](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GILLIS, INC. FOR THE SOUTHSIDE SOFTBALL COMPLEX PARKING LOT (2019:06)

**Attachments:**     [Bid Tab](#)  
                                 [Contract Documents 2019 06](#)

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Gene Vance, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:026, RES-19:028, and RES-19:031. All voted aye.*

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

**Aye:** 10 - Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Frierson

Enactment No: R-EN-037-2019

[RES-19:031](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUGG CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR JONESBORO THE SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX SITE PACKAGE PHASE 1B (2019:13)

**Attachments:**    [Agreement](#)  
                          [Bid Tab](#)  
                          [General Conditions](#)

*Councilmember Mitch Johnson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Gene Vance, to suspend the rules and walk on RES-19:026, RES-19:028, and RES-19:031. All voted aye.*

*Councilmember David McClain asked, Mayor, are you guys looking to start moving as soon as possible? Is that why we are trying to get these passed tonight? Mayor Perrin said, yes. We are basically, in my opinion, more than three months behind. This is already April. When we were at Game and Fish, they were announcing on the commission floor that they had 115 rain days, qualified days meaning that people don't have to get in to work. We are going to have to get these projects done. That is why I did that. Councilmember McClain said, ok. Thank you.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Frierson

Enactment No: R-EN-038-2019

*Councilmember Chris Moore asked, would you ask Code Enforcement to revisit our signage. I have noticed that there has been a lot of 8 and 16 ft. real estate signs going up lately, especially on Main Street and Southwest Drive. I even noticed one today on a 16 ft. trailer. It was 10 or 12 ft. high. 16 ft. long backed in on a residential lot advertising it for sale. Mayor Perrin said, we will certainly do that. On that, I got an email this morning that some people are sticking these stickers up on these poles and stuff that is very difficult for us to even get off. So, I have asked Communications Director Bill Campbell to contact the company on that and put a cease and desist on that. Councilmember Moore said, it just seems like it is popular right now to make 4x8 real estate signs and put two of them side by side. I noticed that kind of getting out of control. Mayor Perrin said, I know that Roy Ockert is making a note.*

*Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman asked, would you contact MPO to make that presentation? Also, I think Scenic Hills is having their cleanup on May 4, 2019. Fisher Street is having their cleanup on May 11, 2019. We had to change the date because of the Susan G. Komen is on April 27, 2019. So, we changed. I have already sent out an email to the council. I am hoping that any of the council or any of the community will come out to the cleanups that we are going to have. The West End is having their cleanup on April 27, 2019. So, that will be three. With our cleanup, this is just the first phase. We want to have three this year. So, we will have one in May and two more before November. Mayor Perrin said, we will get Communications Director Bill Campbell to get a press release on those to remind people again on those areas of the cleanup on that deal. If any of you all would like to come in on Channel 24 and I think it would be good if you would do that and talk about the cleanups that you have had previous, the tonnage. We have got those records and things of that nature. Why we are doing this for our community and our areas of town would be wonderful. If any of you in the audience would like to do this, please contact Bill Campbell direct or my*

*office either one and we would be happy to schedule that.*

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 10 - Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

**Absent:** 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Frierson

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

**Harold Perrin, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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

**Donna Jackson, City Clerk**