



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

5:30 PM

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PUBLIC WORKS MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Mayor Harold Perrin said, I do want to say to the public that last time we did have problems with the microphones. If that does happen tonight, it only takes about 30 seconds to one minute, and we have our IT people here to take care of that. We did order parts, but those will not be in until tomorrow. Again, I apologize for that.

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

[MIN-19:062](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 18, 2019

Attachments: [Council Minutes 06182019.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

[RES-19:068](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A CONTRACT WITH

CONTRACTSAFE FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO TRACK THE CITY OF JONESBORO'S CONTRACTS.

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [ContractSafe Agreement Jonesboro 052119.docx](#)
[Laserfiche Proposal City of Jonesboro.pdf](#)
[ContractSafe_Redacted.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-085-2019

[RES-19:071](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PLACE VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL COMMITTEE

Sponsors: Engineering

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-086-2019

[RES-19:084](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2019 BUDGET TO ADD ONE NEW PATROL OFFICER POSITION IN ORDER TO FILL A NEW SRO POSITION FOR THE NETTLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sponsors: Police Department

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-087-2019

[RES-19:085](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO AMEND THE 2019 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: Police Department

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-088-2019

[RES-19:086](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS OF FEDERAL AWARD AUDIT WITH THOMAS, SPEIGHT & NOBLE FOR FY2018, FY2019 and FY2020.

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [2018-2020 Engagement Letter.pdf](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-089-2019

[RES-19:087](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GRADY AUCTIONS AND REALTY, INC., TO PERFORM A LIVE PUBLIC AUCTION OF SURPLUS CITY EQUIPMENT

AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Sponsors: Finance and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Auction Contract.doc](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-090-2019

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-19:033](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS UNDER THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING AND DEVELOPING INDUSTRY; TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND THE APPROVAL OF A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST INDENTURE SECURING THE BONDS; TO AUTHORIZE AND PRESCRIBE CERTAIN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PROJECT, THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING THEREOF, AND THE FINANCING THEREOF; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Recognition Nondisturbance and Attornment Agreement \(Risever 2019\).DOC](#)
[PILOT Agreement \(Risever 2019\).DOC](#)
[Trust Indenture \(Risever 2019\).DOCX](#)
[Bond Purchase Agreement \(Risever 2019\).DOCX](#)
[Lease Agreement \(Risever - 2019\).DOCX](#)

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:033 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

[ORD-19:037](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR QVW, HOLDINGS, DBA ICHIYA RAMEN RESTAURANT

Attachments: [QVW Holdings Private Club Permit Application Redacted.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:037 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

[ORD-19:038](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5403 E. NETTLETON - FRED STREET BY CARLOS WOOD ON BEHALF OF JERRY STEPHENS

Attachments: [Fred St Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)
[Staff Summary.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
[Aerial Veiw of Location.pdf](#)
[Lynn Turner Block D Replat.pdf](#)
[Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)

Councilmember John Street said, Carlos Wood is the sponsor for this particular ordinance. They had some sign problems and put their signs up incorrectly. He asked me to pull this ordinance.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to postpone ORD-19:038 indefinitely. All voted aye.

Mayor Perrin asked, you want to postpone this indefinitely? Councilmember Street said, yes. They are going to start all over.

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Chris Moore, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

[ORD-19:039](#)

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 AG-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO I-1 LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5307 E. HIGHLAND DRIVE, JONESBORO, AR AS REQUESTED BY RAJEEV KUMAR ON BEHALF OF SAI REAL ESTATE LLC

Attachments: [Rezoning Plat \(2\).pdf](#)
[Staff Summary - City Council RZ 19-09.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
[Pictures of Rezoning Sign.pdf](#)
[Warranty Deed.pdf](#)
[Rezoning Plat.pdf](#)

Councilmember Chris Gibson motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-19:039 by title only. All voted aye.

Mr. Jim Gramling, with Gramling Law Firm, 2500 Alexander Drive, Ste. B, said I'm not going to take up any time because I know you all have a full docket. There has been no opposition to this. I am not requesting right now, but I will ask next time, and I know it's not been the Council's practice to read it twice at the next meeting because this is property that is right next to Thomas and Betts. It's zoned AG-1 now and we're asking for I-1 Limited Industrial. So, I'm not asking that right now, but I hope you will consider that in two weeks. Mayor Harold Perrin said let me ask you a question. Are they using that for the purposes in which you are asking for the zone anyway? Mr. Gramling said no. It's vacant right now. They want to put some mini storages in there. Mayor Perrin said okay. Thank you very much.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS*ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING*

[ORD-19:035](#) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5410 HARRISBURG ROAD.

Attachments: [Application](#)
[Plat](#)
[Picture of Rezoning Sign](#)
[Rezoning Plat](#)
[Staff Summary - City Council](#)
[Rezoning Plat MAPC](#)

Held at second reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-19:027](#) AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR STUDENTS THAT EXCEL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM, DBA ADDIE'S SOUL FOOD & GRILL

Attachments: [Application.pdf](#)
[Updated Private Club Membership List 07022019.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-038-2019

[ORD-19:028](#) AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS IN OAKTREE MANOR AS REQUESTED BY GEORGE HAMMAN OF CIVILOGIC ON BEHALF OF T. ABRAHAM & SONS, LLC

Attachments: [petition with signature.pdf](#)
[RECORDED RP 18-31 OAKTREE MANOR OVERALL REPLAT.pdf](#)
[ENGINEERING ABANDONMENT CONCURRENCE.pdf](#)
[ATT ABANDONMENT CONCURRENCE.pdf](#)
[Center Point Utility Easement Release Form.pdf](#)
[CWL ABANDONMENT CONCURRENCE.pdf](#)
[RITTER ABANDONMENT LETTER.pdf](#)
[Suddenlink and Altice Easement Abandonment - Bradley Street - Jonesboro](#)

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

Enactment No: O-EN-039-2019

[ORD-19:029](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE JONESBORO OVERSIGHT INTEGRITY COUNCIL TO IDENTIFY, RESEARCH, INVESTIGATE, REVIEW, AND PRIORITIZE POTENTIAL FUTURE CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Sponsors: Joe Hafner and Gene Vance

Attachments: [Bobby Long Speech Notes 05282019.pdf](#)

Councilmember Joe Hafner said, I would just like to make some comments. As a co-sponsor of this bill, I just feel that it's important for me to make a few comments at this point. Between the Finance Committee and the first two readings, a lot has been discussed and especially with Councilmember Bobby Long about different project costs and how this committee will work, etc. So, I just want to make a few things clear from my standpoint. Obviously, I'm just speaking for myself. If the other councilmembers agree with me, they shake their heads if they feel the need or just sit there and listen while I ramble a little bit. For anybody to infer that this committee won't do their due diligence on how much something cost, the cost of maintenance, the cost of operations, I think is a little insulting. We've had a lot of projects through the years and during my time on the Council, I know that I've always asked questions about how much something cost overall. So, for someone to infer that just because we're simply not up here asking questions when an ordinance is being read, I think that's because we understand how the process is going to work and to just ask questions that we already know the answers to I feel is just kind of a waste of time. A lot has been made about how much this is going to cost and how much that is going to cost. That's the job of this committee. Councilmember Long has asked repeatedly for Team Jonesboro to provide the cost and since they haven't, he came up with his own list of projects. I think most of them were on the website. I just want to point out a couple of things that I just thought were glaring. I'm not going to go through every single project. Councilmember Long put a water park and an aquatic center for \$65 million on his Facebook post. If you look at Pine Bluff, who just spend \$11 million, a water park that opened in Shreveport in 2017 for \$17.5 million, and Batesville's aquatic center, which also includes an indoor walking track, volleyball courts, basketball courts, racquetball courts, etc., including a 25-meter indoor pool and outdoor water park and family pool, was \$24 million. So, when I see a number like \$65 million, I really don't understand where that came from and I'm sure that Councilmember Long will want to reply. It just seems to me like it may just be trying to get people stirred up in the wrong direction. I'm fine with people not agreeing with me on something, but when I see stuff like this I just feel like I have to point it out or question it, at least. He also put that one of the items mentioned on the Team Jonesboro website is trails for bikes, etc. This document right here that the Council voted 12-0 to approve back in January is our Quality of Life and Connectivity Master Plan. This document that we approved calls for about 50 miles of trails. For some reason when Councilmember Long made his post because he wanted to have numbers, he showed 163 miles of trails. I'm not sure where that number came from and he showed \$76 million, which he rounded down to \$50 million. If you look at the cost estimate page on the plan that we approved, it's \$45 million total of which the people who prepared this estimated that the city would provide

50% and local organizations and foundations would match the other 50%. So, it doesn't make sense to me how you go from 50 miles that we approved to 163 miles. If you don't agree with something, then that's fine, but I just try to do my research and make sure that my information is based on something that we have in front of us. He also mentioned in his post \$14 million in reserve spending this year alone to balance the budget. I didn't bring the whole budget, but this is the summary page out of the budget. Nowhere on here does it say \$14 million deficit spending. It is a \$6.4 million deficit spending budget of which about \$8 million of that is related to fixed assets and capital projects, including the STIP money that the city set aside back in 2016. They set aside \$7.8 million for us to get \$90 million from the state for transportation improvements. So, is that money being spent out of reserves this year? Yes, but I think most will agree that when you spend \$7.8 million and you get \$90 million, that's probably a pretty good investment. When I see differences like that, I just can't help but question motives and is it just trying to get it brought up. The reason I'm bringing it up tonight is that I feel this is our last chance to do it in a public meeting, and I'm not the type that will get on social media and get in a social media back and forth with somebody. I'd rather do it in a public setting and not behind a keyboard. Having said that, I think this Oversight Integrity Council is going to be a great thing. You have citizen involvement, and, if this initiative is approved, I feel that is going to be a key step in making sure that this money is prioritized and used appropriately. Thank you.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, before we get off in the weeds, I want to make the same statement that I made at the last two Council meetings. As a point of order, the question before us is not to debate the merits of any of these proposals, the question before us is whether or not to send it to a public referendum and it will either pass or it will fail. For this council to sit and try to debate the merits of this proposal, is ill advised. Neither side is prepared to come here for a debate, and it's not the question before us. As a point of order, unless it has a question that pertains to sending it to a public referendum, you're out of order to be discussing that right now, and that's either side, the proponents or opponents. This is not the forum to debate the merits. Before we continue on that, if somebody wants to discuss the merits of sending it to a public vote, I'll listen. Otherwise, I'm going to call a point of order and we'll get a ruling by the city attorney. That's all I have to say. Mayor Harold Perrin said, thank you Councilmember Moore.

Councilmember Bobby Long asked, are we going to allow a response to this? Mayor Perrin said, I think Councilmember Moore talked about the point of order and I totally concur with him in the fact that what I was going to state is that you have three different ordinances tied to the one issue. If you want to discuss each ordinance individually to the merits of that ordinance, then I think that you might be okay. Again, since Councilmember Hafner has made a comment, then I would certainly allow you if you want to respond, Councilmember Long, then feel free to do so. Councilmember Long said, I would.

Councilmember Long said, Councilmember Hafner and I go back quite some time and his opinion is just that. It's his opinion. We've been promised transparency by an integrity committee, but when I ask for the means by which this 1% or even the 12 years were derived, why not 10, why not 15, I was refused those numbers even though they were told to me that they existed. The reason given was that if the items on the list were given a monetary value that only at that time would that list become a list, and it would then become what the integrity committee uses. The truth is that the list is already out there. Mr. Scott McDaniel has said many times that these are the items that Jonesboro needs. So, regardless of whether or not a monetary value was put on it or not, it's a list, and it's been out there for some time. So, when you put a word like

integrity on your committee, but then refuse numbers that you were told existed, but you're not going to give them to someone who asked so that we can get an idea of how the 1% was derived or the 10 years, 12 years, or 15 years. I think that is a misnomer and a farce. The truth is that after tonight this is no longer Team Jonesboro's ordinance. It's the Council's ordinance because Mr. McDaniel has said many times that all they're doing is proposing. Once they bring it the Council, then it's our decision. So, after tonight, whether or not we pass it, and it probably will and that's fine, then this ordinance becomes this Council's, and the question that we have to answer in our own mind is will we want to own this if within the next few months we're looking at a budget that requires reserve spending regardless of whether it's \$6.5 million or \$14 million or whatever. If it's not balanced, at the same time a fund is growing for non-essential projects, is that really being good stewards of money regardless of the amount. Are we going to own this if we break ground on non-essential amenities, but we still need a fire station or two? Are we still going to want to own this if after 12 years or maybe even before that we need another tax increase to maintain what we've bit off? Have we thought about taking \$220 million out of the pockets of taxpayers to pay for this when we know that, I believe, on July 1 the internet sales tax started and three cents per gallon on the fuel is about to go up. We need new jails, which is going to be another tax increase. These are some of things that I'm not even on the Finance Committee and I wanted to know the answers. Yet, somehow, questions equated to opposition and I was okay because I'm not really for sure if anybody else up here has got phone calls, e-mails, and/or text messages about questions concerning this ordinance and the taxes that are about to be levied if this passes. I must be the only one because this would have flown right through. I think these are fair, honest questions that I know that the people who have contacted me have wanted to know. So, when I ask questions, it's not just to be a pain. It's because I'm getting phone calls at 9 p.m. on Sunday, e-mails, and texts saying please ask these questions, and that's what every single person in here was elected to do, which is represent the people in their ward and the city. So, if Councilmember Hafner wants to jab me, he can jab me all day long. I'm an HR director. I have tough skin. It's okay. I can take it, but to get up here and to say that I'm doing this out of spite or just to stir things up because I'm not. People have asked me these questions and I'm doing nothing but trying to get the answers to those questions that the citizens of Jonesboro, who put me in this seat, asked me. If I'm guilty of that, then I'm guilty of that and I'll be guilty of it all day long. That's all I have to say. Mayor Perrin said, thank you Councilmember Long for your comments.

Mayor Perrin said, let me make one comment. You make reference that this is a Council ordinance. This ordinance was presented from Team Jonesboro. To make it clear, this council will vote up or down these ordinances that were presented to us. So, this was not drafted by administration or anybody I know on this council. So, I just want to make a point of order.

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Nay: 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: O-EN-040-2019

[ORD-19:031](#)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT (1.00%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; TO PROVIDE

THAT ONE-HALF OF ALL NET COLLECTIONS DERIVED FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE FOR CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND STAFFING OF SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE-HALF OF ALL NET COLLECTIONS DERIVED FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE FOR THE ARTS, AQUATICS, BEAUTIFICATION, LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, PARK FACILITIES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SIDEWALKS, AND TRAIL SYSTEMS AND FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND STAFFING OF SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Sponsors: Joe Hafner and Gene Vance

Attachments: [opposition to sales tax 06042019.pdf](#)
[Iris Stevens Statement 06182019.pdf](#)
[Iris Stevens Email 06192019.pdf](#)
[Joe Hafner response to Iris Stevens email.pdf](#)
[Iris Stevens Email Correction 06192019.pdf](#)
[Response to Iris Stevens Email on June 19 2019.pdf](#)
[Joe Hafner Response to Iris Stevens 06192019 Correction email.pdf](#)
[Iris Stevens Email 07012019.pdf](#)

Dr. Brooke Shield Laurent, 6259 Alan Drive, said, I am speaking for the tax levy and I am speaking as a healthcare professional, as a medical educator, and as a citizen in the community. Early on in my medical training, I became acutely aware of the forces outside the examination room that was determining the health of our patients and the patients that are within our own community. I came to realize that in order to build a culture of health and to build a culture of wellness that not everyone was at the table. Not every sector that needed to be at the table was at the table. Traditionally, when I asked community members and leaders to tell me about the health and the wellness and the thriving of your community, well in a matter of health and wellness, the first thing they would say is the number of doctors that they have, the number of clinicians that they have, clinics, hospitals, and other healthcare entities. Access to healthcare is absolutely important. It is necessary. If there's a decision that needs to be made acutely about my healthcare, access is absolutely important. However, the Keiser Family Foundation has stated that the majority of contributing factors to healthcare outcomes is not access to these healthcare entities, but it's primarily built environment, social infrastructure, social context, food security, home security. These are the main driving factors for healthcare outcomes. So, I realized that maybe I didn't need to get a medical degree to affect healthcare outcomes. I still am happy that I am a doctor, but it did bring to my attention that the discussion of healthcare cannot be funneled in one institution. I propose to you that, today, all of you carry the ability and the power to be healers of your community because you have the authority to give options and choices to community members to decide the path and the vision of health and wellness within their community by them deciding what their environment should look like, what their social context should be, what home security requires, food security requires, and education requires. Giving options and choices to your community members to decide that and a method to do that is absolutely key, and our democratic process allows that to happen. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I'm about to be the most unpopular person here, but I have to call you to order. Although your points are valid, the debate is restricted to the measure before us. Do you believe or

do you not believe we should send this to a public referendum? Dr. Laurent said, I do believe. So, I am answering your response because the question is do we give the option and a choice to our community members. That's the question here is do we give a choice to our community members to decide the method in which they envision their community to be. The question is yes and this is the method, and that is where we stand. Thank you. Councilmember Moore said, thank you very much. Mayor Harold Perrin said, thank you. Councilmember Charles Frierson said, that's a very powerful message and I hope she appears before this committee once it's formed, which it isn't, and then again, if necessary, before this council when we're asked to approve certain things. It would be great if she would do that. We're not ready for that now.

Mayor Perrin said, I think what Councilmember Moore was trying to say to a point of order is that if you're going to talk about the ordinance that is in front of you and any comments on that, but if this is going to be for or against, that decision will be made at the polls if this is passed on for a vote. I have some people at the podium. They are to probably talk either for or against, and if the Council says that we are out of order for doing that, then we will follow that. So, I'm going to yield to City Attorney Carol Duncan for an opinion. Ms. Duncan said, I think what they are trying to narrow down the topic to is if you have a debate about whether it should go as one ordinance or be divided into two, or whether the voters should get to choose this or not choose this. The debate is pretty much limited to that. That is the ruling that they are requesting. I do believe that you can limit debate. I also think it's important that people be heard. Try to limit your comments to why it's important that the voters get to vote on the ordinance as opposed to the Council making the decision. Councilmember Moore said, or you could discuss whether or not you think the procedure of the council placing it on a public referendum is correct or if you thought it should have gone by petition. Either of those are appropriate topics.

Mr. Naz Kazi, 3000 Wood Street, said, this tax is going to affect our business greatly, but I am still for it, because we are one boat and if the boat sinks then I'm sinking with it and I don't want it to sink. I want our boat to thrive and cruise on through the different economics of the future. So, I'm just saying that on our side, I am for the tax to go to vote.

Mr. Craig Pomrenki, 2006 Ozark Drive, said, I also am for this tax being put on the ballot and let the voters decide. There are several different reasons, of course, but we won't go into that right now. I think that has been debated quite a bit. I will say that you need to continue to listen to those constituents, both for and against, because there are a lot of great comments out there. My company represents a company that is a building a \$58 million project here that is going to open hopefully in a few months. This tax is going to have a big impact and the visitors will come here because of what this tax will bring and will continue to have more tax dollars roll over. I can tell you in my 37 years in this industry and 17 locations that when this has been done before in other locations it has always been very positive, and when it failed, it has been pretty bad for those cities in trying to attract new visitors and new groups. I urge you to get this on the ballot and let the voters decide. Mayor Perrin said, thank you.

Ms. Robin Kuykendall, 1408 Market Place Drive, Apt. 8, said, I made some notes to keep this speech short. I would like to address the process that is being taken here. I read the Council's ordinances last week about community development and it has two sections. The second section has to do with economic development and I think that the Council has run up into those ordinances fairly often because we have developers who like to do economic development. In fact, I heard a speech about that to the Land Bank a couple of weeks ago that you need to think like developers. I think that is fairly

evident that has been happening probably since the inception of Jonesboro, and it may be to its detriment because what else I found in the ordinances was the first section, which is entitled community development is reserved. That means that it is blank. This Council has taken no action ever, apparently, since those ordinances were enacted to make any kind of plan or any kind of structure for community development. So, then, we are left to have finally the citizens come in, what they are calling, a grassroots movement to help the Council take some sort of action and some sort of structure and focus for the future, which our government really has no structure or focus on the future. So, yes, we have an ordinance pending and we can submit it to the general electorate and this can happen over, and over, and over. We can have a patchwork. We can have the developers come and take advantage of that absence of that community development focus, and then we have to do another grassroots again and again. That, as you can guess, would probably be very cumbersome, and it's not going to turn out well very quickly for Jonesboro. So, I thank the Council for allowing these ordinances to go forward. We need something, but I would also challenge the Council to take on itself to fill out Chapter 22 Article 1 – Community Development. I don't want to say do your job because that's a little bit presumptuous, but look at that and see how we can make this process more responsive to the people who elected you and to the needs of the city in a more efficient manner. Thank you for hearing me. Mayor Perrin said, thank you.

Kent Watkins, 6059 Prairie Meadow Drive, said I see all these great things that this sales tax will pay for, such as things we don't have and things other cities do have, and things that would have possibly kept my daughter from moving to Northwest Arkansas. I see things she would have loved to have stayed for. I'm a brand new grandparent. I'll try to keep this short and sweet. Let's start with the sweet. Here's a picture of my new granddaughter. She's up in Northwest Arkansas and she could be down here. They moved up there because "there are more things to do up there" and I agree with her.

(NO AUDIO HERE FROM 38:44 TO 39:45)

I am the coach for the Jonesboro Chapter of the Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Program here in Jonesboro. Other schools, Valley View, Nettleton, Jonesboro would form if they had a place to practice. As you all know, land is hard to come by around here. Especially when you need up to 50 acres to shoot shotguns on, and who's going to want the noise because we shoot a lot of shells. The last one that came up, I think in 2015, I voted against, ignorantly. I had some reasons, but I have come out from under my rock and I see the light so to speak. Put it before the people to vote on. Don't let this be your decision. Yes, you represent everybody in your ward and a lot of you have heard comments of yes and no, but let the people decide. That's pretty much all I have to say. Mayor Perrin said, thank you very much.

Mr. Roger Adam Kidd, 3718 Highway 463 South, said, I have lived in and about Jonesboro for over one-third of my life. Everything I buy and everywhere I work is right here in the City of Jonesboro. I would like to ask a few questions and I certainly want to say I have worked for some of you. I have researched some of you. I look up to you. Some of you are friends and some of you are ex-employers. I appreciate what you do for our city. I sincerely do. I have a few questions and they're all questions. It's about two or three paragraphs and each paragraph has a question or two. I don't necessarily need an answer. I would like, honestly, for you all to think about these questions and I sincerely hope that you lay this decision on the people. Here we go. Do we vote for this 1% sales tax before Team Jonesboro begins working on the projects, or do we vote after the projects and how they're to be executed has been decided? How do we know before we vote for what we'll be voting on? Could you explain that to me? What is the

timeline for the Integrity committee to release the projects publicly that will go on the ballot so everyone can see them before the vote? My next questions have to do with a little bit about what Councilmember Moore mentioned. The Council has mentioned that you are not here to litigate this proposal when citizens stood in these meetings and mentioned things they were concerned about. Isn't this the exact time people or the Council should be litigating or identifying problems that they see with this proposal or process? Councilmember Moore said, Roger, let me answer that before you go on. The answer to that is no, because the Council did not write this proposal. So, go on to your next questions. Mr. Kidd said, the Council has made it sound that any citizen's proposal deserves a vote. Can you tell me and many others that the proposal has gone almost unimpeded to a straight vote? Why? I'm going to give an illustration and I know this sounds extremely silly. I love humor. What if a citizens group organized to support a charity by proposing that Jonesboro paint every city-owned building pink? Would that proposal be treated as Team Jonesboro or would it be litigated? Would you explain how the Council decides which citizen proposals go on to the ballot and which ones don't? Just a couple of other quick things and I don't necessarily need answers. I'm just trying to bring some light to this. There's no inventory. There's no budget for these things. Some of these things we have taxes for that are already allocated to some of these things. Why can't a budget be presented before we vote? Before you vote? Before all of us vote? I work by the hour, 12 hours per day. I would not go to the cashier to buy a Gatorade and when I hand that cashier a \$50 bill I'm not going to turn around and walk off. I'm going to count my change. In principle, that's what is going on here. We don't know how much money. One more thing and I'll let you go sir. When it comes to a vote this quick or what you call a special election, I was always under the impression that a special election required an emergency.

(NO AUDIO HERE FROM 45:41 TO 46:52)

Mr. Paul Ford, 527 W. Washington, said, I would like address two things that I heard tonight that I think are important. I'm going to start with as I often do in my work I always seem to rebut the last argument that I heard when I first get started because it's the last one on your mind. To Mr. Kidd, I think the answer to which one of these things get put on the ballot and I think it's the one that gets seven votes or a majority of this council.

(NO AUDIO HERE FROM 47:33 TO 48:23)

We need to reject being passive. We need to expect a great result. We need to accept responsibility and we need to lead courageously. That's being real. This council needs to provide that for us. This council needs to provide that for our community. To not be passive in the face of the community when it has needs. There are only two things that can occur. You have to either have more money or less services. If we want to provide less services, then what type of community will that provide to us. If we want to have a better community, then we need more money because that's the way it works. We're running a deficit budget. When you have community development, as the gentleman spoke about his travels across the country where other cities he's watched and participated in, this will grow our city. Not just this sales tax for these finite purposes, but it will grow our community. We believe, and I hope you will find as you vote, that it will grow our community to the place that we will have excess income because it will continue to grow and we will continue to have greater and greater sales tax recoveries, as well as all of the sources of revenue. I would ask this council not only to send this to the voters, but to begin to lead courageously so that this community can be a community that we are all proud of and that we accept the responsibility for grandchildren that are living in other communities because their parents no longer want

to live in this community, and that is a trend that this council should resoundingly say we want to stop it, we want to reverse it, and we want it now. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said, thank you.

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Nay: 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: O-EN-041-2019

[ORD-19:030](#)

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A ONE PERCENT (1.00%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE-HALF OF ALL NET COLLECTIONS DERIVED FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE FOR THE CITY'S POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND STAFFING OF SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE-HALF OF ALL NET COLLECTIONS DERIVED FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF A PUBLIC NATURE FOR THE ARTS, AQUATICS, BEAUTIFICATION, LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, PARK FACILITIES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, SIDEWALKS, AND TRAIL SYSTEMS AND FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND STAFFING OF SUCH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Sponsors: Joe Hafner and Gene Vance

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Mr. James Owen Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, said, I would like to say, unlike the last ordinance, I'm actually going to deal with the ordinance at hand because I couldn't figure out what in the world except trying to get out whether they were for or against the thing these other people were talking about. I had to move up close and take a better look at it to be sure the ordinance was what it was, which is to implement this tax if it passes. I have a very special problem with one word and I use special problem because the word I have a problem with is special. Let's not have a special election. It's less than six months from the time I have heard proposed for this election until we have an election. I say let's give the people that six months, hold it at the March election where a lot of people will turn out, and give us time to have an open and honest discussion of is this what we need to do. Let's not rush to have a special election where people might not even understand what they're voting on or that we're even having an election.

Mr. Scott McDaniel, 2912 Clearwood Cove, said, I want to address about the special election. I want to just briefly say that you have a room full of people here and you've had a room full of people here for quite some time. You've had above the fold coverage weekly, almost. You've had KAIT reports. My question is, if during a Trump election, would you have that or would this be buried at the bottom of the ballot. It would. The reality is that this is the biggest news story in Jonesboro right now and will continue to

be so. The reality is that this is a special issue and so we are requesting a special election. Thank you.

Mr. Jason Olsen, 1710 Loberg Lane, said, I just wanted to speak real quick on this. I am a fairly new father. I see your best dad ever sign. In February, I got some children. I took the parks and everything for granted before then. I drove by them and everything else. I work for the fire department so that side I've always understood. One of the things I've heard talked about is splitting this apart and what I've come to realize in a matter of four months is how important it is to have parks, and there's one right down the road from me. I don't know if you all are familiar with where Loberg Lane is, but it's the one on Nettleton right by Fire Station 2. It's right by the house and the kids want to go there. I've got a 6-year-old. I don't know how many people have 6 year olds, but he gets bored with stuff. So, even though this park is right here, he wants to go to that park right there on the other side of town because he went there once and he remembers it's there. So, we have to go there. My children are involved in City Stars. The kids that I got, we didn't get them the traditional way, if you can't figure it out. They've come from troubled backgrounds, so we have to keep them busy, and what I have realized is that you can't separate quality of life from public safety. They are one in the same. As my kids have done City Stars, my kids, I hope and pray, are going to be fine. I keep them active in things. There are other kids out there whose parents may not be as involved and whose parents the only time they're doing good things is when they are at City Stars. That's anywhere from three to six hours a week, depending on their coach that kids are busy and aren't actually engaged in other things. If for some reason this did get separated out or this didn't get to go to the public for a vote, which is the big thing. I'm a Westside kid and I didn't go to one of the schools inside the city limits, but in ninth grade I had Coach Eddie Mitchell for Civics and one of the things he taught us and one of the important things we have is the right to get to vote for stuff. My grandfathers on both sides, my dad and my brother are all military. They've all fought so we can keep this right to vote. I think for anybody to take the right to vote for something away from people isn't good for all the things that my family and the families of a lot of other people, and I don't know if some of you up there have served in the military. Our right to vote is one of the fundamental things we fought for when we fought for our freedom against England. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said, thank you.

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Nay: 1 - Bobby Long

Enactment No: O-EN-042-2019

[ORD-19:032](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM I-1, INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5917 E. JOHNSON AS REQUESTED BY MARSHA BRADLEY ON BEHALF OF STEVE SUKUP

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[Staff Summary - Council.pdf](#)
[Application.pdf](#)
[Questions - Answers.pdf](#)
[MP 16-10 SUKUP 49 ADDITION - SUKUP MANUFACTURING - JOHNSON.](#)
[Warranty Deed.pdf](#)
[USPS Receipts.pdf](#)

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-043-2019

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Perrin reported on the following items:

Mayor Harold Perrin said, first, I did write a letter on behalf of the City of Jonesboro a few weeks back to Virginia Beach, Virginia, and I got a real warm and lovely letter back from the Mayor that he appreciated us having their city in our prayers and our thoughts. I appreciate that very much and I know that I will be probably serving with him on the National League of Cities on some of the committees. I just felt like he needed to know what Jonesboro is about and how loving and benevolent it is, and that we do care about all of our people, not just Jonesboro, but throughout the United States.

Also, I met with Burlington Northern this week, along with our Director of Finance and Chief Engineer and others, on two different issues. If you all remember, we were very blessed to get the \$2.3 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration in order to add additional railspur within Industrial Park and also do the switching on Commerce, which will eventually be our major arterial going from I-555 to Highway 49. They have agreed that they will work with us to push along that grant to help Community Development Director Regina Burkett in the grants department to do that and we do appreciate that very much.

On our Veterans' Village, there are two very small lots that are at the end of that area that we certainly need to incorporate within that whole village. Both of those lots are owned by Burlington Northern, and I had asked for a donation and they did come back, almost like a donation, on both of those lots that they would sell those lots to the city for \$2,500.

(NO AUDIO FROM 1:03:07 TO 1:04:00)

They've also asked Ms. Burkett and me to the state convention, I believe in August, which will be the Veterans Administration and all of the state agencies there, to do a PowerPoint presentation on our Veterans' Village. I thought that was very impressive that we were able to do that.

Speaking of quality of life, this last Saturday, I attended the swim meet here in Jonesboro that was at our swimming pool, and we had 193 children here representing

five cities. I thought that was a good one and in about two weeks or more, we'll have one that, from my understanding, will be somewhere around the 200 to 300 range on swimming. My concern of just walking around and visiting with those cities is the fact that a lot of those cities obviously have a better facility than we do. We are a first class city and your city is the fifth largest in the state. I would anticipate in visiting with Mark Hayes today that with the census coming up that we would probably go to fourth. I think that someone mentioned that we need to sort of step up to the plate and look at the things that we have on community development. Ten years ago, this city did not have a Miracle League field for special needs kids to be able to watch and go out and play. For years, they had to sit in the stands and watch their brothers and their sisters play. Ten years ago, we did not have a shooting range that every school district within our schools in Jonesboro has won either the state, the district or the national. We have looked at this community development a great deal. In fact, in 2010, we actually drafted what's called "Vision 2030." I keep that document. We did not pass that document, but we simply took that as a guide to go by. I look at that each year to see what we have done on that 2030 vision, and we've done a lot of things on that to make this city what it is today. Can it be improved upon? Absolutely. I wanted to make that comment that as I walked around Saturday and visited with some of the parents and talked to them, they were very impressed with Jonesboro, but it could have been much nicer when most of those meets are in an air conditioned facility rather than being out and pitching tents all the around ours and us having to put port-a-potties out there for the entire crowd that is there. To me, that is just not Jonesboro. I don't know what you think, but as your Mayor, my duty is to provide the very best for our people, and I'm talking about all of our people, and to work and to do anything we can, and we've been very blessed on getting grants on things. If you go back and pull the grants in the last 10 or 12 years, of the grants we have, the Miracle League was a \$100,000 contribution on that deal and the rest of that was given by you, the people in this audience, and others throughout this city. When we want to step up to the plate, we'll step up to that plate, and we'll make sure and we'll visit those things. I visited with Mr. Rennell Woods today about one of his major concerns, and one of those concerns is the same as mine and that is our children, particularly of the Out of the Dark, City Youth, and the AAMEN Group, and all of those that are there, and we know that we have some gangs in this town and we know we have a drug problem, and I think the biggest thing we can do is to take all those non-profit organizations and drill them down on a particular issue and get all of those people together, and I've promised Mr. Wood that I would do that, and talk about that. With that, we could come up with some programs to take care of our kids to let them know that we are their family. The people who would actually join a gang don't know a family, or they think the gang is their family, and that's not what God intended. So, what I'm saying is whether it's biological parents, adoption, or whatever it might be, our job is to take care of our children and grandchildren in this town because they're going to be the ones sitting here in years to come. I just wanted to thank Mr. Woods for his call. I appreciate that and we'll work on that program.

Building permits last month were \$14,537,000. Commercial was 77%, which is \$13 million. Residential was \$4.2 million or 23%.

On Vector Disease Control, the plane did fly Saturday night. Councilmember Moore and I did call them because I know we amended that contract, but after July 4, they're going to fly, weather permitting, every week straight for eight weeks in a row. We're trying to get on top of this on the front end so we won't have a major problem with the mosquitoes.

I got a call Saturday, when I driving around looking at projects, that our Fire Chief Kevin Miller was named the Fire Chief of the Year by his fellow Arkansas Fire Chief

Association. Let's give Chief Miller a round of applause.

Also, each of you received a packet from the Arkansas Municipal League and that is the update on all legislation that was passed during the last session. That will be incorporated in the book you will get at the Winter Conference, but I ask you to look at that. I looked at that last night on the Table of Contents and there are several of those that we need to pay attention to, and I'm serious about that. I may bring some of those out at some of the Council meetings.

Our Street Department has done a great job this year not only on what was brought up earlier, and I do appreciate it and hope we get that passed on the weight limit. We have not had that in our ordinances and we're going to have to make sure that we control that.

I have one other comment and I've been praying about this on how to approach it, and again I'm not making this a derogatory statement.

(NO AUDIO FROM 1:11:23 TO 1:12:25)

Let me say this and I know that Councilmember Bobby Long is a new councilmember and he's been on here about a year or two. I can assure you having served on the Council for 15 years that you learn every year something new. The idea or making a statement on Facebook, or whatever you want to call it, of us shuffling money around or whatever, I can tell you that that doesn't happen. That we do not exceed. The Council passes a budget. Within that budget, each department has its own budget and within that department's budget, they can move money from one line item to another if they so desire if they have a need to do that. For example, if a department had travel and education and they had money left over, but needed a tool or something to work with, then it's evident they could move that money over as long as, as long as they don't exceed their total budget. Also, at the end, if we have to do a clean-up ordinance at the end of the year, then we do that by line item showing every line item that is spend if in fact it's exceeded, only after this council approves that extra additional money if they are exceeding that budget. I'm going to visit with Councilmember Long about that. We have had impeccable audits from Legislative Audit for the last eight years, that I know of, and I'm talking about not even no findings or no exceptions. For a city our size to have a \$64 million budget and not have any exceptions or no findings in that audit, I think we should give our finance department and department heads a round of applause because that's who did it, not me.

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Airport Commission Financial Statements ending May 31, 2019

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, I was going to ask you about Vector and I noticed the plane did fly. When they fly every week, are they going to fly the entire city or just parts of the city? Mayor Harold Perrin said, the whole city and I received a map on that. Councilmember Street said, very good. I know last year they flew parts of the city at times and it needs the whole city. Mayor Perrin said, we amended that and it's the whole city. Councilmember Street said, Metropolitan Planning Organization Director Cecile Cochran through the MPO sponsored a bikeway grading seminar that was put

on by the Federal Highway Administration last Tuesday at Arkansas State University. Thanks to Mr. Bill Smith and Mr. Hall for getting the facilities at no charge.

(NO AUDIO FROM 1:15:24 TO 1:16:24)

Councilmember Mitch Johnson said, at 1708 Deerwood in Candlewood, I'm assuming there's not a platted drainage easement there, but these people, and I know we've gone in there and tried to put rip in there to try to hold the ditch bed up, but it looks like the ditch is continuously eroding and marching toward their front door. I went and looked and I don't know a solution. I don't know if we can get an easement from the adjoining owner and re-route that ditch between the property lines, but those people need some help. If you could, please see if there's any help we could give these people. Mayor Perrin said, we'll get with Street Director Steve Tippitt and Engineering Director Craig Light and go out there tomorrow and look at it. Councilmember Johnson said, that'd be great. Thanks. Mayor Perrin said, no problem. We'll report that back to you at the next council meeting, or I'll send an e-mail to all the councilmembers.

Councilmember L.J. Bryant asked, hey, Mayor, have we put up any no smoking signs at any of the parks since the ordinance was passed by council? Mayor Perrin said, I don't know. That would be in the street department. I think they make their signs. I don't know if they've gone up or not. Larry Jackson, Parks Maintenance Supervisor for Craighead Forest Park, is shaking his head no that they have not done that. We'll check on that tomorrow, as well, because they should all be up and posted.

Councilmember Long said, just one thing. I think it's unfortunate that those comments were taken the way they were. Mainly because, I wasn't speaking to how money is moved around within a current budget year. My comment in question has always been, considering right now we're going to have money for sidewalks. We have a current budget that includes money that we pay for sidewalks out of and now we're going to have a secondary funding stream that sidewalks can be paid out of. My concern was, for instance the fire and police, can we be assured that the fire and police will have a guaranteed general budget funding stream equal to or greater than the current spending that we spend on those two departments. My concern was that now that we have a secondary funding stream, those items that we would normally have "x" amount of money that we spend on then now we can reduce those because we have a secondary funding stream here that we can use to pay those. I wasn't insinuating any wrongdoing and I wasn't insinuating any underhanded business by anybody or departments. I'm proud of the audits that we received. That was the question that I had and I've had that since the beginning. It's not moving around money within the budget. It's what happens to the level of spending that we currently have now that a secondary funding stream is available, that's all. I wasn't meaning that in any way derogatory toward you or toward anybody or any of the departments. I just wanted to make sure that we're on the same page and I would be happy to talk with you after about that. However, I wanted to make sure that we're all on the same page here. Not on the inside of a current budget, but what happens to future budgets. Are we going to see line items go down to try to make up the difference or try to make it to where we don't have to pull money down in reserves now that we have got a \$220 million...

(NO AUDIO FROM 1:20:18 TO 1:21:16)

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk