



# City of Jonesboro

## Meeting Minutes

### Public Safety Council Committee

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

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Tuesday, April 17, 2007

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

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#### 1. Call To Order

*Mayor Formon and Mr. Tony Thomas from the Mayor's Office were also in attendance. Councilman McCall and Councilman Perrin left at 6:00 p.m.*

#### 2. Approval of minutes

MIN-07:009 Minutes for the March 20, 2007, Public Safety meeting.

Attachments: [032007](#)

**A motion was made by Councilperson Tim McCall, seconded by Councilperson Faye McCall, that this matter be Passed. The motion CARRIED.**

#### 3. New Business

*Ordinances To Be Introduced*

ORD-07:11 AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING BY OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PAWN SHOPS AND PAWNBROKERS DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsors: Police Department

*City Attorney Phillip Crego noted the ordinance now references the amended state code provisions.*

**A motion was made by Councilperson Judy Furr, seconded by Councilperson Harold Perrin, that this matter be Recommended to the City Council. The motion CARRIED**

ORD-07:10 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELETING THE POSITION OF ANIMAL CONTROL DIRECTOR AND CONVERTING ONE TEMPORARY FULL-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER TO A REGULAR FULL-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WITH THE CUSTOMARY COMPENSATIONS AND BENEFITS FOR THE POSITION

Sponsors: Police Department

*Police Chief Michael Yates presented the committee with an ordinance to delete the Animal Control Director's position and converting one temporary full-time employee to permanent full-time employee. He noted the ordinance will need to be taken to the Finance Committee. Councilman Perrin questioned why the employee is considered a temporary full-time employee. Mayor Formon explained the employee is temporary because he is taking the place of another employee who is currently serving in Iraq. He further explained once the employee in Iraq returns to his job the temporary employee will no longer have a position with the City. Chairman Moore questioned why the temporary*

employee is not receiving benefits even though he is on full-time status. Chief Yates stated he is not sure why the employee is not receiving benefits but he should have been. He also noted he would like to promote three officer positions to sergeant and would be able to do so using unused funds from the eliminated Animal Control Director position.

**A motion was made by Councilperson Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilperson Judy Furr, that this matter be Recommended to the Finance & Administration Council Committee. The motion CARRIED.**

**4. Pending Items**

**5. Other Business**

Police Dept.

*Animal Control shelter: Chief Yates discussed the proposed changes to the animal shelter's current design. He noted he does not think they will be able to work with the Humane Society. Mr. Adam Seiter from B.B. Vance also discussed the changes that were made to the design of the shelter. He stated the cost of the revised shelter is \$985,000. Discussion was held concerning the changes that were made in the design. Chief Yates noted the cost of metal is going up so if they accept bids by the beginning of May then the cost of the shelter will increase. Mayor Formon agreed that the animal shelter is the second most important building project this year, only behind the building of the new fire stations. Councilwoman Furr motioned, seconded by Councilman McCall, to recommend the shelter to the Finance Committee for approval. All voted aye. Councilman Perrin asked Mr. Seiter to bring all the information they've compiled to the Finance meeting so they can review it. Councilwoman Furr questioned for clarification that even with the changes to design they did not compromise the necessary space for either the animals or the officers in the building. Mr. Seiter agreed.*

*Downtown parking ordinance: Lt. Roger Morphis provided with a proposed downtown parking ordinance. Discussion was held concerning what was in the proposed ordinance. Mr. Crego stated he reviewed the ordinance and had no legal problems with it. He did note there are some policy decisions that will need to be made. Councilman McCall stated he has met with some of the downtown owners and they seem to be interested in signage, lighting and security. Councilwoman Furr stated the gravel parking lot downtown needs to be paved. Discussion was held concerning paving the parking lot. Chief Yates asked for the committee members to review the ordinance and send him any comments or questions they might have.*

Mosquito Control

*Mr. Wes Gruenberg from Clarke Mosquito Control discussed the mosquito control program. He informed the committee their office's local number is 932-1703. He added they also have a toll free number, 1-800-353-6693. He discussed the mosquito control plan for the year. Mayor Formon questioned whether home owners would be able to call them to spray the area before they have a party or other outdoors special event. Mr. Gruenberg stated their mosquito program should reduce the number of mosquitos in the city. He further stated if citizens call they will larvicide the standing water so they can stop the mosquitos at the source. Internal Auditor Misty Micenhamer noted the mosquito plan stated there would be twenty treatments for community special events. Mr. Gruenberg stated the City has the twenty treatments and it would be up to the City as to who would receive those twenty treatments. Questions were raised concerning whether a certain number of treatments was specified in the contract. Mr. Gruenberg reiterated the number of mosquitos would decrease due to the control program they have set up for the City as*

*a whole. It was asked for Mr. Gruenberg to attend all of the monthly Public Safety meetings.*

Fire Dept.

*Mr. Tony Thomas noted at the last meeting they presented a resolution and contract with B.B. Vance for construction management services related to the fire station additions. He asked whether the committee was ready to act on the resolution. Councilwoman Furr motioned, seconded by Councilwoman McCall, to place the resolution and contract on the May 1st Council agenda. All voted aye.*

**6. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilperson Judy Furr, seconded by Councilperson Faye McCall, that this matter be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED.**