



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

4:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Present 6 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; LJ Bryant; Joe Hafner and Brian Emison

Absent 1 - David McClain

ELECTION OF A CHAIR

Councilmember John Street nominated Joe Hafner for chair of the Finance Committee and was seconded by Councilmember L.J. Bryant. All that were present voted Aye

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:114](#)

MINUTES FOR THE FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON DECEMBER 28, 2021.

Attachments: [Finance Minutes 12282021](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-21:058](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE VEHICLES WITH CITY COUNCIL APPROVED FUNDS

Sponsors: Police Department and Finance

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[ORD-22:001](#)

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EXCEPTIONAL SITUATION AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR FIRE TRUCK BODY WORK ON A DAMAGED FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK.

Sponsors: Fire Department and Finance

Attachments: [AML Fire Truck Insurance estimate](#)

Councilmember Dr. Charles Coleman said, "On the leases on those trucks, will they take care of the maintenance?" Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Typically we're still responsible for the maintenance under a lease but does anyone from the staff want to make a comment on that?" Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas approached the podium, "There are some items that are covered just under the warranty. We're purchasing these vehicles and there part of a buyback program and the lease covers the time that we have them as part of that buyback program, so there are some items that are covered as a part of the program and then there are some items that are not covered. Councilmember Dr. Coleman said, "I understand that, it's like major things, these last couple of weeks I want to thank Brian keeping me informed. A couple of trucks went down or one truck went down and I suggested to Brian that when any trucks go down to notify us beforehand so we can talk to the community. People's trash were out there and nobody knew anything about it. The reason I was checking on the maintenance is a lot of times when we buy equipment I think the council needs to know what type of maintenance, because if something comes up and something needs to get fixed then we have some kind of heads up on what needs to happen." Tony said, "The trucks that we are getting are new equipment. Our sanitation trucks just have a lot of moving parts. They're utilized every day." Councilmember Dr. Coleman said, "That's why I asked that question because there is a lot of wear and tear on those trucks that we need to have a good maintenance program, even if we don't have one from this company. We need to have some kind of maintenance program so we can keep them going." Tony said, "Internally we do have routine maintenance. Drivers are part of that program. There's a maintenance shop that is part of that program, but then those major repairs that are part of the product are covered under the warranty that comes with the buyback of that vehicle. There are a lot of things we are able to take care of in house but there are times where they are coming to get these vehicles and they are taking them over to a different shop. We control the things we have control over and that's what's in our conference, but when it goes to that shop, I know the mechanic for the manufacture is out on covid leave so we have a number of vehicles that are being impacted by his inability to do work on those vehicles. Generally there's a pretty decent turnaround, not only with the outside vendor, and that's covered by the warranty, but there's also a pretty good turnaround from our guys. Everything right now is kind of extravagated by our ability to get parts. I know we have had a couple of vehicles that we have had the inability to get parts for and then the holiday schedule has really increased the burden that sanitation has faced here over the last couple of weeks. I think we are back to normal schedule tomorrow only to get behind again next week for the MLK holiday, but that only puts us behind one day. Generally we work until the light will not allow us to work. After next week we should be back to a regular schedule and I know that goes well with citizens and the calls that you all are receiving." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "I can tell you from personal experience with garbage trucks, that you have to take care of them, you have to have a good preventive program. One thing I've seen, like fluid analyses of different vendors and these fluid analyses are good indicators of major repairs that are coming up and you catch it before it breaks and can fix it. I don't know if we have ever done that, a good PM program, it would be interesting to see what the SCS analyses, what they find during their work. Especially in these busy times you want to make sure you are not over loading the truck. Other guys are out there busting their butts and trying

to get done but you want to make sure they're not over loading the trucks and compacting it too much, residents need to make sure they don't put things in there that they shouldn't that could damage the trucks. It's a total team effort. You can do everything right but those trucks have so many moving parts that you're going to have some repairs but you want to do everything you can to catch them." Tony said, "These vehicles are not ours, we are leasing these vehicles so the manufacture are here doing those test because it's in their best interest to insure that the vehicle is operational and maintained. We do have outside personnel of the vendor here on site running those test on vehicles as well. Again, at the end of the day the goal is to get those vehicles and they will put those in the market. They are not our vehicles. That's one of the benefits of leasing and the buyback program. We save a great deal of money on maintenance because that's taken care of by the outside source. We're on the loop for drivers making those preventative checks every morning and every evening when they come in, and then we're only on the hook for those routine things that we are at fault for. Breaking an arm on a vehicle is something that is not an operational thing, it's a driver error type of thing, so we are also insuring that drivers are trained on adequately operating those vehicles and the things they need to look for as well."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-22:001](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO A TWO YEAR LEASE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE AUTOMATED SANITATION TRUCKS, ONE FRONTLOAD SANITATION TRUCK AND ONE REARLOAD SANITATION TRUCK

Sponsors: Sanitation and Finance

Attachments: [City of Jonesboro 12.29.21 Lease Contract for 2022 5 trucks](#)

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:002](#)

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID FY21 EDA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TRAVEL, TOURISM AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM FUNDS, COMMIT REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [EDA Grant Full Budget University Heights](#)

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Road, approached the podium, "I guess this is a question for Regina. What is the average time it takes from the time the city applies for a grant that we hear something about it or get it?" Grants Department Director Regina Burkett

approached the podium, "That usually depends on the type of grant that we're applying for, and since covid we kind of have a delay, on some of them it's like six months. Some of them are taking a year now, but it all depends on the type of grant you're applying for."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[COM-22:001](#)

Handout from Chairman Joe Hafner concerning municipal liens

Attachments: [Joe Hafner Handout for Finance 01112022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Before we start going through these municipal liens and I am going to read these by title only, I just wanted to share some information that I requested. We have been doing these the last couple of years and when they are on our agenda we just go through them and forward on to Council. Then they get put in place and we never really hear what happens after that, so as I was getting ready for this meeting I just requested some information. The one report, Accounts Receivable Trial Balance, that is specifically for liens that are in place." Code Enforcement Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "Right, those are the ones that we have already gone through, approved and on the books now awaiting payment." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Right, and these cover a variety of things. You can see the one for the Icehouse on here, that's about \$125,000." Mike said, "That makes up about half of the outstanding balance, and those are generated through several different sources, either mowing grass, condemnation/demolition, boarding and securing, court ordered clean up or clean up on properties subject to code enforcement action." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Ok, so if you look on here, according to this, and this looks like covers from 2006 to 12/09/2021, it looks like the total liens that were put in place is roughly \$285,000, we still have an ending balance of \$227,000. You'll see some adjustments on there of about \$47,000, those adjustments are basically related to amounts received from the county, through the commissioner land sales to negotiated sales, there may be a few other things but those are the main factors, and then the payments are the payments the city received directly. You see in that time period it shows about \$10,543. This report is from since 2006, the other spreadsheet I handed out is from 2018 through 2021 and it shows that in that time period we received almost \$9,800 which is basically the majority of the amount has been received in these last four years. Then we received about \$35,000 from the county or the commissioner of land sales. It says total received in 2021 was a total of \$44,693.78. I know a questions been asked about how much do we receive for these liens because obviously it's a lot of work that goes into these. I know we're always trying to work on ways to clean up the city and this way is providing some money. As we go through these, I see some of the same names on here, just wanted to give everyone a quick update on what our lien situation look like." Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, "This is a multi-department question, obviously collecting the money is important but these folks are, quite frankly, bad actors that are putting blight on the city so it's bigger than just the money. One thought, this is more on the permit side, looking at some folks and I won't call them out to be professional, but looking at some of these folks that are contractors, I know part of this question I'm about to ask may be a city attorney question, do we have any ability to block these people from getting permits to build new stuff until they make it right on these other properties?" Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "That would be more on the city attorney realm. I know that has maybe come up before and I think that was something she was looking into. You know why are we,

basically, facilitating someone to continue to do business when they're not in good standing with the city." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "That's a great question." Councilmember John Street said, "While this may not be a big amount of money, it does reflect that the city is trying to hold these bad actors accountable and they know that they will be reckoned with whether they pay it directly or if it's through the county when they sell the property. I think those efforts go a long way to make other people, let's say, keep the honest people honest. People look at that and they say ok if I don't do this the city is going to enforce it anyways, so the honest people, it gives them an incentive to do it and the bad actors it holds them accountable. I want to commend you and your staff for the excellent job that you do to follow up on these and see that we do have some kind method of accountability on these properties were there not paying and for the fees that we have to collect whether it be mowing or hauling off trash or whatever. Thank you for everything you and your team do, it's made a difference. I know you could use more people but other than that I don't know what else you could do. It's a lot better than nothing like we use to get, no accountability." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Back on your comment quote on quote bad actors, I think sometimes the bad actors look at it like well they're going to go ahead and mow it for me and when I sell it down the road, whenever that is, if I sell it, they'll just take their \$350 or whatever it is then." Director Mike Tyner said, "That's actually a very real problem that I'm dealing with now since we amended our practices to be more in line with state law. I have to send legal service notice to property owners before we conduct any work, and that has essentially turned my office into property management for the entire city." Councilmember Ann Williams said, "We've talked about this before, about increasing the amount of the fines, particularly if it's the second time in a season and we have to mow it. Can we increase the amount where it's a significant amount? I think sometimes these companies choose this as a cheap way to have the landscape done in a season, because they can go a long time until the city does it and its mowed fewer times in a season so it's cheaper than them having it mowed on a regular bases. I think they do that on purpose." Director Mike Tyner said, "The contractor that I use does an extremely nice job and by the time you tack on the filing fees and the cities administration fee you're looking at \$165 a pop for me to mow it. If the city is mowing your yard once a month every month for \$165 that's a good deal." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "I think we should look into making it punitive. We're not providing much incentive for them not to do it." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "Especially, being able to take care of the habitual offenders that we keep seeing. The one and done, the people that maybe life just hit them at a really bad spot." Director Mike Tyner said, "And for the most part, the ones like you said that are one and done, they'll actually come in and take care of the bill. Life happens to most people and sometimes they get behind here and there but for the most part, those are the ones that we will see come in and see Tosha in collections and take care of the bill, maybe once or twice. The ones that we run into are larger properties or quite a few properties where the owners deceased and we have no living heir so we have to abide by state law and send record of notice to an empty house were the owner is deceased and we keep mowing it until it goes to the land commission for taxes. If we had something in place to prevent that, that would take care of a lot of the issues there. Unfortunately the only other route we have to go there is basically hire an outside attorney and probate the property ourselves to name an heir to then serve paperwork to get it taken care of that way." Councilmember Ann Williams said, "We're not wanting to go after an owner occupied home where it's an elderly couple. We're talking about sometimes a business." Director Mike Tyner said, "Right and actually for the owner occupied elder folks, fixed income, disabled, I've got a lot of really good contractors in this town. Jonesboro, as far as outreach and community involvement, is an extremely genius city. I've got several contractors that have taken care of grass mowing and even larger debris removal issues free of charge to help someone out that is disabled, on a fixed income

or just simply doesn't have the resources available." Councilmember Ann Williams said, "Right, we are talking about businesses and out of state owners." Director Mike Tyner said, "There's a significant amount of property that we deal with owned by out of state owners that out of sight out of mind." Councilmember Ann Williams said, "Are we looking at increasing our fines for this or is there something in play for doing that, for particular, the second offense?" Director Mike Tyner said, "That's something I would like to explore further. I think putting a little more teeth into that second notice may be the attention getter."

Read

[RES-22:003](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4304 RACE ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-19900, OWNED BY CHARLES CRAIG CONYERS

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [4304 Race01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one is for \$175 for mowing and trimming. Mr. Conyers actually had a previous balance of \$525, so his total balance right now with this one is \$700 so he is one of our repeat offenders." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "Just found 4 liens actually against that property over the last couple of years. My research, going back to that, was through 2010 to date but I noticed on this piece of paper that we were looking back to 2006 so some of these numbers won't match up."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:004](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1314 TURNER ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144191-32500, OWNED BY TIMOTHY A HUSKEY

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1314 Turner01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one is for \$175. Mr. Huskey had a previous of \$350, so I guess this is his third mowing that we have done for him. His total balance now is \$525." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "All of his fines derived from this one property." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Mike you might not know, but I was just looking at the address and it looks like that is where the invoice was mailed to. Is that where he actually lives?" Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "That's the last address of record that we have for Mr. Huskey, and according to state law that's the address we have to use until we are able to locate a more update one."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:005](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1305 OAKHURST, JONESBORO AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18700, OWNED BY DYLAN FRANKLIN LLC

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1305 Oakhurst01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one had a couple different pieces to it. The totals for \$340, part of it was for mowing and part of it was boarding. The one question I have on the boarding Mike, is in the letter it talks about a fine of not less than \$100 will be imposed of an additional fine of \$100 each day thereafter. Have we actually issued any fines yet for boarding?" Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "When it comes to the fine aspect of that in the letter, that's a statutory language and that with a caveat, we have to sight him to court and that's basically the sentencing guidance for the judge, as far as a fine goes to ask for restitution through the court. In order for that fine to be in plan Mr. Franklin will have to present before a judge. We can't, as an enforcement body, issue fines. It's similar to a police officer with a speeding ticket." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Ok, his total balance, if I didn't say it, with his other \$340 is going to be like \$1,040." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "There were 2 other findings on this piece of property over the last 11 years."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:006](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2501 MARY JANE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-24200, OWNED BY KENNETH L & DENA BROADWAY

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [2501 MaryJane01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one is a total of \$390. Looks like their total balance now is about \$1,090. This has to do with boarding and securing and mowing, so we are basically taking care of their property for them." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "Now remind me, on the adjustment line, that's basically from when the property went to the land commissioner and then it was for a reduced amount." Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "On the adjustment line, I'm not sure what that is, as far as our finance or book keeping, if something was adjusted off or removed for whatever reason. I know that one of the processes they use the adjustments for is say we have \$10,000 worth of liens against a property and it goes to the state and it doesn't sale for two years and goes to the negotiated sale process and someone buys it for \$3,000. Our liens at that point have become part of the taxes on the property and the land commissioner has the authority to negotiate a sale price, so if we have \$10,000 and he sales it for \$3,000, they take whatever the owed taxes were out of that and we get the balance, less the counties fees, so whatever are remaining balance on the books, to get that off our books, they will adjust off once we get those funds from the county." Chairman Joe Hafner said, "So like in this case, their customer number could have consisted in more than one property. They show they've had total invoices of

\$2,887.66 but then they have adjustments of \$1,633.83, so that and I guess they have paid \$163.83 so that gets them back to the balance of \$1,090 that I mentioned. It was probably a different property that they ended up selling. We got some money out of it." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "Sure, this particular property, it looks like there were 8 separate liens that had been placed against it, so I guess it would go from the sale of another piece of property that they had."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:007](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2215 WOOD ST., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143251-07200, OWNED BY INGRAM WILLA TRUST

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [2215 Wood01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This looks like it may be the first offense on this one. It's mowing for \$175 and they had no previous balance."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:008](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2037 JAMESTOWN DR., JONESBORO, AR 72404, PARCEL 01-133023-13800, OWNED BY BILL & DORALEA SMITH

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [2037 Jamestown01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This looks to be their second offense. It's for \$215 so brings their ending balance to \$430."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:009](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1328 W. HUNTINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18100, OWNED BY DKI LLC

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1328 Huntington01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "DKI LLC is one of our repeat offenders. Looks like Mr. Richard Knight lives in Hardy. This was for \$175. His previous balance was \$875 so his total balance now is \$1,050." Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "Mr. Knight owns several properties that went into default. We have also, previously, condemned and demolished the house that was on this lot, so there is an outstanding lien out there for the demolishing and hauling. When the bank started the foreclosure process, I spoke to the attorney and I was advised that the city had liens against both the property that were in excess of the value property so he pretty much advised me that they were just signing this empty lot back over to Mr. Knight in lieu of foreclosure, because if the property goes to sale or civil action we're going to try and recoup some of our losses from it. This would be a prime candidate for civil foreclosure through the city if we chose to go that route."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:010](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4818 E. HIGHLAND, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144233-18700, OWNED BY KG STORE1391 LLC

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [4818 E. Highland01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one is for mowing at a total of \$365. They had no previous balance that I can tell. Looks like they are out of Des Moines, IA."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:011](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT MITCHELL DRIVE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144233-01800, OWNED BY THE RAZA GROUP OF ARK LLC

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [mitchell01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one showed no previous balance and its \$175 of mowing and the Raza Group of Arkansas LLC is actually the Raza Group of Arkansas located in Florida." Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "This property here, we've been mowing for several years and usually one or two times a year they'll settle up with collections. I don't know what their circumstances are but like I said we do a pretty good job at property maintenance."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:012](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3706 GRIFFIN, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144272-08600, OWNED BY BURNSIDE RENTALS LLC

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [3706 Griffin01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one's for cleanup and haul off for \$190. Looks like Burnside is out of Lake City with no previous balance."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:013](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4104 MANILA, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-06600, OWNED BY ISLAS INVESTMENTS LLC

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [4104 Manila01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one's \$175 for mowing. It looks like it's their first offense. We've seen his name before for like rezoning's." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "It looks like they've been on this list before but looks like they've settled up with us in the past."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:014](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4407 JANICE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144271-15500, OWNED BY CHARLES NOELL JR.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [4407 Janice01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one is \$265 for boarding. Doesn't look like he had any previous balance on this account, but I know he's been in front of us before. I didn't look at the report to see what his outstanding balance is but I know he is a repeat offender." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "If my math is correct on this one, it looks like it's going to be around \$2,000 that he owes the city and when I was just running my numbers and looked at his total it looks like we've had 16 liens against him since 2010." Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "Mr. Noell is one of those that I am going to have to get with the city attorney over, it's my understanding he's deceased and we'll have to find out if there was any type of beneficiaries deed or anything executed by his estate, if not look into the probate options. He does own a

few other properties around town that we are also maintaining.”

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:015](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 500 WOODROW, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-18400, OWNED BY ANTHONY MGBODILE

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [500 Woodrow01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, “This one is for \$175 for mowing.” Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, “This one should be getting taking care of once he’s back in the area. Mr. MgBodile is from South Africa, but we have spoken to an associate of his and once he’s back locally he should be taking care of it.”

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:016](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 234 S MCCLURE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144183-12700, OWNED BY KATHLEEN EDWARDS COOPER

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [234 S. McClure01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, “This one’s for \$365 and she doesn’t show any outstanding balance prior to this. It’s for boarding.”

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:017](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1202 CARTWRIGHT, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144073-05400, OWNED BY TDT LEGACY

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1202 Cartwright01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, “This one’s for boarding for \$265, no previous balance and TDT Legacy is out of Tennessee.”

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson Charles Coleman, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion

PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:018](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1020 HOPE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144173-04400, OWNED BY GARY TOOMBS

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1020 Hope01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "Mr. Toombs is a repeat offender. He had a previous balance of \$700, this one is \$175 for mowing and will bring his total to \$875." Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "Mr. Toombs is currently in APS care and is a ward of the state." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "That is the sixth filing we've had against the 1020 Hope address." Director Mike Tyner said, "We've also got a lien for the condemnation and demolition on that house as well." Councilmember Dr. Coleman said, "Which house on Hope?" Director Mike Tyner said, "It's the second or third empty lot next to the tall Victorian."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:019](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1014 S. CULBERHOUSE, JONESBORO AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144192-21300, OWNED BY CHARLES E NOELL JR.

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [1014 S. Culberhouse01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "\$175 as we have already discussed Mr. Noell's situation."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:020](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 915 W. OAK, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143241-13800, OWNED BY DEGRICK EVANS

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [915 W. Oak01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one is \$175 for mowing. He had a previous balance of \$175 so this brings his ending balance as of now to \$350."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED

with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:021](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3406 MEADOR, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144281-35600, OWNED BY HAZEL WATSON

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [3406 Meador01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one is \$915 for cleanup and haul off, no previous balance, so her total balance is \$915."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:022](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3309 MEADOR, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144281-36900, OWNED BY DARNELL STAFFORD

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [3309 Meador01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This is \$175 for mowing, no previous balance."

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[RES-22:023](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 616 E OAK AVE., JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144191-17500, OWNED BY JOYCE SCARBOROUGH

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [616 E.Oak01052022](#)

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "This one actually consist of a couple different things, there was a \$175 invoice for mowing and a \$715 invoice for boarding and securing/cleanup. Looks like her total balance is now \$1,240."

A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman;Ann Williams;John Street;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, "Looking at Realty Income, we had a \$350 invoice and they paid us \$175. I was on their website and they are a company with \$1.64 billion in revenue, so that bothers me. I know we can't discriminate in our ordinances on how we treat people. Who knows how many cities around that they are treating that way." Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "Under state law we have a few different ways to recover moneys that we're out. The tax lien is one part of the process and to recoup that money we have the option to go after it through a civil foreclosure, but there are limits on that. I believe state statute allows somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,500 for grass, \$7,500 for debris and trash, and up to \$10,000 for demolition but we haven't had a mechanism in place to initiate that. That was the idea behind the Land Bank, was to keep track of these things and once they meet the statutory threshold for the foreclosure process to initiate those proceedings, but due to staff turnover the last two years hasn't been too great." Councilmember Dr. Coleman said, "When a property is behind can we put it in the newspaper?" Director Mike Tyner said, "That was one of the options that has been discussed before, so that may be something we want to look into." Councilmember Brian Emison said, "Thank you for everything you and your department has been doing, because we are looking at 21 separate liens that are put on here and that equates out to roughly \$6,125. What is most important is that this is 21 properties that are someone's next door neighbor and something that someone has to walk out their door and see every day. Even driving home the other day I saw one of your trucks out at 5:30 with their lights on fixing to write someone a notice on that side of town. I appreciate ya'll going the extra mile and helping to keep Jonesboro looking beautiful and nice to live in."

Chairman Joe Hafner said, "The prepared food tax came into effect. Hopefully, the businesses that received letters have updated their systems and they are charging the tax. I've heard these different stories of people going to restaurants or stores and have noticed the tax isn't being charged. I think this is going to have a great impact on our city. Compliance is the key."

Director Mike Tyner approached the podium, "I want to make sure that the Finance Committee is aware that this is not just the work of my office. We have the Collections office, the city accountant from Finance, so you have three different departments that are going like crazy to make sure we can get them done correctly and here on time." Councilmember Ann Williams said, "You talked about civil foreclosure and there is a minimum per each category." Director Mike Tyner said, "It's a maximum actually. If we go to foreclose on our liens state law only allows us to go up to a maximum amount per case." Councilmember L.J. Bryant said, "Does that make it difficult for the value to exceed the value of the property because of those caps?" Director Mike Tyner said, "It would if we were able to catch it. Typical demolition on a house will pretty much max out the cap once we get it condemned."

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 5 - Charles Coleman; Ann Williams; John Street; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison