



# City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

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Tuesday, November 18, 2008

5:15 PM

Huntington Building

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### 1. Call To Order

**Present** 5 - Chris Moore;Tim McCall;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

**Absent** 1 - Judy Furr

### 2. Approval of minutes

[MIN-08:226](#) Minutes for the Public Safety meeting on October 21, 2008.

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

**A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this Minutes be Passed. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Tim McCall;Mitch Johnson;Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

**Absent:** 1 - Judy Furr

### 3. New Business

#### *Ordinances To Be Introduced*

[ORD-08:072](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND ADD TO THE JONESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 6 ANIMALS AND FOWL, CHAPTER 6.08 DOGS, SUB SECTION 6.08.05 DOGS TO BE CONFINED FOR THE PROHIBITION OF IMPROPER CONFINEMENT OF DOGS IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

**Sponsors:** Mayor's Office and Animal Control

*Chairman Chris Moore requested this ordinance be placed on the next Public Safety agenda. He stated he had spoke with Ms. Wannnda Turner and she did not have all the information ready.*

**This Ordinance wasTabled by Councilman Chris Moore till the next Public Safety meeting.**

#### *Resolutions To Be Introduced*

[RES-08:205](#) A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 2401 Boydston

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [2401 Boydston Building Inspection Report.doc](#)  
[CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)  
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**A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilwoman Faye McCall, that this Resolution be Recommended Under New Business. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

**Absent:** 1 - Judy Furr

**RES-08:206** A RESOLUTION TO condemn property at 1029 Hope.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)  
[1029 Hope St Building Inspection Report.doc](#)  
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**A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilwoman Faye McCall, that this Resolution be Recommended Under New Business. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

**Absent:** 1 - Judy Furr

**RES-08:207** A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 404 N Drake.

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [404 N Drake.doc](#)  
[404 Drake St Building Inspection Report.doc](#)  
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**A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilwoman Faye McCall, that this Resolution be Recommended Under New Business. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

**Absent:** 1 - Judy Furr

**RES-08:208** A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 511 W Forrest

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [CONDEMNATION CHECKLIST.doc](#)  
[511 W. Forest Building Inspection Report.doc](#)  
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**A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilwoman Faye McCall, that this Resolution be Recommended Under New Business. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

**Absent:** 1 - Judy Furr

**RES-08:209** A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 517 E Oak

**Sponsors:** Code Enforcement

**Attachments:** [517 E Oak.doc](#)  
[517 E. Oak Building Inspection Report.doc](#)  
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**A motion was made by Councilman Tim McCall, seconded by Councilwoman Faye McCall, that this Resolution be Recommended Under New Business. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

**Absent:** 1 - Judy Furr

**4. Pending Items**

**5. Other Business**

**COM-08:158** Web Site Demonstration

**Sponsors:** Police Department

*Police Chief Michael Yates stated he believes the Police Department is in dire need of a website. Mr. Dylan Watkins gave a demonstration concerning the Police Department's proposed website. He explained the menu system portion of the proposed website is structured after how the Police Department is setup. He added citizens can order an accident report online without having to go to the Police Department to get the report. He further discussed the proposed website.*

*Chief Yates explained Mr. Watkins can link existing records with Relativity because the Police Department's record management system and the sex offender registry are Relativity products also. He added this would not require hiring additional staff or using existing staff to enter the data into the system.*

*Councilman Harold Perrin asked if the sex offender map would be available. Mr. Watkins answered the map would be available. He added the sex offender map*

would be separate from the crime map. Mr. Watkins explained because Relativity does not want people to have direct access to the live database, Relativity will give a monthly update for the previous month's Category A crimes.

Chairman Moore explained the website is not complete, so it is subject to change. He further explained there are two different companies that could provide the Police Department website. He added Mr. Watkins has access to proprietary information which would allow him to link the information to the website. He also added the other company would not have access to the proprietary information.

Mr. Watkins explained the Animal Control portion of the website would be maintained by Sgt. Larry Rogers.

Chairman Moore asked Chief Yates to describe what the Police Department website would have that other cities websites don't. Chief Yates explained the website would have a secure log in for certain people to enter or review data. He added the information would be shared with other cities. He also added it is a clearinghouse for gang intelligence that does not currently exist in the State of Arkansas.

Chief Yates explained the website would have an email alert system to notify citizens of an Amber Alert. Chairman Moore asked if there would be a system available to notify the public of a public disaster. Chief Yates answered if someone signed up for the service it would be available.

Chief Yates explained he has the money to pay for the website and the materials in the federal assets forfeiture account. He added the money has to be spent within 2 years. Chairman Moore asked what the qualifications for spending the federal asset money are. Chief Yates answered they signed a Federal Asset Sharing agreement with the DEA, US Marshal and the FBI which requires spending the federal seized forfeiture money for law enforcement purposes only beyond what is in the budget, which includes training and equipment. He stated if the money is not spent within 2 years the money will have to be returned. He explained \$42,000 is available in the federal seized forfeiture account. He added a Federal Audit is done on the money every year. He also added he believes approximately \$250,000 of outstanding money would be available. Chairman Moore asked what the total projected cost would be. Chief Yates answered the server would be approximately \$10,000 which includes the hardware and software, module 1 would cost approximately \$5,000 for development and the subsequent three modules would cost approximately \$5,000 each, for a grand total of approximately \$25,000.

Chairman Moore questioned if Chief Yates is required to authorize the expenditure of the federal money. Chief Yates stated yes. He explained the Federal Assets Forfeiture agreement states expenditures of the funds are at the Chief Law Enforcement Executive's discretion. He added he did not feel comfortable approving that amount of money without including the committee in the decision and information processes. He also added they already have an existing contract with Mr. Watkins' company and they are purchasing an addendum to the contract. Chief Yates suggested letting City Attorney Phillip Crego review the contract but he does not think it has to go before Council.

Councilman Tim McCall motioned, seconded by Councilman Harold Perrin, that Chief Yates be allowed to hire Relativity to construct the Jonesboro Police Department's website contingent on approval from City Attorney Phillip Crego that the addendum to the contract with Relativity is sufficient. All voted aye.

**This item was Read.**

COM-08:159

Discussion of The Groves Apartment Complex

**Sponsors:** Police Department

**Attachments:** [Disorderly House ordinance](#)

*Chairman Moore asked the latest incident at The Grove not be discussed because of an ongoing investigation by the Jonesboro Police Department. He explained the police have been called out 148 time within a 3 month period, \$20,000 in payroll, not including benefits and overtime, has been spent answering calls and 3 Police Officers have been injured at The Grove. He asked what the solution to fix this problem would be. Chief Yates explained most of the problem at the apartment complexes stem from the way management conducts business. He added the police have used the nuisance abatement law, but it does not work well because the people move from one apartment or house to another place and it can take up to 24 months to have the case decided. He suggested having a ordinance that would require the leasee or the owner of property be held responsible.*

*Chief Yates stated approximately 5% of the apartment complexes are responsible for 30% of the police calls.*

*Councilman Perrin questioned if the nuisance abatement ordinance was directed more towards the tenant than the property owner. Chief Yates stated the nuisance abatement ordinance is directed more towards the property owner than the tenant. He added the disorderly house ordinance is directed more towards the tenant. He explained the nuisance abatement ordinance could be very effective if staffing was available to enforce it. Councilman Perrin questioned whether the law or staffing was the problem with enforcing the law. Chief Yates answered staffing is the problem with trying to enforce nuisance abatement.*

*Further discussion was held concerning different problems and laws to deal with the problems. Chief Yates explained this ordinance is designed for places that have continuing issues with controlled substances, alcoholic beverages violations and gaming issues. He added it is not for the first time offense where someone has a party at their house. He also added he and Mr. Crego disagree on the constitutionality of the ordinance.*

*Councilman Tim McCall asked if Mr. Crego had looked at the ordinance. Chief Yates answered the ordinance was in Legistar before but it was denied. Councilman McCall suggested Chief Yates work with Mr. Crego on the ordinance and bring the ordinance back to the committee.*

*Councilman Moore suggested using laws that had been upheld in court instead of creating a new law. Chief Yates explained he took the disorderly house ordinance from Georgia state law and converted into an ordinance for the City of Jonesboro.*

**This item was Read.**

**6. Public Comments****7. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councilman Harold Perrin, seconded by Councilman Tim McCall, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.**

**Aye:** 4 - Tim McCall; Mitch Johnson; Harold Perrin and Faye McCall

**Absent:** 1 - Judy Furr