



City of Jonesboro

900 West Monroe
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Thursday, March 27, 2008

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Special Called Meeting

1. Call to order by the Mayor at 5:30 P.M.

Present 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

3. Roll Call by the City Clerk

4. Special Presentations

5. Consent Agenda

Mayor Formon asked for two resolutions concerning property on Belt Street be removed at the request of the property owners. City Engineer Craig Light explained the properties are needed in order to meet the July 31st court mandated deadline for the Pines Apartments improvements. He noted any extra time given would be a setback. Councilman Moore questioned whether they could go ahead and approve the items and then resolve any problems or condemn the property if needed. City Attorney Phillip Crego agreed stating that would be his recommendation. It was decided to leave the resolutions on the consent agenda.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, to Approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of RES-08:020, RES-08:021, RES-08:022, RES-08:023, RES-08:025, RES-08:026 and RES-08:02. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

MIN-08:032

Minutes for the March 4, 2008, City Council meeting.

Attachments: [030408](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

RES-08:015

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT TRACT "C" BELT STREET, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A DETENTION POND.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Public Works

Attachments: [Appraisal](#)
[Mayors Letter](#)
[Offer and Acceptance](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-030-2008

RES-08:020

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 6605 Cottage Home

Attachments: [6605 Cottage Home.doc](#)
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A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Tabled until the April 15, 2008, meeting. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

RES-08:021

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 4402 Ingles Rd

Attachments: [4402 Ingles.doc](#)
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Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

RES-08:022

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1121 Creath

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Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

RES-08:023

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 502 N Miller

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Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

RES-08:025

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 3509 Longcrest Dr

Attachments: [3509 Longcrest.doc](#)
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Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

RES-08:026

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 1011 Lawrence Dr

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Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

RES-08:027

A RESOLUTION TO Condemn property at 735 W Matthews

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Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

RES-08:032

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO CONDEMN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AT TRACT "A" BELT STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A DETENTION POND.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Public Works

Attachments: [Appraisal](#)
[Offer and Acceptance](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-031-2008

RES-08:033

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO CONDEMN CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO AT TRACT "B" BELT STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A DETENTION POND.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Public Works

Attachments: [Appraisal](#)
[Offer and Acceptance](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-032-2008

RES-08:034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF WEST NETTLETON & JAMES STREET

Sponsors: Mayor's Office, Parks & Recreation and Fire Department

Attachments: [Nettleton & James Offer and Acceptance](#)
[Nettleton & James Appraisal by City](#)
[Nettleton & James appraisal by owner](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-033-2008

RES-08:039

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT PROPERTY (PERMANENT EASEMENT) DESCRIBED AS A PERMANENT EASEMENT OF THE NORTH 15 FEET AND THE EAST 7.5 FEET OF LOT 62 OF SIMS 2nd SUB FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS;

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Public Works

Attachments: [Permanent Easement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-034-2008

RES-08:040

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT PROPERTY (PERMANENT EASEMENT) DESCRIBED AS A PERMANENT EASEMENT OF THE NORTH 15 FEET OF LOT 61 OF SIMS 2nd SUB FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS;

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Public Works

Attachments: [Permanent Easement](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-035-2008

RES-08:041

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 401 N CARAWAY ROAD, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A DETENTION POND.

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Public Works

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance](#)
[Mayor's Letter](#)
[Appraisal](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-036-2008

RES-08:044

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, CRAIGHEAD COUNTY TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID MONIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY PROJECT:

Installation of Traffic Signal
Highway 63 South Bound Off Ramp @ Highway 49
Craighead County

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Public Works

Attachments: [Letter from AHTD](#)
[Highway 63 South Bound Off Ramp at Highway49](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-037-2008

RES-08:046

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS NAMING THE NEW LAWSON RD. EXTENSION TO CHRISTIAN VALLEY DRIVE

Sponsors: Engineering and Planning

Attachments: [Aerial View Lawson Road](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-038-2008

RES-08:048 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROVIDER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JONESBORO ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AND MICHAEL H. TEAGUE, MSW, LADAC, CCS

Sponsors: JETS

Attachments: [Michael H Teague-Sub. Abuse Prof.Contract](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-039-2008

RES-08:051 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH JETTON'S ELECTRIC INC. TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BATH HOUSE AT CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK CAMPGROUND

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [Contract With Jetton to Construct Bath House](#)
[Jetton Memo on Cost Reductions to get under budget](#)
[City Bid Sheet for Bath House at CFP](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-040-2008

RES-08:053 A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH ARKANSAS PARKS AND TOURISM FOR THE 2008 OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Attachments: [2008 Outdoor Rec Grant Contract 2-15-08](#)

This item was PASSED on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-041-2008

6. New Business

Ordinances on First Reading

ORD-08:009 AN ORDINANCE TO DISCONTINUE COMMERCIAL SANITATION SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Sanitation and Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Commercial Sanitation Notice](#)

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

Councilman Moore motioned, seconded by Councilman Johnson, to suspend the rules and Waive the second and third readings of the ordinance. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

Enactment No: O-EN-011-2008

ORD-08:017

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES LOCATED AT 4712 STADIUM DRIVE AS REQUESTED BY JEFFREY & DEBRA BARBER

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)
[Quitclaim Deed](#)
[Proposed Businesses](#)

Councilman Johnson offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, to suspend the rules and Place the ordinance on second reading. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

ORD-08:022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-2 MULTI-FAMILY LOW DENSITY TO C-2 LUO DOWNTOWN FRINGE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT LIMITED USE OVERLAY LOCATED ON MATTHEWS AVENUE BETWEEN HALTOM AND PATRICK STREETS AS REQUESTED BY KENNETH & CYNTHIA GIBSON

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Mitch Johnson, to suspend the rules and Place the ordinance on Second Reading. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

ORD-08:023

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO C-3 LUO GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT LIMITED USE OVERLAY LOCATED AT 2301 BROWNS LANE AS REQUESTED BY SCOTT & DOROTHY HILL

Attachments: [Plat](#)
[MAPC Report](#)

Councilman Moore offered the ordinance for first reading by title only.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman John Street, to suspend the rules and Place the ordinance on Second Reading. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote

Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

7. Unfinished Business

Ordinances on Third Reading

ORD-08:010 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [Budget 2008 amendment](#)
[Additional Information](#)

Councilman Moore questioned how they can pass the ordinance without knowing the outcome of the 2006 legislative audit. It was explained the cleanup ordinance is needed in order to keep the City legal. Councilman Moore questioned whether there is a timeframe in which the ordinance has to be adopted. Mayor Formon stated he is not sure, but most cities try to have it completed before March 1. After a roll call vote of 7-5, the motion to adopt the ordinance was denied. It was questioned how the ordinance would be brought back up again. City Attorney Crego explained the ordinance could be brought back up at the next meeting for reconsideration, but someone from the majority vote, which was the vote against the motion to adopt, would have to make the motion to reconsider the ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Frierson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this matter be Passed . The motion was DENIED after a 7-5 vote against the motion.

Aye: 5 - Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Charles Frierson;Harold Perrin and Mitch Johnson

Nay: 7 - Judy Furr;Ann Williams;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;John Street and Tim McCall

Enactment No:

8. Mayor's Reports

Mayor Formon introduced Jim Barksdale, the new Finance Director, and Bill Jenkins, the new IT Director.

9. City Council Reports

Councilman Street questioned whether Mayor Formon has met with Associated Engineering yet to negotiate a contract for the master street plan. Mayor Formon stated he has not due to the recent flooding. Councilman Street stated the project needs to move forward.

Councilman Johnson questioned the status of hiring a new Chief Building Inspector. Public Works Director Erick Woodruff stated the job advertisement has expired but the applications did not meet their expectations. He noted they only had one qualified applicant. He added they are still using their Interim Chief Building Inspector. Mayor Formon questioned whether they were going to advertise more. Mr. Woodruff answered they are not sure at this time but they could advertise in some trade magazines. Councilman Johnson explained he has heard some concerns in the public regarding the department as a whole. He recommended either hiring the

interim Chief Building Inspector permanently or hiring someone new. It was questioned where they advertised the position. Mr. Woodruff explained they ran the ad locally, as well as in northwest Arkansas and in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Mayor Formon explained they can go ahead with readvertising the position.

Councilman McCall questioned whether the City performs evaluations on employees. Human Resources Director Gloria Roark explained some departments may perform evaluations internally but they do not do evaluations because raises are step raises and not merit based.

Councilman Perrin provided the Council with a proposed resolution from the Downtown Jonesboro Association concerning participation in the Main Street Arkansas program. He noted there is no expense to the City. He asked for the resolution to be placed on the agenda for the April 1 Council meeting.

Councilman Moore announced the Public Safety Committee will be meeting directly after the Council meeting to address items from the rescheduled March 18, 2008, meeting.

Councilman Hargis questioned progress on the sidewalks and noted it would be good for the public to be able to access the information. Mr. Woodruff explained they are planning to publish the list of what is going to be fixed after they've completed the list.

Councilman Frierson questioned whether Associated Engineering had been hired for the master street plan project. Councilman Street explained the Public Works Committee interviewed and ranked the three applicants and Associated Engineering came out first. Councilman Frierson questioned why that didn't come before Council. Councilman Moore explained the only thing that would come before Council is the contract to approve the work with Associated Engineering. Councilman Frierson also noted Jonesboro being listed in the Forbes 50 Best Places for Business and Careers. Jonesboro was ranked 46th in small market cities in the nation.

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Councilman Mitch Johnson, seconded by Councilman Darrel Dover, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote.

Aye: 12 - Judy Furr;Darrel Dover;Faye McCall;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Cecil Province;Jim Hargis;Chris Moore;Harold Perrin;John Street;Mitch Johnson and Tim McCall

Doug Formon, Mayor

Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk

Date: _____

