



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Present 7 - Brian Emison; Janice Porter; Chris Moore; Chris Gibson; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-26:057](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Attachments:

[Minutes](#)

[Park Ranger Presentation June 2026](#)

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

Aye: 6 - Janice Porter; Chris Moore; Chris Gibson; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

4. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-26:024](#)

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

Sponsors: Engineering

A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by Janice Porter, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Janice Porter; Chris Moore; Chris Gibson; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-26:072](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 2210 Willow Rd. Jonesboro, AR 72401;

Parcel # 01-144271-05300

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [2210 Willow Condemnation Resolution.pdf](#)
[2210 Willow Inspection Report.pdf](#)
[2210 Willow Map.png](#)
[2210 Willow Precondemnation Notice Affidavit.pdf](#)
[2210 Willow Precondemnation Notice Returned Certified Letter.pdf](#)
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A motion was made by Chris Gibson, seconded by Chris Moore, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Janice Porter;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

[COM-26:039](#) VECTOR MOSQUITO CONTROL REPORT FOR JUNE 2026

Attachments: [Jonesboro June 2026.pdf](#)

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[COM-26:040](#) Update from Vector Representative Jim Stark on Mosquito Abatement Program

Attachments: [Jim Stark Handout 07212026.pdf](#)

Chairman Brian Emison said, I believe that we have a representative from Vector Mosquito Control to come up and speak to us about our mosquito abatement program. Thank you Mr. Stark. Vector Mosquito Representative Jim Stark approached the podium and said, good afternoon. I just wanted to give everyone, kind of get everyone caught up on where we are on the season, where we stand. What you have in front of you is the flag maps for July. The only one that's not in there is the one we flew on July 1st and that was just ASU, and Nettleton Baptist Church at the fairgrounds, and the Country Club, and Joe Mack. But the other ones you have in front of you is just a sample of what we've done in June. The one on July the 16th shows us going out approximately half, one and a half miles south and southwest of the city limits. So that

kind of gives you an idea of actually the area that we flew over the rice. There's really not that much rice out there, but there is some rice. So, it only takes one or two fields to get a hatch going. This heat is not only taking a toll on us, but it's also stressing out the mosquitos. So that's good in a way. Our light traps have been down for the last couple of weeks, but I know they're getting stressed out because it's so hot. But with cooler weather predicted for the next, well maybe tomorrow if we're lucky. We may get a few more caught in the traps and we'll go from there, see what we need to do.

I'll bring you up to date from July 1st to July 17th. We had a total of 610 spray miles. Now you'll get this in your July report. I just wanted to bring everyone up to date to now. We treated 22,000 acres. This is by on the trucks now, not the aircraft. We had 36 service requests to aduicide residence. Also, at the ballparks and any other special events like BBQs, weddings, and so on. We took care of that. So far, we've had four aerial applications in July. Which gives us a total of six and if we do eight consecutive then we go from there. The next scheduled flight hopefully is scheduled for the 29th and the 30th of the end of the month.

Larviciding has been kind of hit and miss. With the rain we inspected nine sites and only four sites had actual larva. We put out 26 pounds of larvicide to stop them where they live in other words. The service requests here in the last week have really went down a lot, but like I said, the mosquitoes are stressed just like we are. And that's about it. I won't take too much of your time. I just wanted to come and give everyone an update. So, just to let y'all know I'm not hiding. Y'all have any questions?

Chairman Brian Emison said, yes sir, Mr. Stark, I did have one question for you if you didn't mind. Jim Stark said, sure. Chairman Brian Emison said, I was noticing on the June report, I don't know if you have those numbers in front of you or not. Jim Stark said, no. Chairman Brian Emison said, but I was a little confused if there was reasoning behind this or it was just an error on the tabulation, but it showed in the year over year in June 2025-2026 that the number of mosquitos collected was down from 1,772 to 476. However, in the total average mosquito collected column, in June of 2025 when the number was almost three times higher that it reflected 4.86 mosquitos per trap, but in June of 2026 it's 14.87. Jim Stark said, oh that might have been a typo. I don't have it. I'll check on it in the morning and let you know. Chairman Brian Emison said, sounds good. I just didn't know if there was a bigger concentration per number of traps or...Jim Stark said, it sounds like a typo to me. Chairman Brian Emison said, okay. Jim Stark said, I thought you were going to say that mosquitoes were a little less this year and they are. They are less in the traps. They started out that way. Mainly because of the irrigation of the rice. Which there is not near the rice there was because of the price of urea diesel. And also, the price of rice is down. So a lot of farmers went to corn, soybeans, milo, cotton. So, now I don't know what next year will bring. It may be all rice next year. Chairman Brian Emison said, gotcha. Definitely playing to our advantage today, right? Jim Stark said, right.

Councilmember LJ Bryant said, Chairman, has staffing been a problem much this year? It feels like in past years you said we had problems getting pilots and getting truck drivers and stuff. Have you been able to stay fully staffed this year? Jim Stark said, we have pilots. Truck drivers are an issue. We can get them, but we don't keep them. I don't know what's so hard about it. Maybe it's just you work 7 o'clock to midnight or 1 o'clock. But yeah, we get them trained up and they leave. You know how that is. It takes a week or two to get them trained up and then they're gone and you've got to start all over. Councilmember LJ Bryant asked, when you're shorthanded, how do you still get the work done? You just have people working more? Jim Stark said, I use my day people at night. That's how we do it. Yep. Unfortunately. So they're tired,

everybody's tired. But hopefully in a couple months we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully. Chairman Brian Emison said, yessir.

Jim Stark said, okay, thank y'all so much. Hopefully I will be back in September. Hopefully to wrap it up and give you an overall report. Hopefully the early rice should start draining at the end of August. And when that happens, we'll see a drastic decrease. Hopefully. Chairman Brian Emison said, great. Good report thank you, Mr. Stark. Jim Stark said, you got something Chris, you're looking awful serious. Councilmember Chris Moore said, I was just thinking it is pretty amazing. I don't think the mosquitoes have been as bad this year and I'd never considered the fact that most of the farmers have swapped to corn, cut back on the rice. But that just verifies our earlier conversation of we need to figure out how we can treat some of the rice fields outside the city limits. Jim Stark said, like I said, we did fly outside the city limits out southwest. But like I said, there's not near the rice that I've seen in the past. You know, Jonesboro averages 14,000-15,000 acres of rice and it's down. We're way past half that if not less. But like I said, it only takes a couple fields to get a hatch off. And if you might have noticed too...I have. You'll get a hatch, it takes us three or four days to get it down and you don't see anything for a while. Then you'll get another hatch. Now, if we got 14,000 acres of rice then they're hatching every day. Every day. And that's what we looked at in the past. So, this years a little better as far as bugs are concerned, but like I said, next year maybe something totally different. Chairman Brian Emison said, yes sir. Jim Stark said, thank y'all. I appreciate y'all. Thank you. Chairman Brian Emison said, thank you. Alright. Good information. Thank you once again to Mr. Stark from Vector Mosquito Control for coming to talk to us today.

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7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilmember David McClain said, Mr. Chairman, if nobody's going to take that I'd like to ask something real quick. Chairman Brian Emison said, sure, yes sir. Councilmember David McClain said, I see some of my neighbors here. Trying to figure out, how do we resolve Airbnb parties that are going throughout the city? We had a huge party in our neighborhood. Somebody rented it, said it was one thing, turned out to be something else. And I think the party went from late at night to way early in the morning. Huge crowd. I know it's a problem across the country and not just Jonesboro. So, what can we do? How can we do something? I don't know if chief or if you have started working on anything. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, well, Brian Richardson and I met with some of your neighbors that I see out here and talked about what options we may have. And we are working on some changes to our privilege license ordinance. We already have teeth in our short term rental ordinances. The problem is, and I reached out on the city attorney list service, I told them I would do, to try to get input from other cities about how they are handling it. Cause I mean, places like Bella Vista and Hot Springs that have a lot of short term rentals. And what I've determined is the places that have had success in, because tracking them becomes the problem too. We don't even have a way to know where they are if they don't come in and get their privilege license. Because if you booked on Airbnb, you don't find out the address until you put your credit card in. You get a picture of the house so I guess we can have employees that drive around and look for the houses they see the picture of in the general area where they selected. But it's hard to locate them if they're not honest in following our ordinance and coming in and applying for a privilege license, number one. Until there's a problem, then we know, right. But secondly, what I found out from those cities, and I don't think I've even talked to Brian about this yet, is that they've hired a company to do it. But it's like \$80,000 a year. Councilmember David McClain said, to do what? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, to track these short term rentals. And I

don't know how to figure out if Jonesboro has the capacity of them to make that worth it. To make that expense worth it. I mean, we're not Bella Vista. We're not Hot Springs. Where you would think they have huge numbers of short term rentals. I don't know if we're there yet, where that expenditure would be. You know, something that we would even want to consider. Or if it would cost that much. We haven't gotten that far into it yet.

Councilmember David McClain said, I guess the thing I'm thinking of too is... City Attorney Carol Duncan said, but we have things on the books. Councilmember David McClain said, yeah. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, to shut them down when the party's happening of course. Councilmember David McClain said, right. But I guess the other side... City Attorney Carol Duncan said, and to pull a privilege license if they have one. Councilmember David McClain said, ok. And how do we handle it on the long term? If somebody's long term rental. I guess the landlord can handle that. I'm just trying to figure out a way we can actually have some teeth to... City Attorney Carol Duncan said, and that was another thing we discussed is, you know, how do you apply some of these rules to short term rentals and not apply them to long term rentals and that not be illegal, because it's the same business. Councilmember David McClain said, yeah. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, it's just renting for a shorter amount of time versus a longer amount of time. Councilmember David McClain said, right. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, so these are all things we talked about. But I know we've started working on trying to draft something that puts some teeth in the ability to revoke all privilege licenses depending on if they're violating the law or, but we already have some teeth in our short term rentals. It's just, you know, knowing where they are. And we're looking into the two addresses that they gave us to see what we can do there. Specifically, because we know they've been repeated problems.

Councilmember David McClain said, what can communities do or neighborhoods do besides... City Attorney Carol Duncan said, report it. Councilmember David McClain said, I know most of, some HOA's, are out there. So is there anything you can do in the HOA? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, if the HOA prevents it then obviously you can privately sue to prevent it from happening in your neighborhood. But we don't have any way to help you with an HOA. But if you know of one in your neighborhood, I mean, you could notify us that it's there so we can see if they have a privilege license. Because we just, at the time, current time, don't have anybody assigned to go out and try to find them all. From the Collections office. I don't know if there's anything else to add to that. But we're looking at it and trying to add some more teeth to our privilege license ordinance that we'll bring to y'all pretty soon I hope.

Chief Administrative Officer Brian Richardson approached the podium and said, yeah, I just add that obviously, you know, what you hear about is the bad apples and that's what we need to address is how you actually have a process to address the bad apples without hurting the good actors because there is a lot of good actors. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, yeah, we're not causing a problem. Brian Richardson said, you know, we don't want it to be a detriment to a community or to the city or to the adjacent neighbors. What's not real clear in our ordinances, it says is what's the establishment for considering somebody a bad actor other than just a judgement call, so we'd kind of like to lay out action one, action two. And that's kind of what we're working on. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, and that's for all kinds of privilege licenses. I mean we do have some guidelines in short term rentals, but you know, we've had some things that made the news recently were businesses weren't operating in accordance with the law and we would like to put some teeth in there to help us with those situations. However, if you look at our ordinances, there's a section on short term rentals and you can see what's in there now. And it does layout some, here's how you revoke the license, and

what inspections are required to operate a short term rental and to get a privilege license. Like there's some rules in there that we have. It's just finding them, until they're a problem, is the issue. Councilmember David McClain said, yeah. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, and I think it's an issue everybody has. Like Bella Vista limits the number that are allowed in the city, and you have to be on a waiting list. If they hit 600, 800, whatever it is, you have to be on a waiting list. Somebody has to drop off before you get on. But when you look at their number and you look at what is just on Airbnb, it almost meets that number. And then you know there are people on VRBO and you know, so you know they probably also have some out there that they just don't know about. They don't know where they are.

Councilmember David McClain said, I guess the other piece too, is while we're looking, can we look at limiting the number like that for short term rentals, but then also maybe long term rentals in neighborhoods? If we can limit those. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, possibly. I mean, we'd have to... Councilmember David McClain said, I mean there's some that do that. Some cities that do that. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, yeah, I have never seen a city, but I don't know that I've researched long term rentals in that way. But I can certainly look at what they use to limit short term rentals, and what law allowed them to do that. Again, I don't know that we're to the numbers. We're certainly not to the numbers of Hot Springs and Bella Vista and you know, Fayetteville. Those were just some of the ones I looked at when we started doing some research. And that responded and sent me their ordinances when I asked.

*Councilmember Chris Gibson said, just out of curiosity on that same topic and going back to an earlier conversation we had many years ago. Do we know if the owners of the two properties in question, they're local or out of state? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, local. Councilmember David McClain said, well, one used to be and they moved. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, I think one, at least, is in state. Are they both in state? *someone off mic said something. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, yeah, they're both in state, and maybe used to be local. But they're not living local. But our ordinance requires a local representative that the police can contact. Councilmember David McClain said, that could be a manager. City Attorney Carol Duncan said, it could. Someone that we can contact and have there to deal with the problem. We have that in our ordinance already.*

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by LJ Bryant, seconded by Chris Moore, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 6 - Janice Porter;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Kevin Miller