



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

5:00 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk April Leggett

Mayor Harold Copenhaver was in attendance.

Present 6 - David McClain; Mitch Johnson; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Absent 1 - Chris Moore

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-21:063](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on July 20, 2021.

Attachments: [MINUTES](#)

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-21:043](#)

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

Sponsors: Engineering and Streets

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-21:220](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 217 Gilbert

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [217 Gilbert notice](#)
[Invoice & Search](#)
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[Supporting Docs](#)

Councilmember David McClain abstained from voting on RES-21:220 due to having a business relationship with the owner.

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

Aye: 4 - Bobby Long;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

Abstain: 1 - David McClain

[RES-21:221](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO CONDEMN PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 615 Cate

Sponsors: Code Enforcement

Attachments: [615 Cate MABRY CHARLES LAMAR & CANDICE P-01-144181-45400 - AR](#)
[Invoice & Search](#)
[notice](#)
[Supporting Docs](#)

Code Enforcement Director Mike Tyner approached the podium. Chairman Mitch Johnson said, "Mr. Tyner do you have an update on this?" Mr. Tyner said, "Yes sir. Quick update on that, upon receiving the notice of condemnation the owner of the property demolished it. It's been taken down."

A motion was made by Councilperson Bobby Long, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain;Bobby Long;Chris Gibson;Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

[RES-21:223](#) A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ALLOCATE \$1,803,000.00 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO PURCHASE PUBLIC SAFETY & ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT

Sponsors: Mayor's Office, E911, Police Department, Fire Department, Engineering, Grants and Finance

Mayor Harold Copenhaver said, "Mr. Chairman if I may I'd like to make just a few comments. This has been a collaborative effort, obviously, within the city. We're hearing what the citizens of our community have requested and we're trying to provide that. We feel that through grants as well as the appropriation of the American Act proceeds can be used for this. We feel very strong and confident in that. I would like to also, if it's ok with council, to make a full presentation at City Council. We have a good lengthy presentation, which Officer Carmack is here as well, and she can help us

do that and facilitate that by taking up time, I would like to present that if that is ok with ya'll at the full City Council meeting." Chairman Mitch Johnson said, "That would be a great idea mayor." Councilmember David McClain asked, "Would that be tonight?" Mayor Copenhagen said, "That would be in two weeks." Councilmember Bobby Long said, "I think the systems that are being proposed are past needed. I think what would be more alarming is when we hear the excellent job that these people have been doing with the resources that they have right now and how much better it could be with these systems in place. It's well worth the money. I've always said we can have all the parks and everything in the world but if we did not have safety of our public it's all in vein. I think this is something that needs to be invested in as soon as possible." Chairman Mitch Johnson said, "I think we're well beyond that point as well. These are well past needed items and I think they will take us well into the future."

Patti Lack, 4108 Forrest Hill Rd, approached the podium, "I hope that when you address City Council. I notice on here that it list and says 8 fire respirator mask but it doesn't list how many dispatcher chairs or how many headsets. I wondered if you could become specific on how many there is because when I look at chairs I see \$10,500.00. Is that like two chairs or is it 3 chairs?" Mayor Copenhagen said, "In that presentation Ms. Lack, what we will get to is exactly what you're asking and it will also go into detail more on the 911 system as a whole, because we're needing consoles for our dispatchers. In the environment that they're in obviously we need that for their protection and their health as well. We'll go into detail of how many consoles and all of that will be done in that presentation. You'll see, actually the community will see, what the current program we have in place and how this is going to overlap all of that with one complete system where as now we have 11 separate systems in place." Ms. Lack said, "I think it's a great thing that we can have this money. That would just be one of the things that would be helpful. Also two, with the camera's that will be going into the park, does that eliminate the committee that is looking for funds for the SkyCops?" Mayor Copenhagen said, "That is always ongoing because the community as well can invest in this. We'll explain that too. Like if communities want to participate and have a SkyCop in their community they can do that as well. We are going to be able to look at that and expand on this feature."

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

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

[COM-21:038](#) VECTOR MOSQUITO REPORT FOR JUNE 2021

Attachments: [Vector Mosquito Report June 2021](#)

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[COM-21:039](#) VECTOR MOSQUITO REPORT FOR JULY 2021

Attachments: [Vector Mosquito Report July 2021](#)

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[COM-21:043](#)

VECTOR MOSQUITO REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021

Sponsors: Mayor's Office

Attachments: [City of Jonesboro August 2021](#)

Filed

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Gibson, seconded by Councilperson David McClain, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - David McClain; Bobby Long; Chris Gibson; Charles Frierson and Brian Emison