



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER AT 5:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

Councilmember Mitch Johnson was delayed due to a wreck. He walked in during the Mayor's State of the City Address at 5:50 p.m.

Present 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-22:008](#)

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS PRESENTED BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER

Attachments: [State of the City presentation 2022 \[Read-Only\]](#)
[MYAC 2022 Brochure](#)

Mayor Harold Copenhaver opened the meeting with the State of the City Address. He thanked his wife Kathleen and his entire family for allowing him to do the job he loves the most. The job of the Mayor is a 24-hours a day, seven-days a week job, and they help make it possible for me to do. I have to say it was a steep learning curve, but just for a little while. My commitment to this job made me realize how many people in this community are committed around the clock to provide for Jonesboro. In the course of 1,500 meetings in 2021, I have become well versed in the businesses of Jonesboro and the concerns of 80,000+ citizens and more than 500 employees. Among some of those important meetings I had personal chats with over 60 of our employees, and these are done because it is important. We give service pins for every five-years that an employee works. I had one employee that has been with us for 40 years in the Sanitation Department, he brought his wife with him when I pinned him. During these interactions with the employees we talk about the community, we talk about their job, and we talk about ways that we can improve on what we do for the residents of this city. This is institutional knowledge that I gain and I am grateful for those employees and their commitment. I have met with wounded officers and their families from both our Fire and Police Departments, sometimes in the middle of the night at the hospital.

I have mourned loss with employees and families in this community that have also lost loved ones. I have been proud to work alongside people who do not complain about the hour of the demand, only finding ways to meet the demand and make it work, because the demand is you. The demand is the residents, the tax payers and their families in Jonesboro.

Let's take a look back into 2021 and what we are going to do in 2022. We opened the Sports Shooting Range Complex, many of you are already aware of that. Sometimes projects like this can be difficult to get off the ground, the task of managing and how we keep those projects going in the future are as equally challenging. I believe this complex will be one of the finest in the state of Arkansas as well as the region. We also opened the Veteran's Village, once again this was another project that was started. But, how do you continue these projects, and how do you finish them, that's key. In conversation with Senator Boozman's office it is apparent that across the country many of these projects as this one do not make it, they fail. This one will not fail. We have looked for resources in all areas, we have partnered with Arkansas State University on providing the expertise on how to manage and continue the resources. I am very proud of what the Veterans Village has done, it's the only one in the state of Arkansas. With your support we invested \$2 million dollars in our police, E-911 and fire departments. Over \$650,000 in the fire department for needed supplies to do their daily job, which increases as our community increases. We have made tremendous technology updates in our police departments not only for their safety but for the safety of our community. One of the most impressive upgrades we have done, took place in our E-911 department, it was a total saturation upgrade. Hopefully we will hold a Grand Opening Ceremony for this department within the next two weeks. The updates are allowing us to take steps on an initiative to have the first real-time-crime center in the State of Arkansas. The City of Blytheville hopes to emulate our crime fighting technology.

We have raised the minimum starting pay for non-uniform city employees to \$14 per hour. This affected 172 of our overall employees, a lot of which had left us for employment elsewhere, now they have come back because, we provide an excellent benefit package as well. So, we take pride in that. As a community, we have talked about for years on something that this city has needed for so long, and I am thrilled that we passed the 2% prepared food initiative through the city council to build a state of the art sports complex facility. I can promise you this will be the pride and envy of our region. We tripled spending on sidewalks, from \$250,000 to \$750,000, and doubled our street overlay budget. We increased funding for street and drainage projects, which is critical to prevent flooding in extreme weather. We invested and continue to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep flood waters out of homes and in retention areas where they belong. I suspect that you have already noticed the investment we made in our sanitation department, we now have four new trucks. That was a million dollar investment which took us a year to reach that order. What that means to the community is fewer breakdowns, fewer delayed routes. But, one of the things that we found out that many of our routes are still running from what we designed in 1990, this department needed some help. When this administration came in we begin a comprehensive review to study with experts in this field, and this report which will be coming soon will help us stream line our sanitation department in many areas.

Along with pandemic funding we will provide new buses, hopefully they will be electric. Michael Black and the JETS staff are working to revamp the entire bus program, to ensure that we are serving all who need it and businesses that depend on it. I also want to announce and say thank you to Regina Burkett and her office on ways of thinking outside of the box. We received a grant for \$752,000 for a total of \$950,000

with the city's match. We will upgrade 47 bus stops, making them handicap accessible with wifi capability for our community members and we hope to achieve this within a year's time. We were the only community in the State of Arkansas to receive this grant. I am sure that you have also noticed that we are seeking to create a partner on high-speed broadband/internet for every home and business in the city. As Mayor, I have to take a holistic approach that will offer competition in neighborhoods that have no, or few options, competition is key to better service. We can't allow students in our community to go home without accessibility to further education, we can't fall behind any further. I want to continue talking about partnerships. We entered into a partnership with Breaking Bonds Ministries. They have been picking up trailer loads of trash and they have become an invaluable asset for our street and sanitation departments. I must say that through this process that we have hired four individuals from Breaking Bonds Ministries and they are now a part of the city's workforce. I am proud to say that the teamwork of Keep Jonesboro Beautiful has made a significant impact in our community, I also want to say thanks to Beverly Parker who is working so hard to keep that going and we can't rest on this. That is a commitment that we are going to keep and maintain as well as increase. I am proud of each and every neighborhood that has taken the initiative in helping take that in the right direction. We broke ground on a new city shop that Ronnie Shaver has been asking for ever since I walked in the door and evidently he did that a decade before that. It will be a long overdue improvement for quality working conditions for our building and maintenance department.

We acquired a new air route with Air Choice One. I was able to be on the inaugural flight to Nashville on March 1st. This is in addition to the St. Louis flight that we currently have. This introduces Jonesboro to more people, new people as well as giving us a better way to have meetings and allowing people to travel for entertainment purposes. I look forward to more growth at our airport, we need 14-million dollars to complete an overlay. Congressman Rick Crawford has provided the first \$3 million and we have been working effortlessly to complete that. We are now just lacking \$4 million to complete that process, this will take us to a new level at our airport, for our industry partners and our community. We've added new Police Officers and now have 171 officers, the 3rd most in the state of Arkansas. We have created a scheduling system that puts more officers on the streets at peak times, this is called proactive policing. We were seeing peaks every month of 350 accidents in our community, folks that is distractive driving. While crime has been on the rise in the country Jonesboro has not joined in that trend. From years previously our major crimes against persons are down 3% since last year. Property crimes are down 24% and crimes solved with proactive policing are up 10%. Our efforts to open a real time crime center that will lead to successes, which we have already seen by the investment in cameras. We saw that very quickly, our cameras helped detect a perpetrator in an active road range incident on Red Wolf and Highland not long ago. An armed robber at a grocery store was quickly captured, and later tied to a bank robbery three days earlier. Because of our camera system and the people working it these are real life stories that will keep our families safer.

We added firefighters, so now we have a minimum of three on each truck which is important because the calls have dramatically increased over the last several years. Our Firefighters have saved lives and I have witnessed this with my own eyes, and I want to say thank you Chief Miller for all the hard work you do. We also have a new ladder truck, bright red, thanks to our friends at City, Water and Light. This is what partnerships are all about and it is critical that we remain in these partnerships and build on them. Speaking of families and quality of life, we are adding cameras to enhance safety in every one of our parks, and as late as Monday we added five

cameras to Parker Park. We have added playground equipment and other amenities, and thanks to our partners at Jonesboro Unlimited we will soon announce a plan and break ground on more than a quarter-million of new natural surface trails. We are finalizing details on a long overdue park in northeast Jonesboro. We are opening another one in Union Street downtown, which will include a much needed green space as well as recent upgrades to Stotts Park.

I have to mention our partnership with ARDOT and give a big thanks to my friend, and our colleague Alec Farmer. Alec is the Vice Chairman of this department and it is key that this relationship continue to move forward and it is about relationships ladies and gentleman of the community. I am pleased to say that we are re-building from the ground up I-555, it is almost completed. Highway overpass is near completion, and of course Highland and Southwest drives are almost completed as well. These projects are making it easier for those that want to invest in our city, but we have to do so in a safe way that enhances the overall image of The City of Jonesboro. We have purchased software to help streamline the planning and review, and inspections process. There are challenges that come with that and we have to overcome those challenges, and we are. This has resulted in a more efficient and turn-around on development. We expanded our Animal Control Offices, and they are already at capacity, so please, when you think of adopting a pet come see the 170 that we have that need a home. This is not an easy job, but Larry Rogers and his entire staff treat every animal as if it were their own. The hidden glue of the city is, I say, is our IT Department. They service everything, from our laptops in police cruisers to investigating random thumb drives to protect the most critical information on our servers.

From day one, one of my priorities was to form a Mayor's Youth Advancement Council and I am proud to say that it did come to fruition. We have to empower and engage the youth of our community or we lose them. This morning I was in a meeting with the Governor of Arkansas at the Jonesboro High School. We have 1,500 students that are going to apply with organizations and large companies, in 23 counties of Arkansas today. Again, it is critical that we engage and empower, and I appreciate this youth caucus for what they have done. Another one of my initiatives was to have a regional's Mayor's caucus, because we need to stand regionally. Silos have walls, and we have to break down those walls, we have to think regionally. When you hear about northwest Arkansas, you don't hear about cities anymore you hear northwest Arkansas, you hear central Arkansas. We have to come together as a region, be regionalized so that we can connect together, use our resources, so that we can bring more resources here. This is key, we have seven counties in this Mayor's caucus and we have two other counties asking to participate because they see the relevance in this, we are united. I am very proud of all of the dedication in our departments, some today I haven't mentioned. But, it's not to say that I don't appreciate them. I want to say thank you to our finance department, because we achieved a balanced budget in this administrations first year. It's the cities first since 2013, I'm very proud of that. As a State Representative, Arkansas is one of only five states at the time that had a balanced budget at the time. I wanted to bring that here, thank you council for assisting us.

Let's talk about some of the fun stuff happening in our community. We have an oasis arts festival in May, a roots festival as well. Juneteenth, 4th of July events, we have local fest. Local Fest is going to feature nearly 100 local bands downtown in Jonesboro. Of course we have Friday night football with all of local schools, ASU tailgates, and Saturday events. We have our annual regional fair, and soon the BBQ fest will return, and we have a record setting joy fest. Of course we can't forget about

Christmas at the Parks, among countless other events that keep Jonesboro bustling. I want more, bring me your ideas, we welcome your ideas to attract people to our city. Speaking of Christmas at the Park. It has drawn more than 10,000 car loads for 3 years now in a row. This is a regional popular event. Many of the events are the beneficiary of the A&P Commission, which is chaired by Jerry Morgan, and I appreciate his contribution to our city. He has taken it new heights with the A&P Commission. I want to say again thank you to what a wonderful partner we have in the Jonesboro Economic Development Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce. We all share the vision of Jonesboro coming together as the hub of Northeast Arkansas. As a testament to their investment JEDC purchased more the 600 acres of additional land in our industrial park. In that vein we know that partnerships created by the Mayor's Caucus will benefit Jonesboro when new industry comes to any community in their cities. So, it's not just about helping them it helps us as well. I fully expect, for example the steel factor in Mississippi County we will result in economic growth here. They will shop, enjoy our medical services, they will send their children to our schools, Universities and Colleges, and I have no doubt that many will make Jonesboro their home.

I am also one of five Mayors that is participating in a new region Mayors Caucus, of Mississippi and Tennessee, coming together with collaborative ideas in these three states of how we can support each other on initiatives moving forward together. This is a regional approach and we have to be involved at the table. Relationships are meaningful, we have to expand not only locally. We have to expand on Little Rock relationships, State Government relationships, and national relationships. We have been doing so, very diligently to achieve this, and we are being successful. In 2022 you can expect more. We are seeking partners to expand, improve, and invest in our municipal rail system. This railroads growth is critical to better serve current and new businesses. We have got to attract new industry and rail is one way we can do so. So, we are working diligently with the Chamber of Commerce on how to move forward in that area. You will see technological advancement, as I said last year we have to continue to move forward with technology, and you are hearing that now all over the country. Electric buses, automobile charging stations, and a broadband service that I mentioned earlier and in everyday services we are bringing modern technology to Jonesboro, that is key.

Before I close, I would like to say "thank you" to my team. Chief Operating Officer, Tony Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer, Brian Richardson, Shelly Anderson and Tonya Hottel, and to Director of Communications Bill Campbell and his staff. I want to leave you with the knowledge that 2021 was a challenging year for us as well as you, but it was an exciting year. My administration and your City of Jonesboro team we worked tirelessly, and I think you can tell by what I've talked about this evening we accomplished an awful lot. I am more excited than ever about being your Mayor. I am more invigorated to meet challenges, to rally us to unified causes, and spend every dollar in a judicious way and to bring in every resource that are many partners provide. While we will always have challenges we will rise to them and serve you, the Jonesboro taxpayers, investors, and families. I stand before you today 100% committed on making our hometown all it can be.

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5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Chris Gibson, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

[MIN-22:017](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 1, 2022

Attachments: [CC Minutes 03012022](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

[RES-22:031](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 500 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 500 Creath Avenue](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-043-2022

[RES-22:032](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 310 S BRIDGE STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 310 S Bridge Street](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-044-2022

[RES-22:033](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ADOPT PERMANENT LAND USE RESTRICTION FOR THE FORMER STRAWFLOOR ROAD CLASS 4 LANDFILL

Attachments: [Permanent Land Restriction Use](#)
[Permanent Land Use Restriction - Landfill](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-045-2022

[RES-22:037](#)

A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 916 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-046-2022

[RES-22:038](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 629 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 629 Creath Avenue](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-047-2022

[RES-22:039](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 702 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 702 Creath Avenue](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-048-2022

[RES-22:040](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 616 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 616 Creath Avenue](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-049-2022

[RES-22:049](#) A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 303 CREATH AVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Attachments: [Offer and Acceptance - 303 Creath Avenue](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-050-2022

[RES-22:052](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH BRACKETT KRENNERICH FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE RELATED TO THE RENOVATION OF THE JONESBORO RECREATIONAL CENTER

Attachments: [Amendment 2 - Jonesboro Recreational Center](#)

This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.

Enactment No: R-EN-051-2022

RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

[RES-22:050](#) A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RADIO TOWER JOINT USER AGREEMENT WITH CITY WATER AND LIGHT (CWL)

Attachments: [First Amendment to Radio Tower Joint User Agreement](#)

Councilmember John Street requested to be recused from RES-22:050 due to the fact that he is on the CWL Board of Directors.

Councilmember Charles Frierson requested to be recused from RES-22:050 due to the fact that he is legal counsel for CWL.

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

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Recused: 2 - Charles Frierson and John Street

Enactment No: R-EN-052-2022

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-22:015](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BONDS UNDER THE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING AND DEVELOPING INDUSTRY; TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND THE APPROVAL OF BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT AND RELATED AGREEMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF TRUST INDENTURES SECURING THE BONDS; TO AUTHORIZE AND PRESCRIBE CERTAIN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PROJECT, THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING THEREOF, AND THE FINANCING THEREOF; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [Bond Ordinance - Colson Series 2022A, B & C \(2\)](#)
[Redline Page - Colson Ordinance](#)
[Bond Ordinance - Colson Series 2022A, B & C](#)
[PILOT Agreement - Colson Series 2022C](#)
[Letter of Offer and Representations - Colson Series 2022B](#)
[Bond Purchase Agreement - Colson Series 2022A](#)
[Bond Purchase Agreement - Colson Series 2022C](#)
[Intercreditor Agreement - Colson Series 2022B and Guaranties](#)
[Lease Agreement - Colson Series 2022A, B & C](#)
[Preliminary Official Statement - Jonesboro-Colson Series 2022A v2](#)
[Trust Indenture - Colson Series 2022A & B](#)
[Trust Indenture - Colson Series 2022C](#)
[Memo to Jonesboro re Colson Caster](#)
[RES-20-205 Colson Bonds Redacted](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:015 by title only. All voted aye.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Charles Frierson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to adopt ORD-22:015. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Enactment No: O-EN-014-2022

[ORD-22:016](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, FROM C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO I-1, LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON SERVICE ROAD AS REQUESTED BY JEREMY BEVILL OF FISHER ARNOLD ON BEHALF OF A&J DELIVERIES

Attachments: [Staff Summary - City Council](#)
[Rezoning Ordinance](#)
[Plat](#)
[Application](#)
[22103-01](#)
[Charge Sheet](#)
[Charges - Paid](#)
[Cover Letter](#)
[Directional Rezoning Sign](#)
[Location](#)
[Map View](#)
[Notification Letters Certified Mail Receipt](#)
[Rezoning Sign](#)

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:016 by title only. All voted aye.

Held at one reading

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

[ORD-22:011](#)

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 07:072, PROVIDING FOR A POLICE OFFICERS BILL OF RIGHTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Attachments: [315-04 Promotional Process JPD Officers Bill of Rights](#)

Councilmember Joe Hafner motioned, seconded by Councilmember John Street, to amend ORD-22:011 to reflect the following changes: Add: "Whereas, it is the intention of the City Council that any changes to promotional and/or hiring procedures of the Jonesboro Police Department shall be presented and approved by Council prior to their implementation;" Amend: The "Now, therefore" section to change the numbering of Section 3 to Section 4; and Add: "That any and all changes to the promotional and/or hiring procedures of the Jonesboro Police Department shall be presented to and approved by the Jonesboro City Council prior to their implementation." All voted aye.

Councilmember Joe Hafner motioned, seconded by Councilmember Bobby Long, to suspend the rules and waive the third reading. All voted aye.

Councilmember Joe Hafner motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to adopt ORD-22:011. All voted aye.

Councilmember Joe Hafner said, Chief and I have already spoken about the amendment to ORD-22:011. Police Chief Rick Elliott said, this just adds another layer of protection for officers.

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Enactment No: O-EN-015-2022

[ORD-22:013](#)

A ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED ON PART OF LOTS 8 AND 11, HILL PARK ADDITION, PHASE 1 AS REQUESTED BY CRAFTON TULL ON BEHALF OF ANDREA PANNECK

Attachments: [Crafton Tull](#)
[Hill Park 1770 Mayfield Drainage Easement Abandonment Plat](#)
[Hill Park 1770 Mayfield Drainage Easement Abandonment](#)

Brad Peterson, representing Crafton Tull, 10825 Financial Parkway, Little Rock, said, this abandonment easement is needed to continue the work to get a nationally recognized daycare put in this location. The purpose for the easement abandonment is to allow for the replatting of three existing lots for construction of a daycare facility. The daycare will have the national brand association, it's being developed by Cirrus Investments out of Little Rock, which is led by Tyler Wilson and John Flake. It will have a local operator and franchisee, the project will have about a \$3 million investment in the community, and will employ approximately 30 individuals. The easement and abandonment will allow for the replatting of those properties and move forward with the building permit.

Held at second reading

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

[ORD-22:004](#)

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

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Enactment No: O-EN-016-2022

[ORD-22:006](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST STEP PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT TO DEVELOP AN INVENTORY OF HARD-SURFACED ROADWAYS MAINTAINED BY THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Attachments: [Statement of Proprietary Technology\(2022.01\)](#)
[Jonesboro, Arkansas 2022 Street Conditions \(49.5\)](#)

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

Enactment No: O-EN-017-2022

[ORD-22:010](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR XET CONCEPTS, INC., DBA UNWIND CAFE LOCATED AT 2816 CREEK DRIVE

Attachments: [Private Club Permit Application USE Redacted](#)

Jason Willett, 1804 Starling Drive, Jonesboro, Arkansas. I am working on behalf of XET Concepts, DBA, Un-Wind Café. They will be located at 2816 Creek Drive here in Jonesboro. The non-profit officers that you see here on the application are Jamie King, President, Chad King, Vice President, and Emily Ann Calvert as Secretary/Treasurer. The King's are with me here today. The original articles were filed on May18th of 2020, this non-profit has never been used for anything else but for this restaurant and they have 110 current members. Also, Unwind Café, DBA as XET Concepts is a non-profit private club that exist for the purpose of common recreational social, community hospitality and benevolent purposes. Including, but not limited to supporting 501(C) 3 entities, inducting charitable activities in and around Jonesboro, and Craighead County. A couple of the charity's that they will support is "Together We Foster" and the "Junior Auxiliary."

James Elywin Hines, 508 Ridgecrest, Jonesboro, Arkansas. Folks we need to determine what limits we are going to put on the sale of alcohol in the city of Jonesboro. This is a dry county, alcohol does increase the crime rate, one is domestic violence, and the sale of other drugs. As I have told people you are never going to stop the drug problem with a cigarette in one hand and a cup of liquor in the other. We need to put some kind of limit on it, maybe a number allotment per 1,000 people or whatever, but there does need to be some type of limit. Let me tell you something I used to brag about, about the City of Jonesboro. I used to brag that we had the best restaurants in the State of Arkansas, I could brag that because it was the truth. It's not now. There are some good restaurants in this town that serve breakfast and lunch, I do support them and I do endorse and recommend them. But unfortunately they are closed by now. Truth is if I met someone after I leave here and they ask me for a recommendation of where to eat at in this town, I would tell them it's after 5:00 p.m. and the best food you are going to eat is at McDonalds.

Jason Rufkahr, 1908 Woodsprings Road, Jonesboro, Arkansas. I am all for the alcohol permits. In my personal opinion Craighead County should be a wet county, we already are. Look at how many restaurant-private clubs in the city that already serve alcohol.

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain;LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

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AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR SUNFLOWER SOCIAL CLUB, INC., D/B/A POPPY'S BEACH GRILL & EVENT CENTER TO BE LOCATED AT 2915 KAZI JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

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

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

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8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

[COM-22:005](#) DECEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Attachments: [Council Distribution Reports December 2021](#)

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street commented that the Mayors State of the City Address was excellent, and thanked him. I agree with you, we do have a great set of employees and I am glad that we were able to hire some of them back.

Councilmember Bobby Long thanked Jason Willett on the outline he gave on the private club. That is one thing I would like to see all of the private clubs do in the application process, which is the identification of their mission statement, the outline of the charity's that they are going to be representing and supporting, and the notice of their non-profit board of directors. I think that is very important and the people need to know that.

Councilmember David McClain congratulated the Administration on getting the grant, I think that is really awesome, great work Regina on getting that.

Councilmember Chris Moore thanked the Mayor and Tony Thomas for meeting with Dr. Charles Coleman and me last Tuesday. We expressed some concerns over Code Enforcement and I think he was quite receptive of it and I look forward to seeing a solution to some of those problems.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilperson Joe Hafner, seconded by Councilperson Mitch Johnson, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 12 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain; LJ Bryant and Brian Emison

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Copenhaver, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

April Leggett, City Clerk